Historical Development of the Debates on Population Problems and Social Security Issues in Japan: Referring to the Tachi Archive

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It was in the 1960s that studies on Social Security carried out in Japan. During the 1960s, the idea of social development was introduced into Japan. It was symbolic that Social Development Research Institute (one of the predecessors of the present National Institute of Population and Social Security Research) was founded in 1965. One of the leading figures of this process was Dr. Minoru Tachi who was then the Director of the Institute of Population Problems, Ministry of Health and Welfare (now Ministry of Health, Labor and Welfare).

This paper focuses on the history of ideas of social security in Japan, in which the concerns on the quality of population and those with improving people's living conditions intertwined with each other.