

- Japan, China and South Korea proposed their joint proposals and 5 international standards are published through participation in the activities of ISO/TC122 (Packaging) and ISO/TC159 (Ergonomics). SC7 (Accessible Design) was established in TC173 (Assistive products) to conduct technical study on standardization of accessible design in fiscal year 2009 by Japanese proposal. In fiscal year 2010 the first meeting was held in Tokyo.
- Specialized welfare professionals such as certified social workers are being trained and secured. Meanwhile, rehabilitation professionals such as physical therapists who use specialized knowledge and techniques are being protected. Meanwhile, the quality of their services continues to show improvement.

2 Health and Medical Care Measures

While encouraging prevention—through, for example, medical checkups—early-stage discovery and treatment of diseases causing disabilities, improvements in school security and workplace safety measures are also being developed. Beyond that, treatment and medical rehabilitation for persons with disabilities are being applied.

Comprehensive suicide-prevention measures, such as—measures to build mental health, discover mental illnesses at an early stage and measures related to mental health and medical treatment, etc., are being developed based on General Principles of Suicide Prevention Policy—an comprehensive and fundamental suicide prevention policy based in the Basic Act for Suicide Prevention.

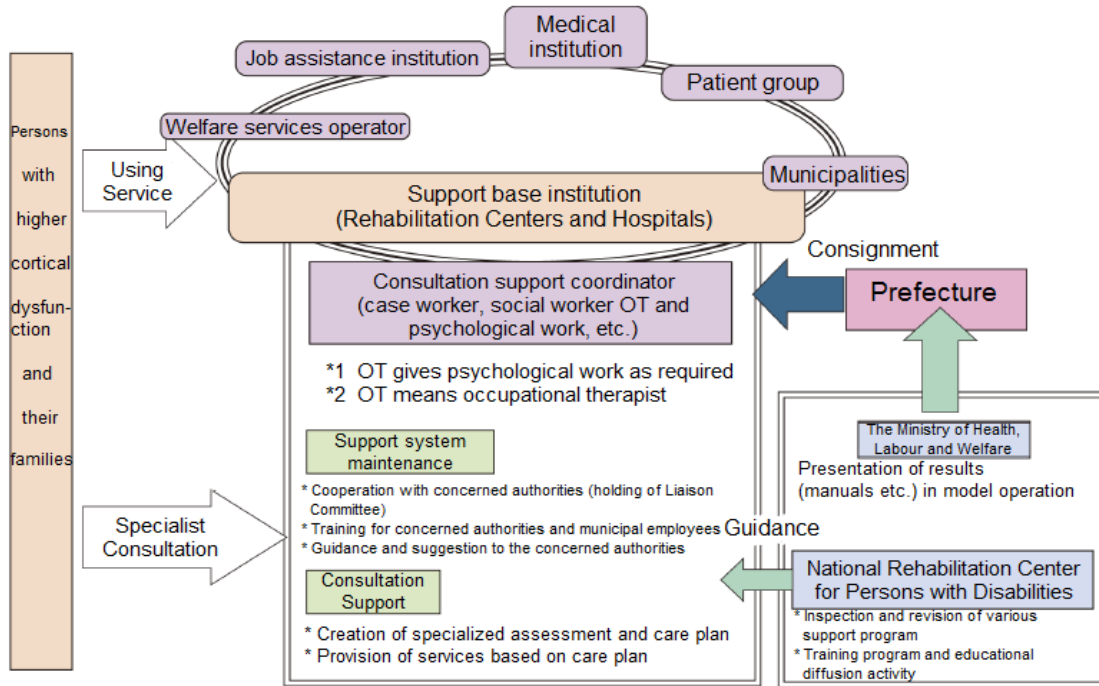
【Main Measures】

- Comprehensive medical checkups are carried out for all children at 18 months and three years, the most crucial ages in early childhood in terms of physical and mental development. Based on the results of these checkups, adequate guidance is conducted
- From fiscal year 2008, “The Healthy Habits for The People Movement” was launched with a focus on the following: “Appropriate Levels of Exercise,” “Proper Dietary Life Styles,” and “Anti-Tobacco.”

In fiscal year 2010, “Smart Life Project,” a program that promoted the cooperation with various industries was started. This was among some of the counter-measures enacted to combat diseases associated with lifestyle habits.

- Through the revision of medical treatment fees in fiscal year 2012, the evaluation of the hospital treatment of children (and adults) with extremely severe disabilities became more thorough. Also, measures were taken to establish an evaluation of hospital treatment of children with severe physical disabilities.
- In order to bring support to higher cortical dysfunction, strategic support organizations were posted in metropolitan and prefectural administrations. Other focus areas include: 1. specialized counseling concerning persons with higher cortical dysfunction through counseling support coordinators; 2. enhancement of local networks of relevant organizations; 3. the "task force for the propagation of higher cortical dysfunction support," offering training related to support techniques for higher cortical dysfunction.
- In order to encourage the reinforcement of suicide prevention measures urgently, the “Urgent Plan of Measures to Prevent Suicides” was adopted by the “Council for Policy for Suicide Prevention,” which is consisted of the Cabinet Members, on the 5th of February 2010.
- In September of 2010 though the, “The Suicide Policy for Suicide Prevention Task Force [TF]” at the council mentioned above, policy calling for, “Concentrated enforcement of policy efforts to prevent suicide within the year.” In fiscal year 2010 in order to bring the number of suicides down to lowest number possible, quick responsive and emergency counter-measures were carried out in coordination with related ministries, public organizations and private organizations. It was decided to extend [TF] until March 31st, 2012.

■ Chart 32 Project to Support Higher Cortical Dysfunction (image)



Source: Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare