

of Social Security System (Act No.64 of 2012) enacted at the ordinary session of the Diet 2012.

○ **Numbering system relating to Social Security and Tax**

Regarding the numbering system for social security and tax, the related 4 Bills were decided at the Cabinet Meeting on March 1, 2013 and submitted to the 183rd Diet.

Section 3 Implementation Status of Measures in each Field

Principal Initiatives

1 Employment and Pension

○ **Securing of employment up to the age of 65 years old effectively utilizing knowledge and experiences**

At Labor Policy Council, a study was made on the measures to secure the employment up to the age of 65 for all people who so desire, so that the employment is followed by pension securely and in January 2012 a proposal was made to the Minister of Health, Labour and Welfare.

Based on this proposal, “A draft Bill Partially Amend the Act on Stabilization of Employment of Elderly Persons” which contains the abolishment of scheme that will enable limiting the target of continued employment system was submitted to Ordinary Session of Diet 2012.

The above draft bill was enacted in August after partial amendment at the House of Representatives.

Since the Enforcement date was April 1, 2013 which was very short, we made attentively our activities to let people know.

○ **Smooth Implementation of Revised Child Care and Family Care Leave Law**

Concerning the Revised Child Care and Family Care Leave Law, the leaves for cares the application of which has been postponed to the entrepreneur with less than 100 employees, but this was fully implemented from July 1, 2012.

Under such circumstances, we continued our effort to let people know the substance of the revision. At the same time, we made

guidance so that the contents of the revised law are well understood and the implementation of the law is secured.

○ **Establishment of sustainable and secure public pension system**

For the stable operation of public pension system the Government submitted 4 Bills to the Diet. And the following bills were enacted.

- “Act for Partial Revision of the National Pension Act, etc. in order to strengthen the Financial Ground and Minimum Guarantee Function of the Public Pension System” (Act No.62 of August 22, 2012)
- “Act for Partial Revision of the Employees' Pension Insurance Act, etc. for unifying employees' pension insurance systems” (Act No.63 of August 22, 2012)
- “Act on the payment of Supplementing Allowance for Pensioners ”(Act No.102 of November 26, 2012)
- “Act for Partial Revision of the National Pension Act, etc. in order to maintain the 50 percent share of the government contribution to the Basic Pension Benefit in 2012 and 2013 etc.” (Act No.99 of November 26, 2012)

With the revision of the system this time, with the view to establishing sustainable and stable public pension scheme, it was decided to make the share of National Treasury for basic pension in FY 2012 and FY 2013 to 1/2 and for FY 2014 and thereafter, the share of 1/2 is to be maintained.

Further, it was decided that the Employees' Pension System that had been separately administered so far is going to be unified for stabilization of the scheme.

2 Health, Care and Medical Treatment

○ Promotion of supporting measures of dementia elderly persons

In June 2012, a project team organized in the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare for the study of measures against dementia summed up the “future direction of measures against dementia.” It was decided to aim at realizing a society in which “Even if one develops symptoms of dementia, the will of that person is respected and he can continuously live in the place and good environment he is accustomed to.” In September, “5 year plan for the promotion of measure against dementia” was formulated. This is a concrete plan for 5 years starting in FY 2013.

○ Promotion of Livelihood Support through regional mutual support

As the preventive measures of the so-called “solitary death,” in May 2012,

- Collect information of the people who have financial difficulty in living and socially isolated at an administrative window in unified manner and strengthen the cooperation of the people concerned.
- Regarding the handling of personal information, required when we cooperate with the private sector enterprises, we again made known to all lifeline operators of electricity, gas, etc.
- Comprehensive notice including introduction of advanced examples of initiative such as regional watch and information on support and preferential grant of relative subsidies were delivered to local governments and lifeline business enterprises.

In addition, in July 2012, a notice was issued regarding the way for promotion of the collaboration with house suppliers.

3 Participation to Social Activities and Learning

○ Social Participation by Elderly People and Creation of Purpose in Life

With a view to promoting creation of purposes in life through social participation by the elderly people, in October 2012, a lifelong study forum was held at Chiyoda Ward, Tokyo and another forum was held in December of the same year at Yonago, Tottori Prefecture. These forums perform research consultations utilizing research results concerning the lifeline study by elderly people and leading examples of initiatives at various regions.

○ Development of environment for citizens and NPO actors

By promoting social businesses for solving various social issues in the disaster-stricken areas (care and welfare for elderly people, shopping support, community development, town revitalization, etc.) using business technique, social advancement of elderly persons and women were promoted and regional revitalization was planned through creation of new industries and employment.

○ Promotion of Systematic Consumer Education Initiative

Education on consumer life performed to support the independence of consumers; that is consumer education, has to be done systematically in an appropriate manner depending on the development stage from infancy to senile stage, and at the same time in consideration of age, presence of obstacles, and other characteristics of the consumers.

With the view to promoting such consumer education comprehensively and integrally, on August 22, 2012, “Act on Promotion of Consumer Education” (Act No.61 of 2012) was promulgated and enforced on December 13 of the same year.

Further, in order to promote the consumer education comprehensively and integrally, “the Society for the study of systematic program for the promotion of consumer education” developed and announced “a system image map” indicating target of

consumer education at each life stage.”

4 Living Environment, and Others

○ Environmental Improvement of Existing House Circulation and Reforming Market

Center for Housing Renovation and Dispute Settlement Support announced, in March 2013, outline of the cases and advices to the consumers based on the information obtained through consultation businesses.

Further, for the purpose of publicizing the consumer supporting measures so that people can refurbish their homes without worry, seminars for the consumers were held at large scale retailer stores, housing fairs, reform showrooms, etc.

The housing eco-point program supporting reconstruction implemented under the third supplementary budget of FY 2011 (passed on November 21, 2011), as well as urgently promoted energy saving refurbishment projects carried out under the supplementary budget of FY 2012 (passed on February 26, 2013), we conducted the support for barrier free reform together with eco-reform. Thus we promoted the barrier-free of housings in addition to energy saving of housings.

○ Securing of Traffic Safety

Keeping in mind that the ratio of elderly persons in the traffic accident fatalities while walking and riding on bicycles is high, and aiming to reduce the number of accidents involving elderly people, pedestrians and bicycles, we strengthened preventive measures at the crossings where the accidents occur frequently and separated appropriately the pedestrians, bicycles and cars.

○ Protection from crimes, human rights infringements, malicious business method, etc.

“Bill to Partially Amend the Law concerning the Specified Commercial Transactions”(Act No. 59 of 2012) intended to protect consumers from

forcible door to door purchasing, was promulgated in August 2012 and enacted in February 2013.

Consumer Safety Act was revised, and when “situation to harm the property of many consumers” occurred and if it is a “niche case” over which no other ministry or agency has jurisdiction, it was decided that our agency can take administrative measures against business enterprises carrying out unjust transactions. (Enacted on April 1, 2013) (Chart 2-1-1)

As the consumer troubles are increasing with the elderly persons, the government publicity service performed prevention campaign of “Elderly people’s consumer troubles” since October, 2012 and tried to educated people and made known the consultation windows on this issue.

5 Activation of Market Responding to Aged Society and Promotion of Research and Study

○ Reassuring, Solidifying of Foundation of Medical and Long-term Care Services

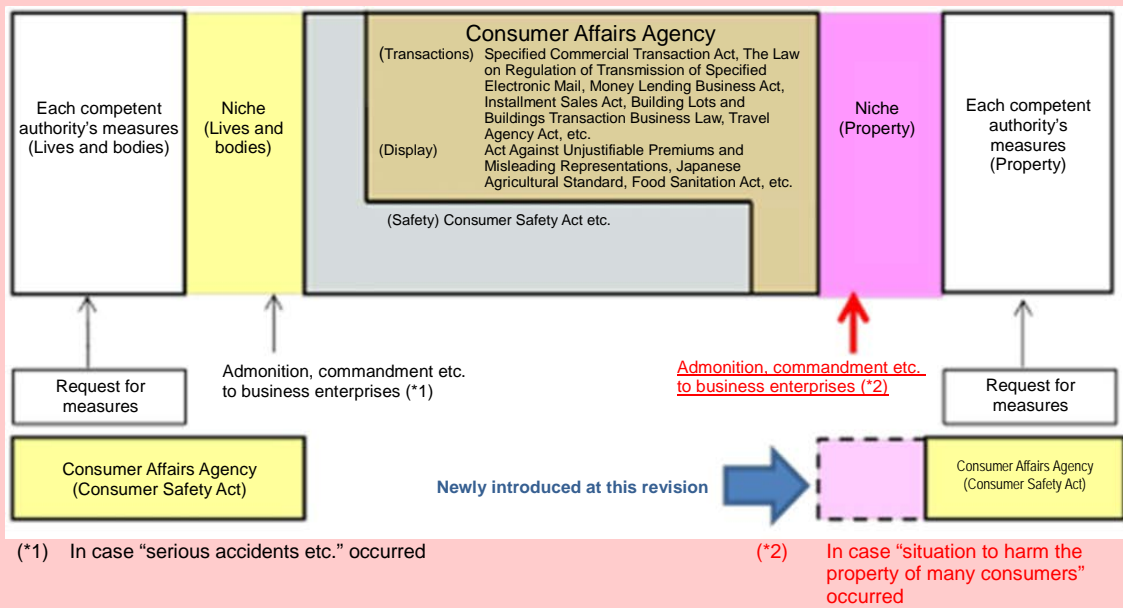
With the view to promoting measures for securing local medical doctors, “Measures for Securing Medical Doctors in the Region 2012” was compiled. In addition, team medical care by various types of medical professions was promoted. In April 2012, we reformed the system and now long-term care staffs can perform the suction of phlegm, etc. under certain conditions. We reconsidered the roles of medical jobs and long-term care jobs. Further, in order to promote home medical care and community integrated care system, we positioned FY 2012 as “Home Medical and Long-term Care Anshin 2012” and implemented various measures by integrating policies of regional medical plan, remuneration, and budget.

○ Promotion of Medical Innovation

In order to promote the medical innovation by the related Ministries in a unified fashion, on June 6, 2012, The Medical Innovation Council decided “Medical Innovation 5 year Strategy.” The contents of this strategy were incorporated in

“Japan Rehabilitation Strategy” which was decided by the cabinet on July 31 of the same year.

Chart 2-1-1 Concept of admonition and commandment to “Niche Cases”



Source: Consumer Affairs Agency

6 Construction of Foundation corresponding to Super-Aging Society with Participation of All Generations

○ Promotion of Measures for non-regular workers

In March 2012, visions related to non-regular employment issues were compiled, and in December of the same year, a Report on “Study Meeting on the strengthening of ability development of non-regular workers” was issued. In this report, irrespective of the form of employment, whether regular or not, even non-regular workers can live life with dream and hope for the future without anxiety and securing the income, opportunities for developing their abilities

are provided. By supporting the upgrading of their career, as the fundamental stance 1) prevention in increase of non-regular workers unwillingly accepting such status, such as ‘freeters’ and 2) securing dual routes for upgrading the career, securing ability opportunity responding to the selection by the workers and 3) appropriate evaluation of workers ability in the labor market, indicating the direction of policy we have to take for the future.

In future, taking into account the direction indicated in this report, we are going to promote comprehensive support for career upgrading projects inside the enterprises and reviewing of public vocational training considering character of non-regular workers, etc.