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# Abstract

The risk of depopulation, which has recently emerged as a national issue and the government has begun to respond in earnest, is no exception in the metropolitan area. Although the population is increasing in the metropolitan area as a whole, the decrease in population is also increasing in the metropolitan area and Gyeonggi-do. Gapyeong, Yeoncheon, Yangpyeong, etc. in the northeast of the province are changing into areas at risk of population decline and extinction. Gapyeong-gun, the subject of this study, did not show any significant population decline overall, but structural details such as the fertility rate, the elderly population, and the outflow of young people showed characteristics of an area at risk of depopulation.

Considering the regional characteristics of Gapyeong-gun, which is a suburb of the metropolitan area, a policy by improving young peoples' job and educational environment linked to local resources is better rather than attracting manufacturing factories and developing industrial complexes. This is a policy to strengthen local attractiveness, focusing on the improvement of the job, living and educational environment.

This study suggest three development strategies for Gapyeong-gun, a strategy for responding to the risk of depopulation, a strategy for tourism culture development using local assets, and a strategy for regional development and deregulation.

First, as a project to respond to the risk of depopulation, job creation policy of regional connection-local job creation project (Saterlite Office, Data Center, etc.), probirth environment - creation-older-friendly community, and vacant house and pansion project.

Second, as a project for tourism culture development, using local assets, Gapyeong Green & Smart Tourism City Building, Gapyeong Music & Contents Cluster Building, Gapyeong Coffee & Healing Cluster, Gapyeong Youth Innovation & Idea Startup Program, Gapyeong-Chuncheon Tourism Culture Program.

Third, as a regional development and deregulation special zone strategy, re-designation of the growth promotion zone and the free regulation zones that currently exclude the capital area and introduction of the 'Gyeonggi-do special zone for regional development support' (tentative name).

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