

Special Section on Daily Life Satisfaction in Asia: Country Analyses of Japan, China, Thailand, and Pakistan

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The special section on daily life satisfaction in Asia: country analyses of Japan, China, Thailand, and Pakistan is a sequel to "Daily Life Satisfaction in Asia: A Cross-National Survey in Twelve Societies" (Inoguchi et al., 2014) published in this journal. This survey is important in terms of focus and interesting in terms of cross-national survey methodology. Its focus is on people's satisfaction with daily life aspects. Given Asian economies' dynamism, people's perception of daily life aspects carries heavy weight when one assesses the prospect for Asia. Its methodology attracts attention. Sampling methods and interviewing modes vary from one country to another. Given the pronounced diversity of resource availability for such cross-national surveys among the twelve teams, we have decided to carry out the survey in a somewhat unorthodox manner. It is important to clearly state the caveats. First, one country analysis is a priority whether it uses cross-tabulation, factor analysis, or regression analysis. The gap analysis of top quartile and bottom quartile of people's satisfaction with daily life aspects included in the Inoguchi et al. (2014) article is one form of one country analysis for comparative purposes. Second, what is called pooled data analysis, namely putting the twelve countries survey data in one basket for comparative analysis, may as well be self-restrained.

This special section on daily satisfaction in Asia: Japan, China, Thailand, and Pakistan is set up to make up for the comparative analysis (Inoguchi et al., 2014) in one country context with more country specific attention given.

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