Correlation Between the Number of Applicants for Professional Surveyors and Government Fixed Capital Formation/GDP(%)

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SUMMARY

Shortage of young surveyors is a very serious problem in Japan as well as in Western countries. The number of applicants of the National Assistant Surveyor Examination has decreased and the students of surveying course in Polytechnic colleges have significantly decreased as well. Why young students do not select surveyors as their profession is our main concern. One of the causes is believed to be the drastic cut of the government investment to the public-works projects over the last twenty years, which caused bankrupt construction and survey companies. In this paper, the changes in the ratio of Government fixed capital formation and GDP(Ig/GDP%) are shown to be correlated with the changes in the number of applicants for the National Examination and the number of survey students in Polytechnic colleges.