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The rapid development of Organized Industrial Zone in Van Regional economic inequalities are one of the most important issues of economic geography. The causes of inequality and what the changes on zone by the elimination of inequalities are are in the research area for geographers. Regional economic inequalities are the basic problem for not only developing countries but also the developed western world. However, regional economic inequalities in developing countries accompany social and cultural issues. Turkey is among the countries which have experienced a significant proportion of regional disparities due to both the local nature and cultural features. Especially the eastern part of Turkey comprises a different structure from other areas because of not making (or thwarting) economic investments. Nevertheless, the works of the authorities in order to eliminate the regional disparities are significant in recent years.

Van province, located in the eastern part of Turkey,is one of the places thatare experiencing the regional inequalities mentioned above. Organized Industrial Zone in the province, whichwas decided to establish in 1998 and was invested in 2001 but never made its presence felt, began to develop after the earthquake in 2011. In particular, by means of a number of incentives provided by the state, Organized Industrial Zone in Van has been one of industrial zone which has been rapidly developing.

This study aims at making a comparison on the status of the Organized Industrial Zone in Van at before and after the period of the year 2011. The use of space in Organized Industrial Zonebefore the earthquake and the use of space in Organized Industrial Zoneafter the earthquakewill be mapped and discussed. In addition, what the convenience provided by the states to Organized Industrial Zone is and how much it encourages the investment will be discussed with statistics. It will also be discussed that how the local dynamics of Van province were used in Organized Industrial Zone and what can be done in order to improve it.

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