## Successful Aging in Japan

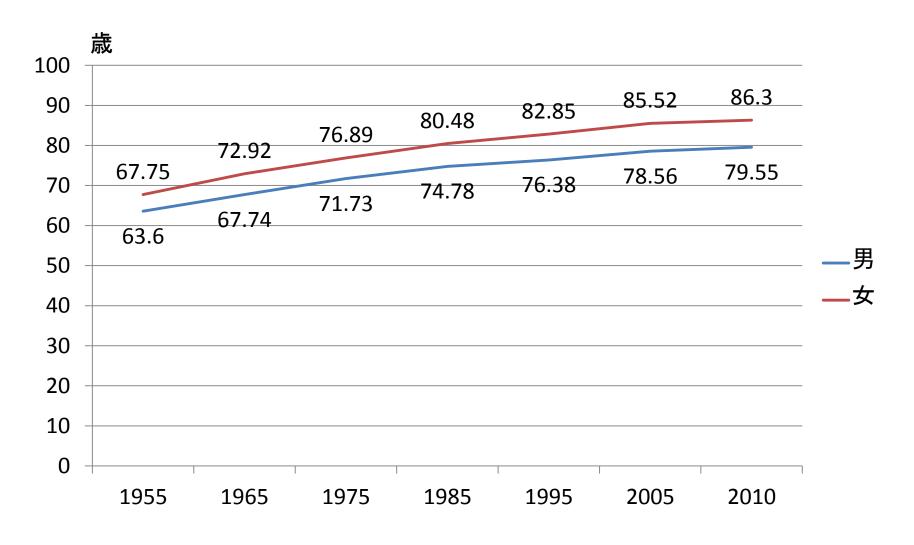
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## Prolonging Life Expectancy in Japan

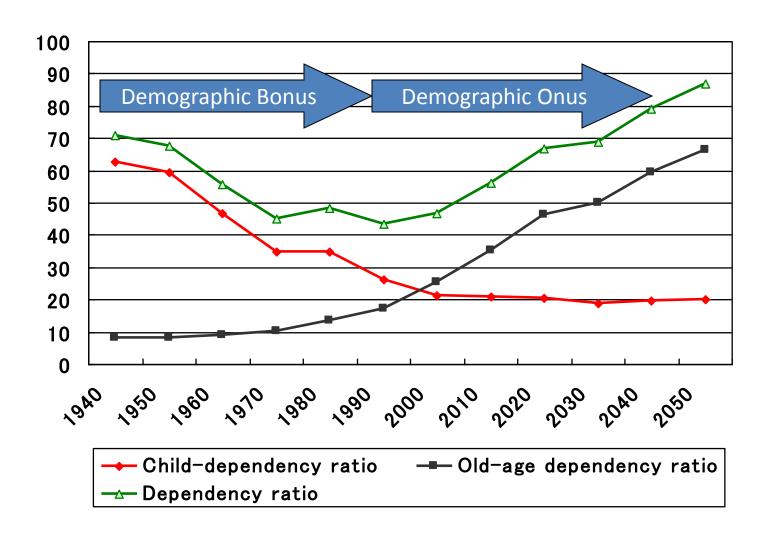


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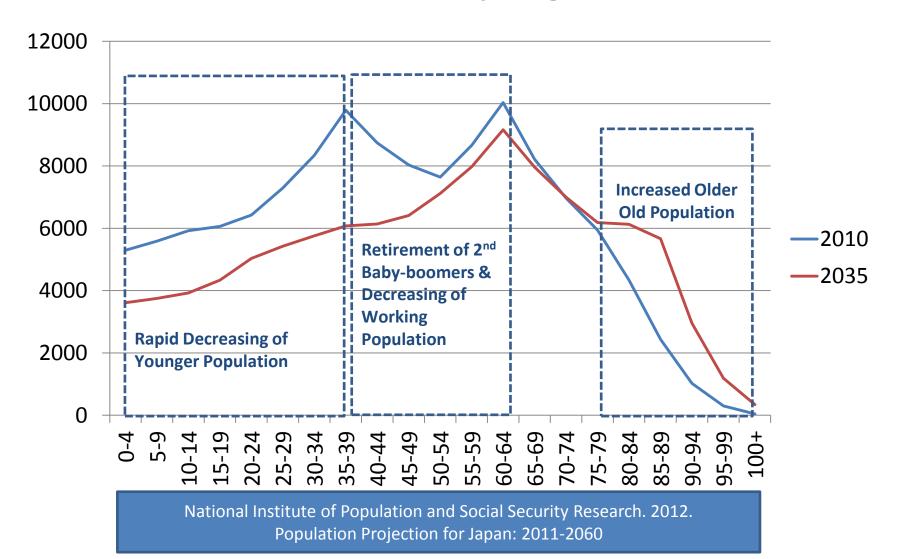


**Social Security** Infrastructure Redesigning Communities for **Aged Society** Pension **Public Health** (RISTEX) Health Insurance Securement of **Public Assistance** Stable Supply of LTC Insurance **Elderly Persons'** Grant-in-Aid for Social Welfare Housing Unemployment Scientific Research **Neo-Gerontology** Insurance Accessibility Stabilization of workers' accident Improvement for Health and Labor **Employment of** compensation Transportation Sciences Research Older Persons insurance and buildings Grant Research & **Activation Development** 

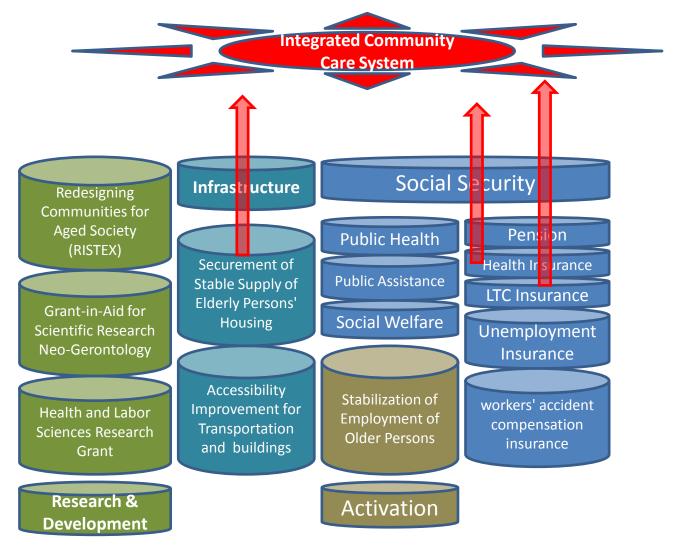
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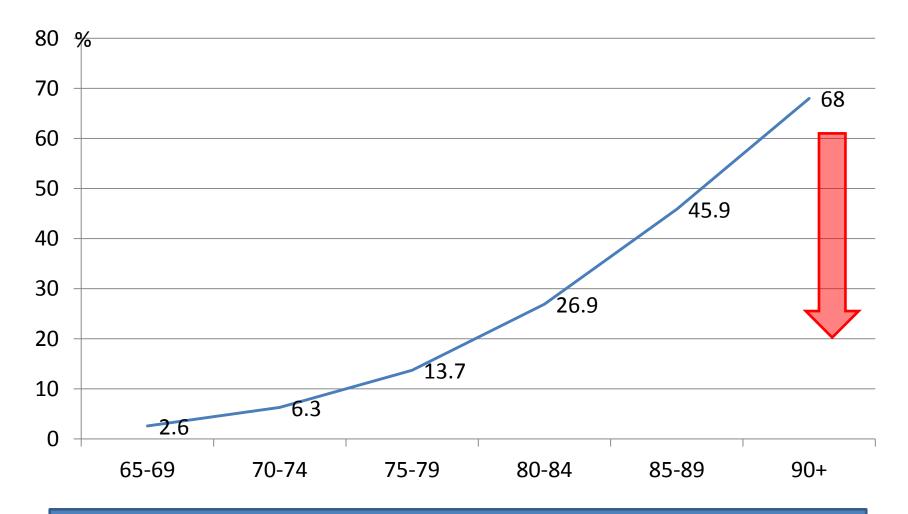
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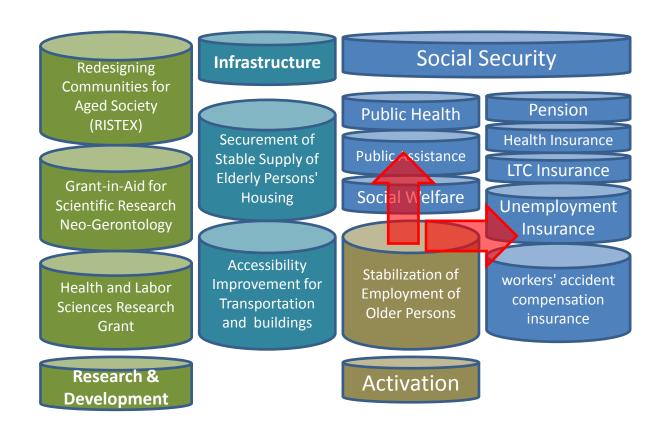


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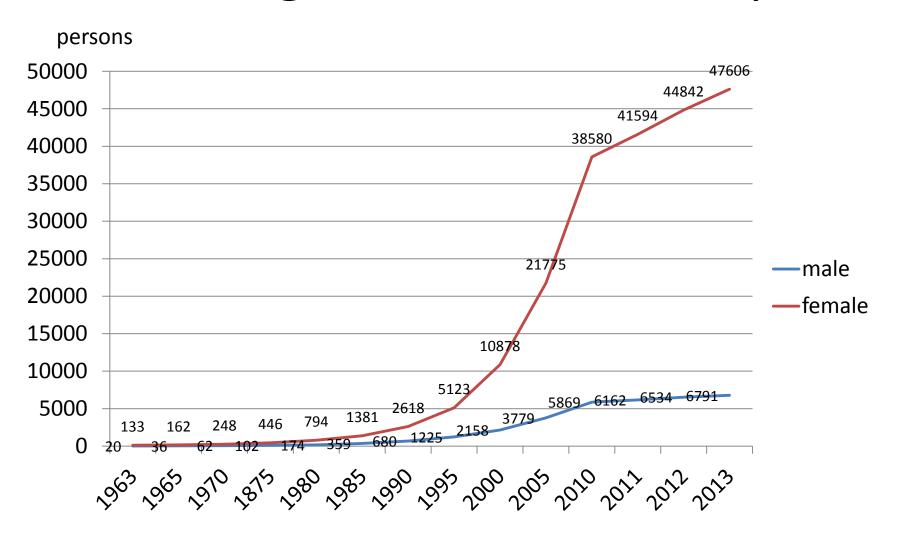


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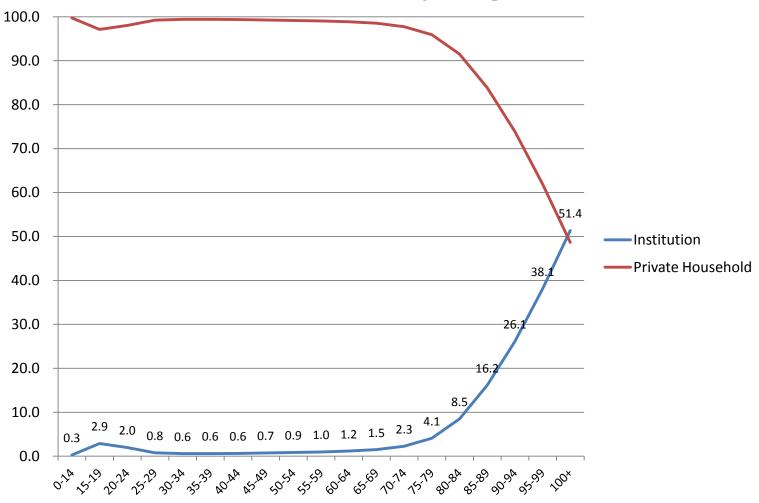
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## Increasing Centenarians in Japan

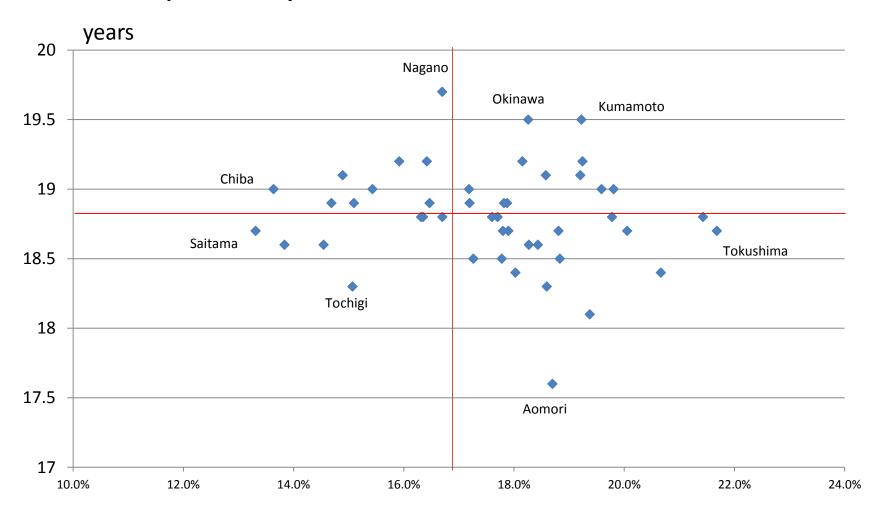


# Residents in Institution/ Private Household by Age (%)



## Healthy Aging in Prefectures

Life Expectancy at 65 & Rate of LTC needed at 65+



## **Activation Strategies of Life Time**

- Masterliness with Spending Time = Art
- Management of Time = Business
- Donation of Time = Volunteerism
- General Exchange of Time = Local Currency
- Sharing of Time = Community
- Longevity = Resources of Anti-Aging Goods
- Relay of Time = Local Multiplier Effect
- Trade of Time = Wage = Labor Market

#### Centenarians as Masters



Shigeaki Hinohara, MD 101



Jusetsu Miwa, Potter 101



Michio Mado, Poet 104



Aiko Kano, Pianist



Kiyo Kato, Beautician



Mitsue Hayashi, Sculptor 100

From Life-long Play to Liberal Profession

#### Decent Work of Older Persons



IRODORI Co. LTD. Leaf Art on Dishes. An older woman gain \10,000,000 as an annual income. She can operate ICT which is designed agefriendly. Since 1987.



OGAWANOSHO Co. LTD. Rural Food Maker. More than half of the company's 90 employees are 60<sup>+</sup>. They are working at their discretion. Since 1986.

"Michi-no-Eki." Highway-side
Stations. About 1,000 places. Rural
older persons engage in farming,
selling, working and investing them.

From Self-Support to Community Businesses

#### Paid Volunteerism by Older Persons



Silver Human Resource Center. About 1300 organizations, 763,000 members. Not-labor Market but Club Cooperative. Since 1980.



Inagi-city started to estimate older persons' volunteerism with reduction of premium for the Long-term Care Insurance.
Since 2010.

From Not-paid Volunteer to Paid volunteer

## Time-Currency for Exchange in Kind



SORYO-FUKUSHI-KAI. Social Service Provider. Vegetables of older persons are purchased by tickets. Foods are served for older persons and their grandchildren by tickets. 2012.



SHIRAKAWAGO village.
World Cultural Heritage.
Villagers and their
offsprings are exchanging
their labor beyond their
life.



From Shadow Work to Local Currency

## Rite of Passage in Later Life



Ceremony for older persons by local municipalities .

Rite of passage for an older person by family. Celebrating at 60, 70, 77, 80, 88, 90, 99.
Okinawan celebrate 97 years old too.

SUGAMO-JIZO. Older pilgrims in order to pray their healthy life.



From Sharing Consumption to Effective Demand Economy

## Gerontechnology















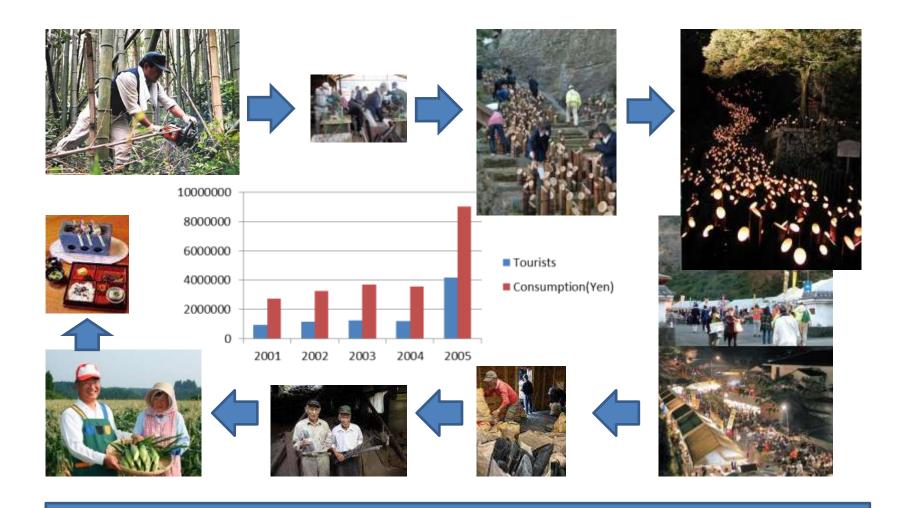






From Lifestyle of Centenarians to Anti-Aging Market

## Worthy Resources against Dumping



From Discovering Local Resources to Local Multiplier Effect

## Individual Resources in Later Life: Wisdom and Skills

- Retired and senior persons have lesser physical strength than youngsters have.
- However, they have more experienced wisdom and skills than youngsters have.

## **Skilled Life Artists**















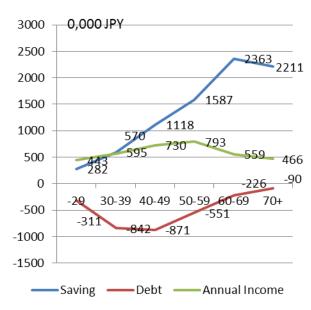
# Individual Resources in Later Life: Economic Capital

- Retired and senior persons have not earn wages.
- However, they might have plenty saving money, investing fund, and organizing workers' collective.

## Wealthy Japanese Seniors







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## Thank you!

- Aging society is not a burden one, but is a garden for blooming older persons.
- The life-time is a social resource for older persons.
- In order to construct an active aging society, we should focus on developing programs of life-time by older persons.