

Housing & Health Research Seminar Series

The Collaboratory for Research on Urban Neighbourhoods, Community Health and Housing (CRUNCH) at McMaster University invites you to attend this free series of informal seminars on research related to housing and health.

Revitalization of Public Housing for Senior Citizens Lessons from Japan



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The percentage of the Japanese population aged 65 years old or older reached 25.1%, in 2013, the highest in the world, and is projected to reach 39.9% in 2060. Providing appropriate facilities and services for the elderly, especially in large cities, is becoming a pressing issue in Japan.

To address this issue, the Urban Renaissance Agency (URA), a national public housing corporation, is taking a prominent role in providing care bases for seniors by revitalizing public housing. URA has started to develop nursing care and rehabilitation bases for seniors and barrier-free units / environment in public housing properties. URA named this project the Aging in Danchi (aging in public housing) project. URA is planning to conduct Aging in Danchi projects at 100 public housing properties by 2030 in order to offer a new model for mixed-generation communities in public housing for this era in which Japanese society is rapidly aging.

This seminar introduces the URA's Aging in Danchi project and discusses its challenges and issues.

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