

## **Local Implementation of the Symbiotic Community Model to Achieve Aging in Place**

Ming-Yuan Hsieh

Assistance Professor, MEIHO University Department of Social Work

### **Abstract**

In response to Taiwan's aged society, rural and indigenous communities experience various challenges and unfavorable conditions while attempting to meet the caregiving and healthcare needs of older residents. Attending to such needs has become a crucial constituent of policy implementation aimed at ensuring social security in an aged society to achieve aging in place. This study explored two models to examine the feasibility of addressing the aforesaid problem by integrating local organizational resources and providing specialized services. The first model was the symbiotic community and home-based care model promoted at the Home Clinic Dulan in Taitung. The second model was the symbiotic care service model and place-making program promoted at the Plahan Long-term Care Institution in L'olu Tribe, which is located in Heping District, Taichung. Additionally, this study delved into existing challenges concerning the local implementation of Long-Term Care Plan 2.0 in indigenous communities, proposing possible solutions to these challenges.

**Keywords: Regional Revitalization, Aging in Place, Symbiotic Community Model, Symbiotic Care Service Model**