

## **Community Design: Create a system of the people, by the people, for the people**

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Recently in Japan, the new social welfare system “the community-based integrated care system” is being promoted, and occupational therapists are encouraged to contribute to the community. However, approximately 70% of occupational therapists work in medical-related institutions such as hospitals, and opportunities to be involved with local residents and community development are limited. Additionally, though many occupational therapists have motivation to work in the community, they are puzzled by the "differences" between the medical field and the community and may be wondering how to pursue.

Mr. Ryo Yamazaki is a leading expert in community design, which supports the creation of systems that connect people in the community by empowerment. The concept and practice of community design would be a great tool for occupational therapists to contribute to community development. His lecture will focus on how to create a system that is suited to the culture and characteristics of each country and region, including many examples of his work.