Creating a Basis for a Dynamic Grasp of Annual Events: For Organizing Multiple Resources by Hierarchy and Concurrency

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This report uses a diary resource found in cultural asset rescue as a starting point to present the procedures necessary for reconstituting chronological descriptions of folk culture using multiple resources. Below, the intent is to compare multiple documented resources of a specific area to facilitate the organization of data by hierarchy and concurrency while understanding the attributes of each resource.

Annual events on a large scale such as municipalities and prefectures have been recognized, with data on annual events having been accumulated in reports of local museums and resource centers or in records at the local government level. This kind of resource, collected in a certain region over a certain time, gains significance only when compared to or related to other resources. There should be a discussion for the comprehensive use of the great amount of data accumulated in each area. However, simply laying out those resources next to each other will not necessarily lead to an overall grasp of annual events.

This is because various biases or variation in the degree of detail can be seen among these resources, depending on the compiler's objective or interest or the scope of investigation. For this reason, this report examines the case of the survey report of annual events in the Kogoshio region of Kesennuma City, Miyagi Prefecture, presents the issues encountered in arranging data by concurrency and hierarchy to account for the biases among reports, and provides a concrete example of the work process. The data obtained from this work will become a basic resource of the sequential change process of the folk culture of the area. It is also vital as a resource to inspect the degree of changes in folk culture, the facts of specific changes, and the various factors which induce change.

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