

An innocent imagination of the “Society 5.0”

—Some tragic consequences of digitalization of bank services in Japan

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Abstract:

My topic is on Japanese imitating version of the “Society 5.0”, which has been just imported from Germany. Particularly in this presentation, I intend to mention some critical points to a transformation ‘from the money value society to the non-money value society’, which they are proposing as an imaginable near future. Of course, they can very innocently imagine a ‘cashless economic exchange etc.’ as a part of so-called degitalized society. However, the ‘cash’ and its derivative evidence of ‘bankbook’ or ‘passbook’ have been preserving a kind of idiosyncratic meaning in Japanese society still now. I doubt whether the 40 million Japanese over 65 years of age could so simply adapt themselves to the degitalized cashless society.