

A Documentary Capturing Big Housing Complex from the 1950s

“Tokiwadaira Danchi”

Tokiwadaira Danchi, a large housing complex in Matsudo City, Chiba Prefecture, was built in the 1950s during Japan’s period of high economic growth. Once home to over 17,000 people, it now houses fewer than 8,000, with many elderly residents.

This documentary focuses on Tokiwadaira Danchi in Matsudo City. Built in the 1950s, it became a symbol of the “ideal apartment complex lifestyle” of the time and served as a hometown for many. The surrounding area had various facilities and shops, reflecting the era. Today, more than half of the residents are elderly, and issues such as vacant homes and solitary deaths have emerged. Amid these changes, what does it mean to maintain the community and preserve a sense of home? Residents carry their own memories and hopes for the future. The film captures the present-day appearance of the complex and the lives of its residents, showing the relationship between the community and its landscape.



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