

**Annex Table 2.1. History of Social Security in Japan**

Period and Year		Main Events
Ancient to the Edo Era	593	"Shikain" was set up by Shotoku Taishi (member of Imperial Family)
	718	"Yoro Ritsuryo" Act (showed mutual aid for the elderly etc.)
	1642	"Osukuigoya" set up (Relief institution in famine)
	1722	"Koishikawa Youjojo" had been opened (Medical Institute for the Poor in Edo city)
	1791	"Shichibu-tsumikin" (Fund to relief for the poor, Edo city)
The Meiji Era to the World War II	1874	Indigent Person's Relief Regulation
	1897	Act on Prevention of Infectious Diseases
	1911	Factory Law (an origin of Labour Standards Act (1947))
	1922	Health Insurance Act
	1929	Poor Relief Law
	1937	Maternal and Child Health Act
	1938	National Health Insurance Act (amended in 1958), Social Services Act Ministry of Health and Welfare was established
	1941	Labor Pension Insurance Act (present Employees Pension Insurance Act)
Just after World War II	1946	Public Assistance Act (old act)
	1947	the Constitution of Japan Child Welfare Act, Unemployment Insurance Act Industrial Accident Compensation Insurance Act Health Center Act (present Community Health Act) Ministry of Labour was established
	1949	Act for the welfare of Persons with Physical Disabilities
	1950	Public Assistance Act (present act)
	1950s to 1970s	1951
1958		National Health Insurance Act (Amendment of 1938 act)
1959		National Pension Act (Implemented in 1961)
1960		Act for the welfare of persons with intellectual disabilities
1961		Universal Coverage in pension and health insurance
1963		Act on Social Welfare for the Elderly
1964		Act on Welfare of Mothers with Dependents
1971		Child Allowance Act
1973		Amended Act on Social Welfare for the Elderly (Free Medical service for the elderly) "Fukushi-Gannen" (improvement of social security benefit)
1974	Employment Insurance Act (replacement of Unemployment Act)	
1980s to 2000	1981	Act on Welfare of Mothers with Dependents and Widows (Amendment of Act on Welfare of Mothers with Dependents)
	1982	Health and Medical Services Act for the Aged (New scheme for the finance of the health care costs for the elderly)
	1990	Major amendments of eight acts about social welfare
	1991	Act on the Welfare of Workers Who Take Care of Children
	1995	Basic Law on Measures for the Aging Society
	1997	Long term care Insurance Act (Implemented in 2000)
	2000	Social Welfare Act (Amendment of Social Welfare Service Act)
From 2001	2001	Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare was established (re-integration of Ministry of Health and Welfare and Ministry of Labour)
	2003	Basic Act for Measures to Cope with Society with Declining Birthrate
	2005	Services and Supports for Persons with Disabilities Act
	2008	Late-stage medical care system for the elderly (New Scheme of the health insurance for the persons aged 75 and older)
	2011	"Kodomo Teate" (Child Allowance) under the Democratic Party Government
	2012	Child Allowance (present system by Liberal Democratic Party Government)