The attitude of older adult in social participation environmental of age-friendly city∗

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Abstract: The purpose of this study was to investigate the attitude of older adult to the social participation environmental of age-friendly cities. The subjects were the 55-year-old or older of Taichung community care centers. In this study, the number of valid samples was 451 (97.61%). The questionnaire includes personal characteristics, social participation behaviors, social participation in environmental characteristics evaluation and social participation attitudes of four parts. The study applied of descriptive analysis, factor analysis, analysis of variance, and correlation analysis for data analysis. The results pointed out that attitude of social participation can be divided into seven dimensions. Personal characteristics, marital status, living conditions, the main source of income, level of education, perceived economic status, monthly disposable balance, religion, perceived physical condition will affect the attitude of social participation of older persons. In addition, the social participation behavior variables include participation, average time, type of participation, the number of companions, arrived place to spend time, and the average cost were significant impact on attitude of social participation by older adult. social participation in environmental characteristics included accessibility of events and activities, affordability, range of events and activities, facilities and settings, promotion and awareness of activities, addressing isolation, and fostering community integration were has significant correlation between attitudes of social participation. Finally, the results of this study can provide government agencies with the relevant units of the future age-friendly cities society participation in environmental construction and design of the reference materials.

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