

# **Rural Revitalization -A Key to Urban Rural Land Linkages**

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## **SUMMARY**

One reason for rural abandonment was the increasing attractiveness of urban areas, which means that it has been economically more attractive to work and live in urban areas. Cities are growing with the ever-increasing use of land for build-up areas. But as cities grow, there are benefits and increasing problems of agglomeration. Strengthening rural areas by revitalisation promotes the relative attractiveness of rural areas. Being “rural” has many benefits, not only limitations. With the improvement of infrastructure, local supplies, education facilities, internet etc., people in rural areas can also have sound living and working conditions. And rural residents can even have better life quality because of the more supportive personal relationships and ecological conditions, which can free cities from expanding and boost urban health and well-being. The purposes of this paper are to provide a brief critique of the theoretical concepts and methods of rural revitalisation from various viewpoints; to present an understanding of the urban-rural land linkages concept, and to suggest how rural-revitalisation can be applied to enhance urban-rural land linkages to the benefits of urban and rural areas. The paper presents a better understanding of rural revitalisation and urban-rural land linkages. It suggests eight ways of ensuring that the rural space is linked to urban spaces in ways that benefit both.

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