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North Korea's economic difficulties during the mid-1990s were the decisive factor in fundamentally damaging the North Korean people's quality of life. The standard of living has deteriorated to extreme levels of deprivation in which the right to food security, the right to health and other minimum needs for human survival are denied. Since its inauguration, the Lee Myung-bak administration has proposed policies that strive to improve the North Korean people's "quality of life" by providing humanitarian aid to the North. Although concern regarding the "quality of life" has been discussed with a focus on aid provisions, the reality is that there is a lack of specific analyses on this subject. It is true that one can refute such analyses by stating that it would be pointless to discuss the quality of life when the North Korean economy is in a state of ruin. However, an academic approach is necessary in such discussions as a means to evaluate the propriety of applying international views onto the concept of the quality of life. With this perspective, the paper aims to review the possibility of applying international standards

onto North Korea in order to systematically analyze the phenomenon that has disintegrated its quality of life. Should the international views be applicable, then this paper will explore the means by which they can be applied while also acknowledging North Korea's special characteristics`. Introduction a. Theories on the Quality of Life and an Analytic Framework for its Application in North Korea 1. Current Trends in International Research on the "Quality of Life" 2. Applying the "Quality of Life" Theory to North Korea 3. The Official North Korean Discourse on Life b. The Objective Situation of North Korea's Quality of Life 1. The North Korean People's Situation Regarding "Food, Clothing, and Housing" 2. The Illusion of "Free" Education and the Widening Inequality in the Quality of Education 3. The Illusion of "Free" Medical Care and the Widening Inequality in the Quality of Medical Services c. Subjective Perceptions on Quality of Life 1. The North Korean Authority's Official Goals for Life and Actual Perceptions 2. The Different Classes' Quality of Life: From the "Core, Wavering and Hostility" to "Upper, Middle and Lower" 3. Generational Changes in Quality of Life: Transitional Period of the Distribution System, Food Shortages, and the Market Generations 4. Gender Differences in the Perceptions on Quality of Life d. Conclusion: Improving the Quality of Life of the North Korean People

The Quality of Life of North Korean

South Korea's path toward a higher quality of life has been a dynamic process, Suh shows, shaped by historical contingencies, some immutable logic of capitalist development, and a dialectical relationship between the state and Korean civil society. Debunking the illusion of democracy and myths of self-regulating capitalism in South Korea, Suh shows that a growth machine is not a panacea for the development of human beings and their quality of life. If instead the *raison d'être* of quality of life depended upon a robust civil society operating under fair rules of the game by the state, the developmental road would be more promising. Suh seeks to test the hypothesis that the rising tide of economic growth will raise all boats in the Korean sea, remapping its structural pressure points which have been submerged at high tide. Given the high levels of economic growth generated by state intervention, any demand of distributive justice necessitates egalitarian reforms. As Suh shows, the present South Korean situation goes straight to the heart of theoretical questions about the enduring structures of capitalism, and its promise to improve average living standards and to link the redistribution of economic rewards to enhanced economic performance of the system as a whole. South Korea's path to quality of life has been a dynamic process, Suh shows, determined by historical contingencies, with some immutable logic of capitalist development, and a dialectical relationship between the state and Korean civil society. A study of particular interest to scholars, researchers, and policy makers concerned with political economy and social-economic development and East Asian Studies.

Special Issue The Quality of Life in Korea

"In his new book, *Ask a North Korean*, Daniel Tudor--a former Economist journalist and current Korean beer entrepreneur--wants people to understand the true lives of everyday North Koreans. Using translated essays written by defectors, the book covers topics from politics to pornography." -- The Boston Globe Understanding North Korean Through the Eyes of Defectors. The weekly column *Ask A North Korean*, published by NK News, invites readers from around the world to pose questions to North Korean defectors. Adapted from the long-running column, these fascinating interviews provide authentic firsthand testimonies about life in North Korea and what is really happening inside the "Hermit Kingdom." North Korean contributors to this book include: "Seong" who went to South Korea after dropping out during his final year of university. He is now training to be an elementary school teacher. "Kang" who left North Korea in 2005. He now lives in London, England. "Cheol" who was from South Hamgyeong in North Korea and is now a second-year university student in Seoul. "Park" worked and studied in Pyongyang before defecting to the U.S. in 2011. He is now studying at a U.S. college. *Ask A North Korean* sheds critical light on all aspects of North Korean politics and society and shows that, even in the world's most authoritarian regime, life goes on in ways that are very different from what outsiders may think.

The State and Quality of Life in South Korea

'A must-read for anyone interested in the art of intuitively knowing what others feel.' Haemin Sunim, author of *The Things You Can See Only When You Slow Down* and *Love for Imperfect Things* 'A lovely book to have in your home and your lives.' Chris Evans, *Breakfast Show* Nunchi (noon-chee): eye measure. The subtle art of gauging other people's thoughts, and feelings in order to build trust, harmony and connection. _____ Why did she get

promoted? Why does the party only start when he walks in? And why do they always catch the bartender's eye? It sounds like they're all experts in the art of nunchi, even if they don't know it. Nunchi is the guiding principle of Korean life, but anyone can use it: it's the art of reading a room, your way of understanding what other people are thinking and feeling, and using that to get ahead. Korean parents believe that teaching their children nunchi is as important as teaching them to cross the road safely. With great nunchi, it feels like the world is on your side. Without it, you might get hit by something you never saw coming. If you're thinking 'not another Eastern fad, Marie Kondo already made me throw half my clothes away', don't worry: it's not a fad. Koreans have been using nunchi to overcome slings and arrows for over 5000 years. The great news is that anyone can hone their nunchi, immediately: all you need are your eyes and ears. In everything, from finding love to excelling at work, improving your nunchi will help you to open doors you never knew existed. Improve your nunchi, improve your life. _____ 'Whip-smart, hilarious, and filled with eye-opening insights on every page.' Amy Chua, author of *Battle Hymn of the Tiger Mother* 'Beautifully written and filled with actionable advice . . . It really feels like having a superpower!' Héctor García, co-author of *Ikigai: The Japanese Secret to a Long and Happy Life* 'Nunchi is the Korean superpower you need now' Evening Standard 'We could all help ourselves by practising the ancient art of Nunchi' The Times

The Impact of Industrialization on the Quality of Life in Korea [microform] : Case Studies of Ulsan and Kyungju

CHAPTER 1 Introduction 1. Definition of health inequality(health inequity) 2. Necessity of the study on health inequality in the elderly 3. Purpose of this study CHAPTER 2 Contents and methods of study 1. Contents of study 2. Study methods CHAPTER 3 Status of inequality in health and health care utilization in the elderly 1. Health equity 2. Equity in health care utilization CHAPTER 4 Results of study 1. General status of study subjects 2. Inequality in the health of the elderly 3. Inequality in the health care utilization of the elderly CHAPTER 5 Conclusion Reference

Basic Quality of Life Policy Formation in Korea(2)

This study is designed to calculate 'healthy life expectancy' as a health performance index for the development and assessment of Korea's health policies and to present it as the basic data for such purposes. Healthy life expectancy can be estimated in diverse ways. WHO and the OECD have also used various analysis techniques. This study applied WHO's analysis method based on the disability weights of diseases. The analysis system can effectively resolve difficulties in reflecting the quality of life in accordance with the severity of disabilities. To this end, this paper studied a variety of research and methodologies related to the calculation of healthy life expectancy to identify healthy life expectancy for Koreans. Then, presenting a research methodology, it calculated healthy life span in Korea. The last chapter discussed limitations in research and proposed ways to produce better indices in the future. CHAPTER 1 Introduction CHAPTER 2 Preliminary Research CHAPTER 3 Analysis Methods 1. GBD Classification of Diseases for Application of Disability Weights 2. Accompanying Disease-based Adjustment 3. Disability Weight-adjusted Number of Patients by Disease 4. Disability Weight-adjusted Number of Patients by Gender and Age CHAPTER 4 Analysis Results 1. 2011 Healthy Life Expectancy 2. 2010 Healthy Life Expectancy 3. Healthy Life Expectancy: 2010 ~ 2011 CHAPTER 5 Limitations in Research and Conclusion

Developmental Transformation in South Korea

We all strive for personal happiness in one way or another, but what about public happiness? What does public happiness mean and what role can governments and public policies play? The current COVID-19 pandemic has highlighted the inadequacies of old governance paradigms and even before this pandemic, increasing inequalities and frustration with the old GDP-centric growth paradigm have fueled dissatisfaction with and distrust of governments. This book suggests a new path towards public happiness as a potential solution. The book builds a theory of public happiness as a distinct concept from individual happiness, borrowing especially from Eastern philosophy. It provides an overview of the efforts so far to go "beyond GDP" – including measurement and exploration of the determinants of happiness – and how these efforts have fallen short of expectation. Lastly, the book sketches out what a public happiness policy might look like and identifies the factors of a successful happiness policy.

Ask A North Korean

After measuring the Quality of Life and identifying the deficiencies in your community, what steps should you take to improve the Quality of Life? This volume reviews methods for improving the Quality of Life that are based upon improving each of the ten domains of the Quality of Life. Steps to improve health, means of reducing environmental toxins, orientation to bring about better self-concept and mental health, and so forth. In each such area, steps are set forth for eliminating undesirable and debilitating features of the domain. Social change comes about by the application of devised steps. The process has been called "telesis". It is the application of intelligent, well-tested interventions to bring about improvement. In some cases it may effect change quickly and others may require a continuing process of adjustment and change. As a handbook for community workers, the volume provides a framework for intervention that could lead to a better tomorrow.

Measuring and Explaining Subjective Well-being in Korea

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"Euny Hong just taught me what I really want to be when I grow up: a nunchi ninja!" —Zoe Chance, bestselling author of *Influence Is Your Superpower*
Improve your nunchi. Improve your life. Have you ever wondered why your less-skilled coworker gets promoted before you, or why that one woman from your yoga class is always surrounded by adoring friends? They probably have great nunchi. The art of reading a room and understanding what others are thinking and feeling, nunchi is a form of emotional intelligence that anyone can learn--all you need are your eyes and ears. Sherlock Holmes has great nunchi. Cats have great nunchi. Steve Jobs had great nunchi. With its focus on observing others rather than asserting yourself--it's not all about you!--nunchi is a refreshing antidote to our culture of self-promotion, and a welcome reminder to look up from your cell phone. Nunchi has been used by Koreans for more than 5,000 years. It's what catapulted their nation from one of the world's poorest to one of the richest and most technologically advanced in half a century. And it's why K-pop--an unlikely global phenomenon, performed as it is in a language spoken only in Korea--is even a thing. Not some quaint Korean custom like taking off your shoes before entering a house, nunchi is the currency of life. The *Power of Nunchi* will show you how the trust and connection it fosters can help you succeed in all areas of your life--from business to love. A PENGUIN LIFE TITLE

The Power of Nunchi

Chung-hyun Ro unravels the intertwining elements involved in Korea's phenomenal economic, yet imperfect social development of the last twenty years. He demonstrates to leaders of developing nations that they must implement development strategies that improve the quality of life for all people. South Korean leaders have based development strategies on Western models inappropriate to culture and society. These approaches place the burden of development on the people -- those who have the least access to the benefits of development. On this theme, Ro clearly illustrates that successful modernization is not merely economic development, but also a blend of social, political, and cultural ingredients.

Equity in Health and Health Care Utilization of the Elderly in Korea

For the past three decades, Confucian Asia has been known as a region of wonders. More successfully than any other region in the world, it has expanded its national economies, and integrated those into the global economy. To the rest of the world, this region offers the lesson that poor countries, even with limited natural resources, can achieve rapid economic development and social modernization. To this day, policymakers and scholars have focused on the question of why Confucian Asia has prospered, while other regions have not. Consequently, little is known about how such economic expansion and globalization have affected the quality of citizens' lives in the region. This volume, with quality of life in Confucian Asia as its main theme, is the first of its kind seeking to unravel the dynamics and sources of citizen well-being, and to analyze the problems of building nations of well-being in this region.

Value Changes of the North Korean New Generation and Prospects

Korea faces unique ageing and employment challenges. On the one hand, it will experience much faster population ageing than any other OECD country: the old-age dependency ratio (population aged 65+ over population aged 15-64), for example, is projected to increase from 20% today to around 70% in 2050. On the other hand, employment rates of older workers are already very high: in the age group 65-69, for example, 45% of all Koreans work compared with an OECD average of 25% (2016 data).

However, most older people in Korea end up in poor-quality jobs after ending their core career in their early 50s, with low and insecure earnings and little or no social protection. This report looks at the reasons for the current labour market and income situation of older workers in Korea, especially the role of employment and employer practices. It examines the best ways forward for policy makers and employers to increase the quality of life and work of older workers whilst maintaining their high employment rate.

Healthy Life Expectancy in Korea by using the Disability Weights of Diseases

The much needed book 'Teaching English in Korea – The Party's Over' gives a voice to the sentiment felt by many if not most of those working in the English teaching industry in Korea. The book focuses primarily on what draws most people to Korea to teach, and what keeps most people signing contract after contract – MONEY. Graham Alexander explores whether teaching English in Korea is as good as it used to be and asks whether it will get any better in future? With an eye on the present circumstances in Korea, the book examines the very fabric of the society in which YOU the foreigner, YOU the waygook live. It is a book that doesn't pull any punches and examines the economic, social, technological and generational situation from an unemotional standpoint. Korea is a wonderful country that is full of fascination, intrigue, cultural wonders and amazing people and Graham Alexander acknowledges this but keeps these distractions away from his analysis. While he openly admits that some of the information may shock readers, this book has been written to illicit responses from the ESL community and generate discussion on this very important topic. Many people come to Korea with a lust for travel but stay for year after year and this becomes a habit. The reader's focus is repeatedly trained on the very real threats to: • standard of living • job quality and prospects • economic viability of Korea • the growth of technology. The simple question of 'Should I stay or should I go?' is approached from these and many other different angles. Having spent over twelve years on the peninsula teaching in Seoul, Gyeonggi-do and Mokpo, from hagwon to rural high school to big city university campus, Graham Alexander reached the pinnacle of the profession in Korea – the university professor's job only to find the view from the top is not quite as rosy as it used to be. If you are settled into a nice university position, you may be fooled into thinking that this is it for you. That you've made it and life is going to be sweet from here on out, this is perhaps one of the biggest problems addressed in the book, and the question asked is simple – 'What else can you do?' By logically analysing the trends that are affecting the world, the peninsula and the ESL /English teaching industry, uncomfortable but necessary truths come to light. Factors such as: • the holes in the pension system • the loss of part time work • the inevitable fall in wages • the loss of status of YOU the waygook are just some of the many topics woven into a coherent examination of the changing landscape of the ESL profession. While 'Teaching English in Korea – The Party's Over' examines hard truths, Graham Alexander addresses these truths and offers valuable insights into how to stay or go with the most possible power behind you. With sage advice to make yourself indispensable to the profession, Graham Alexander highlights different ways you can improve your employment options in ESL and protect yourself and your family into the future. If you are thinking about leaving Korea, this book will also help you to start the often long process of decision making and prepare you for life elsewhere in ESL or any other field.

Public Happiness

Primary liver cancer is the most common type of solid tumors affecting young to middle-aged individuals and the second leading cause of death in Korea. However, very little research has been conducted concerning the specific factors which contribute to quality of life in primary liver cancer patients. Considering Korea's sharply increasing incidence/mortality rates due to the disease, the issue of quality of life is expected to become more critical. This study employs a theoretical framework based on Fitzpatrick's Life Perspective Rhythm Model. The research design employs mixed methodology both quantitative data (a cross-sectional design) and qualitative data (a phenomenological approach). The purpose of this study is to explore the relationships among depressive symptoms, spiritual well-being, and quality of life as well as to examine the lived experiences of primary liver cancer patients in Korea. A total of 96 patients were consecutively recruited for quantitative data collection and 40 of these patients completed in-depth interviews. To investigate participants' demographic characteristics, a researcher-designed questionnaire was used. To measure the study variables, the CES-D Scale (Radloff, 1977) for depressive symptoms, the Spiritual Well-Being Scale (Paloutzian & Ellison, 1982) for spiritual well-being, and the SF-12v2 (Ware et al., 1996) for QOL were used. The instruments reported high reliabilities in this study: the CES-D (Cronbach's $\alpha=.80$), the SWBS (Cronbach's $\alpha=.89$), and the SF-12v2 (Cronbach's $\alpha=.89$). In summary, there were significant negative correlations: between

depressive symptoms and spiritual well-being; between depressive symptoms and QOL-PCS; between depressive symptoms and QOL-MCS. There were significant positive correlations: between spiritual well-being and QOL-PCS; between spiritual well-being and QOL-MCS. In order to predict QOL-PCS in the regression equation, spiritual well-being was the strongest predictor when controlling duration of the HCC illness. In order to predict QOL-MCS in the regression equation, the strongest predictor was depressive symptoms when controlling duration of the HCC illness; spiritual well-being served as a moderator. Regarding the qualitative data analyses, in the negative theme category, 24 of the depressive symptom-related themes, 17 of the spiritual distress-related themes, and 6 of the other negative themes were identified. In the positive theme category, 20 themes were identified.

Approaches to Improving the Quality of Life

This book explores the dynamic changes now taking place in the South Korean government as a result of recent social and economic liberalization. Sung Deuk Hahm and L. Christopher Plein trace the emergence in Korea of a post-developmental state, in which both increasingly autonomous capital interests and growing public expectations of a higher quality of life challenge existing authoritarian institutions. Separating out the constituent parts of the Korean state, they then explore the evolving roles of the Korean presidency and bureaucracy in setting national policy.

The Power of Nunchi

This edited volume unveils diverse issues and factors related to health disparities in contemporary Korean Society. It illustrates how economic and social changes unequally impact different subpopulations, including employees, the elderly, children, and immigrants and describes why health policy and intervention is needed now.

Impact of Long Working Hours on Family Life in Korea

This book offers a global account of Korea's place in the current third wave of democratization. It examines the evolution, contours and consequences of Korean democratization, characterizing and distinguishing Korea as a non-Western and Confucian model of democratization.

Public Administration and the Korean Transformation

The present Korean public administration and policy system has shown very significant differences compared to the system in 1970s. This book provides a comprehensive and holistic view on the development of Korean public policy and administration. Instead of dichotomizing the policy and administration, this book integrates two fields to provide a more holistic view on the Korean public sector. The book also attempts to overcome simplified explanations on the developmental state theory. The book aims to explain who the key actors are during the post-democratization period, how the administrative systems reform, and what kinds of social problems are transformed into public policies. This explanation suggests that the role of government shifts from a dominant actor to an actor within a complex network governance. This book will be a useful reference to anyone who wishes to learn more about the experience of the Korean development and the role of administration and policy.

The Quality of Life in Confucian Asia

A review of the dilemmas, tensions and contradictions arising from democratic consolidation in South Korea. It explores the turbulent features of Korean democracy in its first decade, assesses the progress that has been made, and identifies the key obstacles to effective democratic governance.

Working Better with Age

Currently, Japan has the highest old-age dependency ratio of all OECD countries, with a ratio in 2017 of over 50 persons aged 65 and above for every 100 persons aged 20 to 64. This ratio is projected to rise to 79 per hundred in 2050. The rapid population ageing in Japan is a major challenge for achieving further increases in living standards and ensuring the financial sustainability of public social expenditure. However, with the right policies in place, there is an opportunity to cope with this challenge by extending working lives and making better use of older workers' knowledge and skills. This report investigates policy issues and discusses actions to retain and incentivise the elderly to work more by further reforming retirement policies and seniority-wages, investing in skills to improve productivity and

keeping up with labour market changes through training policy, and ensuring good working conditions for better health with tackling long-hours working culture.

The Governance of Land Use in Korea

This edited book brings together in one place new studies of rural–urban interactions and their implications for regional growth and development in different regions within Asia. Specifically, the individual chapters in the book shed light on the different kinds of rural–urban interactions that we witness in Asian regions, particularly those that are based on migration, poverty, inequality, education, economic dependence, and the flow of goods and services. The book departs from the existing literature in three ways. First, it explicitly recognizes that different kinds of rural–urban interactions have dissimilar impacts on the lives and hence on the welfare of the residents of rural and urban regions. Second, the book emphasizes the varied spatial and temporal dimensions of the interactions and the ways in which these dimensions influence rural and urban societies. Third, this book demonstrates the ways in which an understanding of the preceding two points contributes to our knowledge about economic growth and development. Because Asia is the fastest-growing and most dynamic continent in the world today, the research delineated in the individual chapters of the book provides practical guidance concerning two salient questions. First, how do we effectively address the economic development challenges stemming from the interactions between alternate rural and urban regions within Asia? Second, how do we ensure that the policies we design to address these challenges give rise to broad-based economic growth and development that is sustainable?

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