



Abstract

A Study on the Improvement of Taxi License System in Gyeonggi-Do

A number of 37,743 taxis are licensed by the transportation authorities in Gyeonggi-Do. There are 27,138 private taxis, and 10,605 company taxis. Most taxi drivers think so many taxis have been operating even though the taxi demand has been decreased, That is why they are usually working for a long time in a day with lower incomes.

There are several problems in the taxi license system, A taxi quota system has been implemented to restrain the supply of taxi licenses since 2005. However, the program has not been effective to reduce the number of taxis, That is because taxi licenses have not been withdrawn from the related authorities, and increased continuously every year. Therefore, the rules related to the taxi quota system should be amended to reduce strictly a number of taxi vehicles.

The purpose of this study is to improve the taxi license system based on the basic data surveyed by 400 taxi drivers, and operational problems of taxis. The survey results include how they think about taxi license system, and what is alternatives to reduce a number of taxi licenses.

This study suggests that the policy to reduce a number of taxis should be strictly enforced on the taxi industry. And then, the rules related to the taxi quota system should be actually executed in the areas where taxi licenses are oversupplied. Moreover, the licenses of taxi drivers who violate frequently taxi service or traffic rules should be withdrawn if possible.

This study also suggests that various regulation to issue taxi licenses should be standardized by the transportation authorities in Gyeonggi-Do. The labor environment

of taxi drivers deteriorating more and more should be changed. Nevertheless, most taxi drivers are aged 65 and over. They tend to work for a lifetime because there is no age limit for them. Some of them would like to stop driving taxis after they are 76 years old. Therefore, the regulation to limit ages working as a taxi driver is necessary so that they could get some rest in old age.

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