

Section 1 Fundamental Framework of Measures for the Aging Society

- The fundamental framework of national measures for the aging society is based on the Aged Society Basic Law (Act No. 129 of 1995).
 - The prime minister is the chairperson of Aging Society Policy Council and all cabinet ministers are appointed as members of the council. They create drafts on fundamental principles for measures for the aging society, adjust the mutual relationships between related administrative agencies necessary in implementing measures for the aging society, discuss important issues on measures for an aging society, and promote implementation of those measures.
 - An outline of measures for the aging society is what is obligated to the government to formulate based on the Aged Society Basic Law. It serves as a middle- and long- term basic and comprehensive guideline of the government's measures against the aging society.
 - As 5 years have passed after the initial outline of measures for the aging society was drawn up in July 1996, a new outline of measures was prepared and approved in a cabinet meeting on 28th December, 2001. As 10 years have passed since then, on September 7, 2012, through the drafting at Aging Society Policy Council, the Outline of measures for aging society were decided in the cabinet meeting.
 - For comprehensive promotion of measures based on the fundamental principle of the Aged Society Basic Law.
 - Change of Awareness on “Elderly Persons”—How to grasp them
 - Establishment of social security system for securing peace of mind in people's old age
 - Utilization of will and capability of the aged
 - Strengthening of regional power and realization of stable regional society
 - Realization of safe and peaceful living environment
 - Preparation for “Age of 90 years human life” from the younger time and realization of generation circulation
- Based on the above 6 fundamental way of thinking, we are going to promote the measures against aging society.

Section 2 Trends on the Reform of Social Security System

- **Bills relating to the joint reform of social security and tax**
On March 30, 2012, 7 bills relating to children, child rearing, pension, fundamental reform of tax system were submitted to the Diet. In June, based on consultation among 3 parties, (Democratic Party, Liberal Democratic Party and Komeito) the Related Bills were revised. Further, 2 bills were submitted by the three party Diet members and the related 8 Bills were enacted on August 10. Subsequently, on the extraordinary session of the Diet, 2 Bills relating to the pension were enacted.
- **Social Security System Reform National Conference**
Social Security System Reform National Conference was established in compliance with the Law for the Promotion of Reform