

one can say that it is natural for the tourism industry to emerge as a side business utilizing the existing resources of the region in accordance with the changes in times.

The multifaceted agricultural industry need not be confined to an industry for food production, but as an industry for which it is good to have diverse goals and forms. The incorporation of side business in the regions in this study, support the development of agriculture and rural areas and are an essential means of development.

Based on the study of the Longji rice terraces areas, the four elements studied in this paper, namely, 1) securing income compensation and funds, 2) finding ways to increase added value, 3) securing labor to shoulder the responsibility of cultivating terraces, and 4) exploring or discovering preservation methods suited to each region, can be considered elements indispensable for the development of the semi-mountains rural areas in Japan. Seeing these in the light of the conditions in each region and studying the forms suitable for each individual region can be considered the first step in aiming for the development of Japan.

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