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**Novelty of Agile Governance  
in Contemporary Government Discourse**

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This study explores the novelty of Agile Governance (AG) and its practical and theoretical background, which has received increasing attention. AG highlights the challenges in bureaucratic administration and policy processes while incorporating elements like 'agile' responsiveness, particularly notable in technological innovation and experiences during the COVID-19 pandemic. The AG aims to address the need to improve the rigid and time-consuming aspects of current administrative systems and policies, thereby influencing recent public administrative reforms in Japan. Three case studies provided additional insights into AG. The effectiveness of co-regulation between government and private entities in formulating and implementing regulations ensures that regulations match technological innovation, underscoring the significance of governmental 'meta-regulation'. Rather than solely assessing the effectiveness of policies and administrative operations based on predetermined benchmarks in local comprehensive plans, it is more effective to utilise specific indices as monitoring tools, thereby facilitating the reassessment of policy goals and tools. Enhancing AG involves positioning it within the relationship between legislative and judicial bodies, serving as a counterbalance. Future considerations include integrating AG strengths into

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broader bureaucratic organisations, optimising strategic relationships between the public and private sectors, and prioritising values within the AG while ensuring stakeholder satisfaction. Interdisciplinary perspectives are crucial to elucidate and implement AG for improved governance.