

Consideration of the Background of Long-term Care System Diversity and its Possible Future Development Direction under Rapid Population Ageing in Japan, China, and South Korea

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In East Asia, where the population ageing has been proceeding rapidly, construction of long-term system has become an important policy challenge. Japan, South Korea, and China in East Asia have developed each long-term care system with diversity. But, there are commonalities such as the adoption of a social insurance system among them. Japan experience has been referred in long-term care service provision and community-based care system for South Korea and China.

In this paper, I have analyzed the diversity of long-term care system in Japan, China, and South Korea from the perspective of its system components. I have found the results as follows.

1) There are strong commonalities in system components with limited policy options such as financial methods.

2) There are strong differences in system components such as long-term care provision. It is because that each country can decide its system in detail based on the socio-economic and older person's social welfare development status.

With the combination of these commonalities and differences, the diversity has been brought to long-term care system in Japan, China, and South Korea. At the same time, I have considered the possible directions for the development of the long-term care system in these countries with rapid population ageing in the future.

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