Chapter 1　Current Status of the Aging Society

Section 1　Situation on Aging

1　Current State and Future Outlook on Aging

○**A society where 1 out of every 5 is elderly**

The Total population of Japan is 127.51 million people (10/1/2010), 180,000 less than the previous year.

The total number of people 65 or older is the highest ever, at 29,010,000 (last year: 28,220,000)

Divided by gender, 12,400,000 men and 16,610,000 women are over 65, with a gender ration (male population against the female population of 100 people) is 74.7.

Percentage of the population over 65 (Population aging rate): 22.7% (Last year: 22.1%)

"Population of 65-74 year olds" (Young-old): 15,300,000 people, 12.0% of total population

"Population of 75 year old and over" (Old-old): 13,710,000 people, 10.8% of total population

Chart 1-1-1　Current Status of the Aging Society

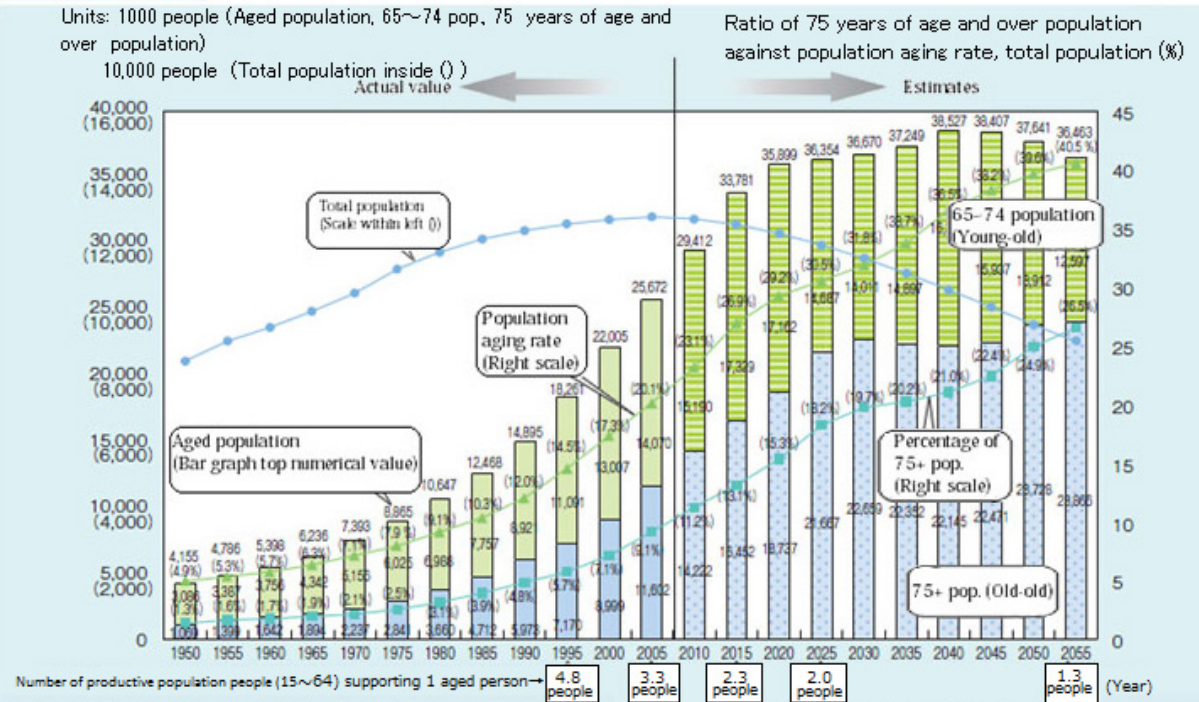|		1-Oct-09			1-Oct-08		
		Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female
Population (10,000 people)	Total Population	12,751	6,213 95.0	6,538	12,769	6,225 (Gender ratio) 95.1	6,544
	Aged population (over 65)	2,901	1,240 (Gender ratio) 74.7	1,661	2,822	1,204 (Gender ratio) 74.5	1,617
	65~74 population (Young-old)	1,530	720 (Gender ratio) 89.0	809	1,500	706 (Gender ratio) 88.9	794
	75 years old and over population (Old-old)	1,371	520 (Gender ratio) 61.0	852	1,322	499 (Gender ratio) 60.6	823
	Productive population (15~64)	8,149	4,101 (Gender ratio) 101.3	4,048	8,230	4,141 (Gender ratio) 101.2	4,090
	Child population (0~14)	1,701	872 (Gender ratio) 105.1	829	1,718	880 (Gender ratio) 105.1	837
Composition ratio (%)	Total Population	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
	Aged population (Population aging rate)	22.7	20.0	25.4	22.1	19.3	24.7
	65~74 population	12.0	11.6	12.4	11.7	11.3	12.1
	75 years old and over popuation	10.8	8.4	13.0	10.4	8.0	12.6
	Productive population	63.9	66.0	61.9	64.5	66.5	62.5
	Child population	13.3	14.0	12.7	13.5	14.1	12.8

Source: Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications " Population Estimates" (Each year, October 1)
(Note) "Gender Ratio" is the male population against a female population of 100 people

○By 2055, 1 in 2.5 people will be 65 years old and over,and 1 in 4 will be 75 years old and over

As the total population decreases, the aging of society will continue to accelerate.
From 2042, even as the elderly population decreases, the aging of society will continue to advance.
In 2055, the percentage of the elderly will reach 40.5%, with 1 in 2.5 people being 65 years old and over.
In 2055, the percentage of the people 75 years and over will be 26.5%, with 1 in 4 being 75 years old and over.

Chart 1-1-4　Trends in Aging and Estimates for the Future

Source: Up to 2005, Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications, "Population Census". After 2010, National Institute of Population and Social Resarch, "Projected Population of Japan". In December 2006, based on the estimated figure on the assumption that birth and death rates are ranked medium.

○Coming of a society where 1.3 working people support 1 elderly person

In 2009, there will be 2.8 people of the current generation (15-64) for every elderly person.
In 2055, there will be 1.3 people of the current generation (15-64) for every elderly person.

Chart 1-1-6　Ratio of aged generation population to productive age production

	If Productive age population (15-64) is presumed as a supporting person			If productive age population (15-69) is presumed as a supporting person	
	(a) How many persons an elderly aged over 65 is supported by?	(b) How many persons an elderly aged over 70 is supported by?	(c) How many persons an elderly aged over 75 is supported by?	(b) How many persons an elderly aged over 70 is supported by?	(c) How many persons an elderly aged over 75 is supported by?
1960	11.2	18.8	36.8	19.5	38.2
1970	9.8	16.4	32.2	17.1	33.6
1980	7.4	11.8	21.5	12.4	22.6
1990	5.8	8.8	14.4	9.3	15.2
2000	3.9	5.8	9.6	6.3	10.4
2005	3.3	4.6	7.2	5.0	7.9
2009	2.8	4.0	5.9	4.4	6.6
2015	2.3	3.2	4.7	3.6	5.3
2025	2.0	2.4	3.3	2.7	3.6
2035	1.7	2.1	2.8	2.4	3.2
2045	1.4	1.7	2.4	2.0	2.7
2055	1.3	1.5	1.9	1.7	2.2

Source: Up to 2005, Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications, "Population Census". For 2009, "Population Estimates" by Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communication. After 2015, National Institute of Population and Social Security Research "Projected Population of Japan" in December 2006 based on the estimated figure on the assumption that birth and death rates are ranked medium.