Process and Factors for development of Grid-shaped Shelterbelt Plantations in Kitanoyama, Izu-Oshima Island, Japan

Yuta Hara, SEKIDO, Ayano, AOKI, Tatsuto

Introduction
Wind direction, wind velocity, vegetation, physiognomy, division, culture, economic fabric and agriculture are important determinant of formation and tree species of the shelterbelts. These different factors are changing in the historical transition. But relationship between the historical process of formation of the Shelterbelt Plantations and the social situation in Izu-Oshima remains to be elucidated. There are still many points to be clarified as to relationship between the Shelterbelt Plantations and the environment upon the tree species and the storm. The purpose of this study is to clear the process of the formation and tree species in the Shelterbelt Plantations as shown from background: the environment, the culture, the society and the history. The target area is Kitanoyama in Izu-Oshima, where many Grid-shaped Shelterbelt Plantations have grown.

Experimental
This research is survey, hearing and observation. We sent out questionnaires to 22 living units in target area at the end of August 2012. And these questionnaires were collected by form of visit at the beginning of September. In survey, queried forested age, tree species of beginning and now, aim of the grove, type of protect from wind and so on. In hearing, queried native place, reason of settlement, agriculture, aim of the grove, and so on. In observation, we measured to embankment, tree height and three species.

Results
Most trees were Camellia japonica on the questionnaire, the hearing and the field observation. Next, many trees were Prunus lannesiana var. speciosa. The purpose of planting Camellia japonica is protection against wind and use of a seed as materials for oil. The wind type on the supposition is typhoon on the questionnaire. Objects for protection against the wind are outdoor grown vegetables, orchard, and greenhouse. Distribution and tree species vary on each households. However, it was common to have taken the enclosed form. The field observation show the existence of alternate forested the shelterbelts by Camellia japonica and Prunus lannesiana var. speciosa. The hearing confirmed that the shelterbelts were forested on long-term viewpoint.

Discussion
The target area is flatland and does not have the restraint as arable land. Kitanoyama lay among the two villages Motomachi and Okata. Moreover here was far from two villages. For this reason, this target area did not have aggressive use. For this area, readjustment was held in 1883 and 1946. In the time from 1906 to 1940, the lane increased between Izu-Oshima and Honshu. In addition, many colonists from Honshu visited Izu-Oshima. Owing to National policy during the World War II period and food shortage in postwar era, the upland field expanded in Izu-Oshima (Oshima Town 1999, 2000b). In order to protect cultivated land from Typhoon, the Grid-shaped Shelterbelts were made.

In the target area, main tree species of the shelterbelts is Camellia japonica. It is because Camellia japonica has many excellent by-product for the culture and industry. Camellia oil has been a main special product since Meiji era (Tsujimoto 1908). From Meiji era downward, the shelterbelts have combined with the function of seed utilization (Tachiki 1973). It is especially noteworthy that Camellia japonica and Prunus lannesiana var. speciosa, planted alternately at first. It is the reason that the growth of Camellia japonica speed is slower than Prunus lannesiana var. speciosa. Camellia japonica is strong. Its seed is material of oil. However, it has a shortcoming that growth is slow. To the contrary, Prunus lannesiana var. speciosa grows rapid. By alternately planting, component species of shelterbelts have changed to Camellia japonica deliberately.

The shelterbelts are made up of long-term and deliberate management by the people. Factors for development of the shelterbelts in Kitanoyama are Typhoon, agricultural transition, level landform, land readjustment, situation in Izu-Oshima, national vegetation and history.

Keywords: Shelterbelts, Camellia japonica, Prunus lannesiana var. speciosa, Izu-Oshima Island
Environmental education program of producing charcoal from recycled waste wood in the campus of Miyagi University of Edu

Kiyoshi Sajo

1Miyagi University of Education

Charcoal production, a traditional forest use in the hilly areas of Japan, rapidly ceased in the late 1950s because common fuel drastically changed from woody biomass to fossil fuel at that time. It means that skilled hands having technique for charcoal production hardly remain in Japan at present. Some kind of social program for handing down charcoal production, an important knowledge about natural resource use, is desired. For the purpose of offering lessons about charcoal production and its background to students, we have just started an environmental education program of producing charcoal from recycled waste wood obtained in the campus of Miyagi University of Education. This presentation gives an outline of the program.

Keywords: Charcoal production, Woody biomass, Environmental education
Environmental magnetic survey of tailings of the Kamegai Zn-Pb deposit, Toyama, Japan

Kazuo Kawasaki¹, SAKAI, Hideo¹

¹University of Toyama

Environmental magnetic results are reported for the mine tailings of the Kamegai Zn-Pb deposit at Mt. Hachibuse in Toyama, Japan. The Kamegai deposits had run between 1578 and 1944, leaving a great number of mine waste in the region. These mine waste could generate acidic waters containing high concentrations of sulphide and metals. The areas of mine waste at Mt. Hachibuse are generally characterized by little vegetation, only the fern is found. Magnetic property measurements, including in-field and laboratory susceptibility, hysteresis properties, isothermal magnetizations, and thermosusceptibility curves, are made in order to distinguish the soils between natural and anthropogenic origin. In-field magnetic susceptibility at Mt. Hachibuse shows the clear boundaries between them with higher susceptibility value of tailings. In addition, the susceptibility of soils under the fern shows the lower values than the surrounding tailings and anthropogenic soils. The main magnetic minerals are pyrrhotite, magnetite and hematite for tailings, magnetite and hematite for soils and pyrrhotite and magnetite for ore mineralization. Pseudo-single domain (PSD) to multidomain (MD) magnetite is generally found on all soils whereas single domain (SD) magnetite is found on the ore mineralization. Larger grains are dominant in the tailings compared to soils under the fern, implying that pedogenesis by plants likely changes the magnetic mineralogy. A variety of geologic, biologic and anthropogenic factors should be considered to interpret the origin of the magnetic signal in the region.

Keywords: Environmental magnetism, Mine tailings, Kamegai Zn-Pb deposit, Toyama