

# ***Agricultural Land Expansion in the Northeastern Region of Inner Mongolia and Associated Issues: A Case Study of Agricultural Land Conversion in Hulusutai Village (Summary)***

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This paper investigated the development of Inner Mongolian agriculture, focused on the expansion of agricultural land, and considered the process of agricultural land conversion in Hulusutai Village as a case study. It also analyzed how the expansion of Inner Mongolian agricultural land was carried out and how it affected the lives of the villagers. As a result, it was found that while the agricultural land conversion of Hulusutai Village systematically promoted under a national policy had brought economic benefits to the villagers, it did lead to the loss of land and insecure incomes for some villagers. Among the many economic development challenges in the agricultural sector arising from the expansion of agricultural land are land improvement, the improvement of agricultural technology, technical education, the establishment of farm management structures, and the distribution of profits to villagers. The reality is that urgent solutions to these issues are required.

At the same time, further revitalization of economic activities with China is necessary to ensure that the international economic development of Niigata Prefecture continues to progress in the future. Accordingly, it is essential to expand the current geographical focus of Niigata Prefecture's economic exchange activities and to diversify and deepen the nature of exchanges. This survey therefore focused on the Inner Mongolia region adjacent to Heilongjiang Province, which is a sister prefecture of Niigata Prefecture. This paper takes the view that there are ample grounds to expect that the provision of Niigata Prefecture's excellent know-how in the agricultural field to the Inner Mongolia region and inter-regional exchanges will demonstrate potential for future market development.

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