**EPOK Project**

Thesis: How does traditional Japanese architecture affect modern society in Okayama?

Traditional architecture is preserved in Okayama for many reasons but the main ones are: the preservation of culture, and the prospect of tourism. This traditional architecture brings in tourism which in turn helps the economy. One such case is the historical quarter of Kurashiki Bikan. This is a place preserved by modern society as a Historical Preservation District.

My topic of interest is traditional architecture in Okayama. The questions I would like to explore is how does the architecture affect modern society? Is it just preserving culture and respecting where one comes from? Is it only to bring in tourism? Is it useful and serve a purpose like irrigation? How does society use it daily? Does regular society appreciate the architecture or do they not even realize it is there because they live with it daily?

I know already that tourists want to see this unique architecture and so it brings tourism and helps the economy. I would like to claim that traditional architecture plays a vital role in modern society. I believe this project is important because people should know how traditional culture affects them personally and societally to truly appreciate it.

Sources

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