

Editors' Preface

The world we are living in today is increasingly facing challenges and threats, such as problems of underdevelopment, exposure to natural disasters and climate change, violence and social conflict, forced displacement, and many more. This book is an attempt to address these important issues for Asian paths of civilization and development, with the support of the Asia-Japan Research Institute, Ritsumeikan University, from an academic perspective and beyond.

In Chapter One, Alpraditia Malik discusses the motivations and orientations regarding relocation to public housing among residents of slums in Tangerang City, Greater Jakarta, Indonesia. Slum settlement has been problematic in urban areas, including Jakarta, and the local government is trying to alleviate this problem through the provision of public housing. Unlike existing literature focusing on involuntary relocation, Malik's approach is to study the voluntary relocation of slum residents.

In Chapter Two, Jinhyee Lee presents her study on integration policy in Kazakhstan following the dissolution of the Soviet Union in 1991. Specifically, she focuses on the responses of the Koryo Saram (Korean Diaspora) minority ethnic group in dealing with the integration.

Next, Aoi Mochizuki in Chapter Three investigates the social inclusion of Syrian refugees in different cultural spheres. In particular, she questions the functions of Arab belongingness in the lives of Syrian refugees in an Arab Islamic country (Jordan) and non-Arab Islamic countries (Germany and Sweden).

The last chapter by Muhammad Riza Nurdin explores the crucial role of local communities as the main actors in disaster evacuation and recovery, leading to zero victims when Mt. Kelud in East Java, Indonesia, erupted in 2014. Paradoxically, while the community perceive

themselves as a subject, they are considered by other external disaster management actors as an object, resulting in a lack of appreciation of the community's efforts.

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Finally, it is our sincere hope that the topics and ideas presented in this book will be beneficial to scholarly discussion and policymaking debates. We would be happy if this modest publication made a small contribution to the academic community and beyond, particularly to the vulnerable societies affected by the increasing challenges mentioned above, in Asia and elsewhere.

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