River Reflected in Everyday Life: Culture and its Changing of Sentōji in the Reaches of Agano River

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In this paper, I take notice of the changes in the relations between the river and people in the reaches of Agano River in Niigata Prefecture in order to make clear following points. 1) On the one hand, the people distanced from the river because of the changing of the way of life, and the other hand, the people cut the river due to the pollution what is called Niigata Minamata Disease. 2) But the people still have some relations such as Kawaokuri (In August, people make offering to their ancestor and throw that into river). However the Kawaokuri will be difficult to go on by reason of conservation of environment. So, in this paper, I consider a contrivance, that brings about emergence of new relations, to refer to past relations. And above all, I point out the importance of an arrangement for sustainable relations.