

## **Study on community development in the process of revival from the Kumamoto earthquakes in Hirata district, Mashiki town**

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### **Abstract**

Hirata district of Mashiki town is a farming village that existed from ancient times. In this district, the complete destruction of the house exceeded 30% of all houses by Kumamoto earthquakes generated in April, 2016, and there was big damage. "Ohoshi-Matsuri" festival related to agriculture is held once every 12 years but 2017 was held under the influence of the Kumamoto earthquakes and changed its name as " Revival Ohoshi-Matsuri". The purpose of this research is to clarify rural community development in the process of revival focusing on cultural landscapes. Specifically, the change of the farming village space is observed from historical documents and ancient maps, and a change of the farming village community was summarized in a chronological table focusing on the agriculture that was local occupation. Through the research, modernization of agriculture and public improvement were carried out, but it turned out that the influence such as the reduction of the size of the law festival was caused by the loss of communication among residents. As a result of the analysis, it became clear that the transition of the public space and the life of the residents are closely related to the rural community development.