Sports activities of the young men’s association in the Taisho era to pre-war Showa era: Study from organ “FUCHU SPORTS”.

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The young men’s association was social education institutions for youth that played role of the subjected to industry and remedial education before the World War II. The institutions had emphasis on sports activities for the purpose of training of the mind and body. Most of all the researches on sports activities of the young men’s association, however, has been clarified the history of system and policy. Therefore, it has not been cleared the realities of sports activities in the young men’s association.

The purpose of this study is to clear the realities of sports activities in the young men’s association from Taisho era to pre-war Showa era, focusing on activities in fuchu-machi young men’s association’s KYOGI-BU. This study used mainly “FUCHU SPORTS” which was published by fuchu-machi young men’s association as historical material.

The results of this study are summarized as follows.

1) In the time of inauguration, the fuchu-machi young men’s association had not positioned sport activities formally.
2) The KYOGI-BU was organized by the member’s suggestion. This process means that youths asked the young men’s association for the environment of sports activities.
3) The KYOGI-BU that was organized managed with supporting by fuchu-machi and fuchu-machi young men’s association. In particular, financial support was thick, and practice environment had been also developed. Students of vocational school in fuchumachi were also included in the KYOGI-BU.

This study cleared the part of realities about sports activities in young men’s association from Taisho era to pre-war Showa era.