

A Comparison of Quality of Life in Asian Capital Cities

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One of the most important purposes of urban and transport policies is to directly or indirectly contribute to the improvement of people's quality of life (QOL), irrespectively of developed and developing countries. Especially, subjective aspects of QOL play a crucial role in the measurement of QOL, where life satisfaction and happiness are two of the core attributes. Life satisfaction can be understood as the result of satisfaction in the domains of life, while happiness reflects the level of positive or negative affect perceived from daily experiences. In this study residents' QOL in Asian Capital Cities, including Tokyo, Jakarta, Hanoi, and Phnom Penh, will be compared with respect to various population groups in order to figure out similarities and dissimilarities among the targeted cities.

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