

Organizational reform of local governments

Environmental policy integration and response to financial problem

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1.A background and purpose

Environmental policy integration is expected as a technique for realization of the sustainable development unlike the environmental policy that it is like conventional some temporary expedient. There are preceding studies in Europe that shows the general situation of Environmental policy integration from the origin to development and its definition, the construction of a frame evaluating progress of Environmental policy integration , international comparison using the frame, and so on. In Japan, prior researches show policy integration for environmental conservation with other fields (including energy, transportation, etc...). In Japan, the local government is more likely to implement Environmental policy integration than national administration that the evil of the hierarchy is generally said, and from the viewpoint of subsidiarity, it is very important that local government does ,but there are still few studies for local government in previous study. Moreover, in communication technique of the environmental policy integration, an organizational reform, procedural technique, there are very few cumulative study of organizational reform for local government. If only organizational reform is introduced , it will be unchanged without alteration of means and institutionalization to accomplish Environmental policy integration(森 2013). On the other hand, It is very severe for local government's administration that having originated from decentralization law in 1999, ministry of internal affairs and communications asked for establishing administrative reform plan in 2005.

, budget cut and attrition have been main matter of policy. What kind of influence will such present conditions have on organizational reform technique of the environmental policy integration?

2.Study method

Method used in this study is mainly literature documentation and case study. At first I surveyed the change and definition of the environmental policy integration based on precedent studies ,considered the adaptation possibility in local government based on an analysis framework in the past , and localized the case of economic environment department in Amagasaki city and other local government. Secondly, I examined by interviews and literature search efforts and background of the financial problems that Amagasaki has.

Finally I grasped a summary through hearing and the investigation with the questionnaire , analyzed an example of the economic environment department in Amagasaki city from a viewpoint of the environmental policy integration and administrative-financial difficulties mentioned above , and clarified the possibility in organizational reform of local government.

3.Result

The economic environmental department in Amagasaki city is the department which integrated citizens environmental and industrial economic department and was founded. The authority is aimed for environmental policy integration as an idea ,but has financial difficulties similar to national local government administration to take the process and background of organizational reform into consideration , and an aspect called the reduction of the organization is appeared strongly. However, it performs the measure as environment and industry integrate with limited resources in such a severe state of financial, and there is adaptation possibility for local governments of the whole country.), and Key words in Times-Roman 10pt, italic face (maximum in two lines).