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日本におけるエビデンスに基づく警察活動の導入に向けて：英国での取り組みから

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Implementing Evidence-Based Policing in Japan: Insights from Practices in the United Kingdom

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研究概要

Evidence-Based Policing (EBP) is an approach in which police policies, practices, and decision-making are guided by empirical research evidence. Implementing EBP requires three key components: (1) the accumulation of primary research evaluating the effectiveness of crime prevention measures through collaboration between researchers and police officers; (2) summarizing and disseminating research findings to practitioners; and (3) enhancing police officers' knowledge and skills in social science.

The principal investigator has previously conducted field experiments in collaboration with prefectural police departments across Japan. However, these studies have been limited in scope, focusing on specific regions and crime types, and their number has not been sufficient to conduct systematic reviews. In contrast, in the United Kingdom, EBP is supported by research-based databases and officer training programs, which enable the systematic adoption of evidence into policing practices. Similar structures are largely absent in Japan.

This research aims to advance the introduction of EBP in Japan by addressing these gaps. First, it will accumulate primary research on crime prevention measures and conduct systematic reviews of these studies. Second, it will develop a database to provide research-based information to police practitioners. Third, it will produce training materials and deliver training programs through a combination of in-person and online formats. By implementing these initiatives, the project seeks to promote the practical use of evidence in crime prevention and support the development of more effective, scientifically informed policing in Japan.