

Changing economy and Sustainable Regional Development of the Seto Inland Sea

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Abstract

The aim of this paper is to review an industrial development construction and discuss the environmental impacts caused by this development after World War II around the Seto Inland Sea in Japan. The Seto Inland Sea is a typical enclosed ocean in the world and various kinds of drastic change related with coastal development have brought about serious environmental problems.

This paper discusses major four issues as follows:

- 1 Socio-economic change of the Seto Inland Sea
- 2 Industrial Development and National Policy in the Seto Inland Sea
- 3 Environmental Problems and Regional Policy in the Seto Inland Sea
- 4 Future Development of the Seto Inland Sea