

Realization of “Cohesive Society”

Director General for Policy Planning for Policies on Cohesive Society

Planning and Comprehensive Coordination of Important Cabinet Policies on Cohesive Society

Policies

Raising Next-Generation Children and Young People

- Measures for Society with Declining Birth Rate
- Policy of Youth Affairs
- Development of an Environment that Provides Safe and Secure Internet Use for Young People
- International Youth Exchange
- Shokuiku Promotion

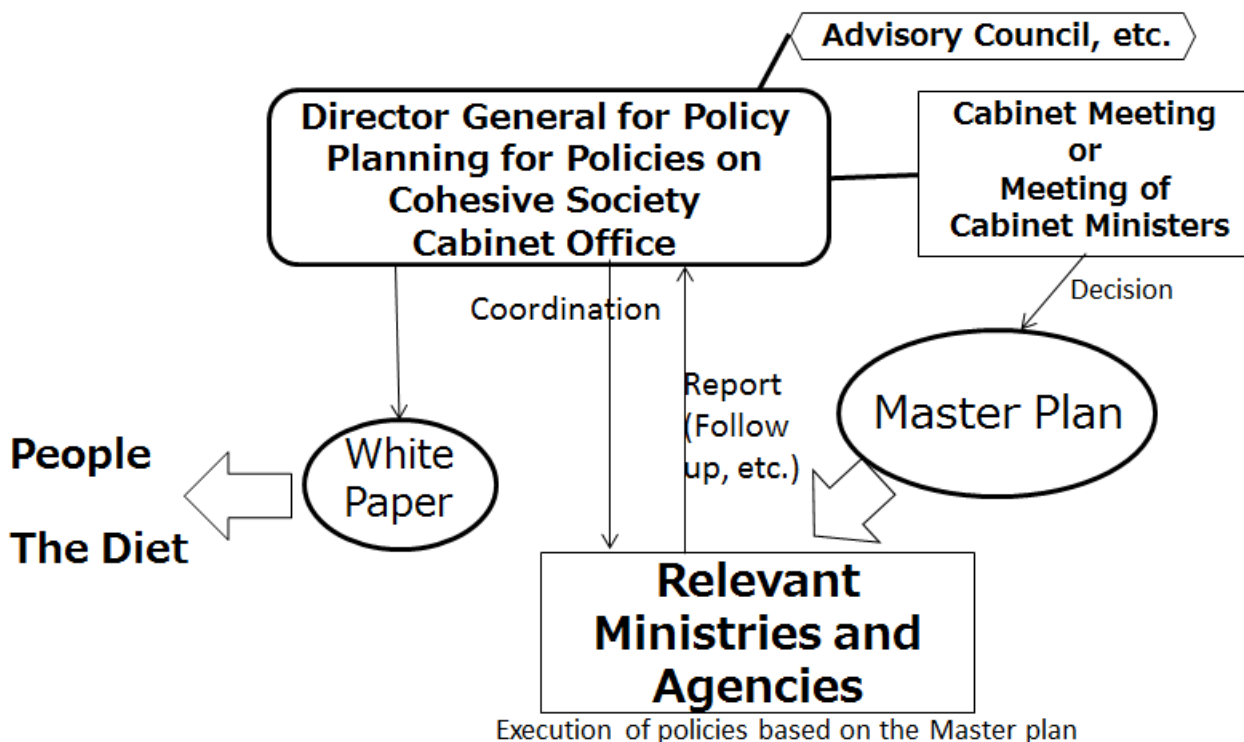
Promotion of Social Inclusion

- Promoting the Welfare of Persons with Disabilities
- Promotion of Barrier-Free and Universal Design
- Measures for the Aging Society
- Policies for Foreign Residents of Japanese Descent
- Policies on Crime Victims
- Suicide Prevention Measures

Protection of Peaceful Existence

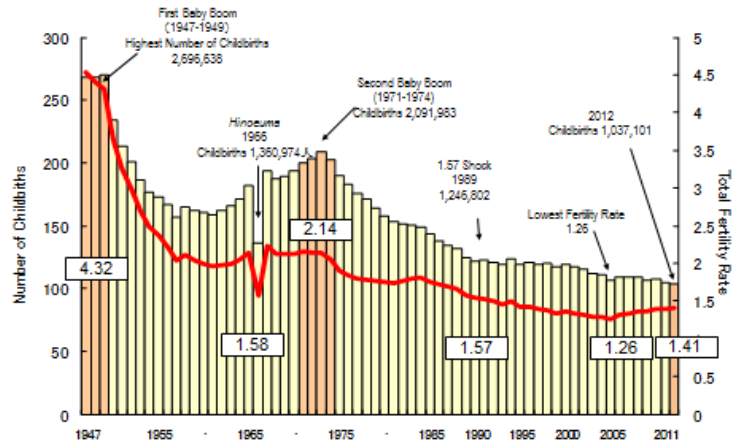
- Traffic Safety Policy
- Anti-Drug Measures

Scheme/Organization



To Overcome the Declining Birth Rate Crisis

In 2012, about 1.04 million babies were born, and the total birth rate was 1.41. That does show a slight increase from the previous low of 1.26, but it is still unclear whether the increase will continue. In this environment, the Cabinet Office works on comprehensive policies to halt the declining birth rate.

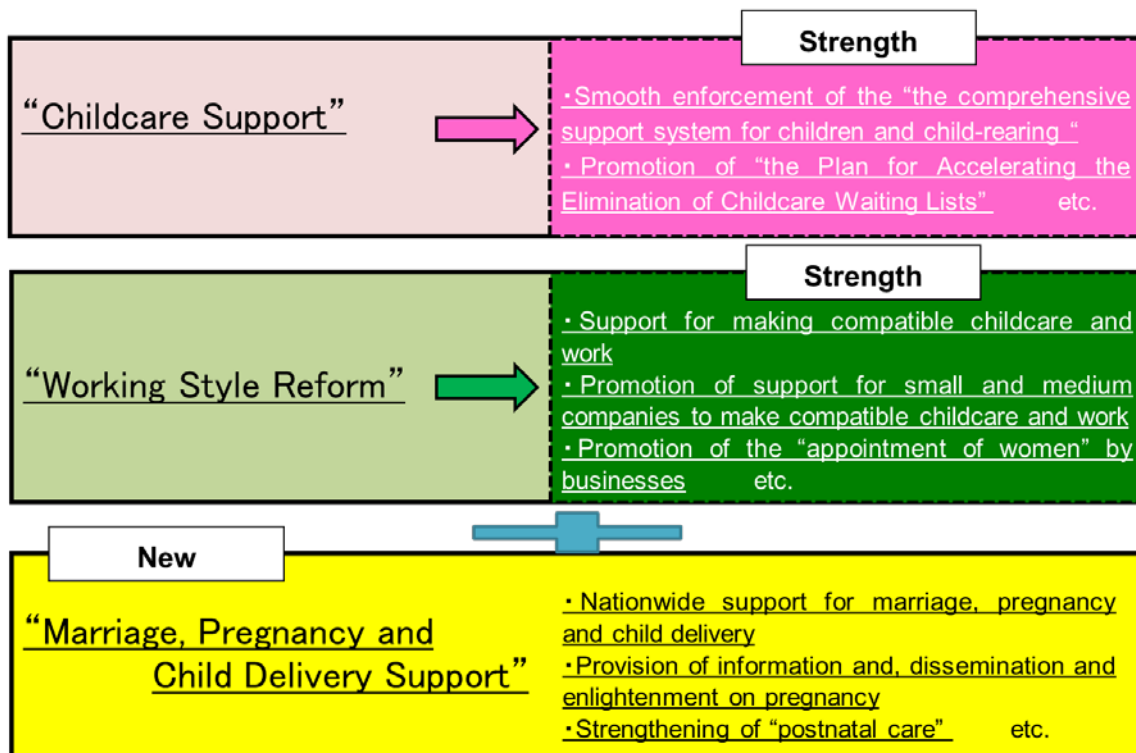


Emergency Measures- Promoting through the “Three Arrows”

In June 2013, “Emergency Measures to Overcome the Declining Birthrate Crisis” was approved at “the Council on Measures for Society with Decreasing Birthrate.”



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Enforcement of “the Comprehensive Support System for Children and Child-rearing”

The Comprehensive Support System for Children and Child-rearing (Planning to Enforce in 2015)

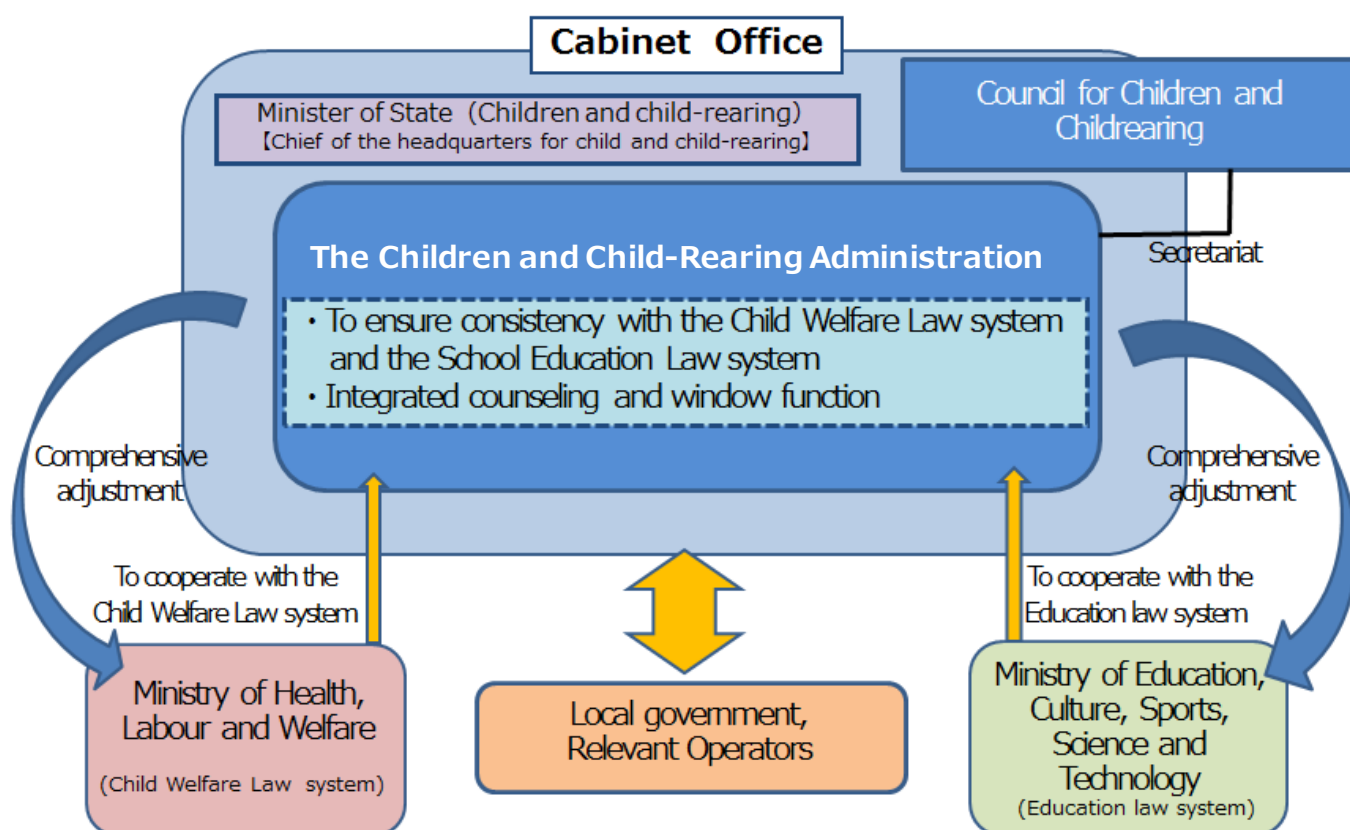
- To improve the system for the “Center for Early Childhood Education and Care” and to accelerate its spread.
- To enhance childcare support as follows, based on the needs of each communities.
 - kindergartens, nursery schools, young childcare, etc.
 - regional childcare support (conciierge, temporary nursing, etc.)

The Cabinet Office aims to create a society that fosters the joys of having children and parenting, and for every child to grow up healthy.

The Children and Child-Rearing Administration

The government of Japan established a “children and child-rearing administration” in the Cabinet Office in conjunction with enforcement of “the comprehensive support system for children and child-rearing.” This organization is going to take care of these functions as follows:

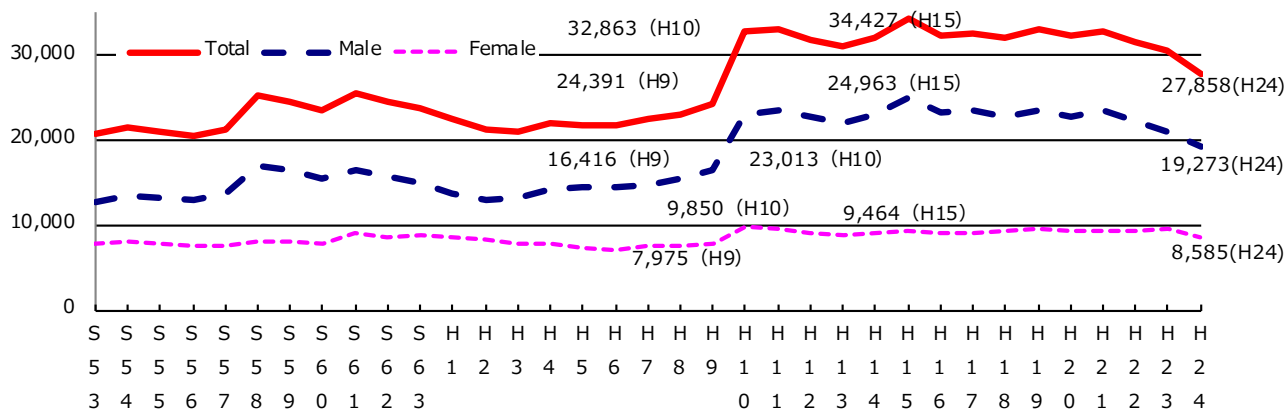
- ① Common payment for center for early childhood education and care, kindergartens, and nurseries
- ② Integrated counseling and window function



Suicide Prevention Measures

Evolution of the Number of Suicides

The total number of suicides in Japan continued to exceed 30,000 for 14 consecutive years from 1998 to 2012. The total number of suicides in 2012 fell below 30,000, but this serious situation continues.



The number of suicides in Japan

Implementation of Suicide Prevention Measures

The Cabinet, on the basis of the Basic Act on Suicide Prevention, has decided "General Principles of Suicide Prevention Policy" (August 28th, 2012) as a guideline for a package of measures against suicide to be promoted by the government.

- Suicide Prevention Week (September 10th to 16th) • Suicide Prevention Month (March) , etc.



Poster (Suicide Prevention Month)

During the period, the government of Japan set "Unified phone number for mental health consultation" (0570-046-556), accepted various consultations, and publicized the period by posters etc., in cooperation with related organizations across the country.

【Suicide Prevention Week, Suicide Prevention Month】
 Every year, during the week from September 10th: "Suicide Prevention Week," and in March: "Suicide Prevention Month," the government of Japan implements enlightening activities in cooperation with related organizations.

- Implementation of the promotion of gatekeeper training



(Left) Gatekeeper Notebook
 (Right) DVD for the training of gatekeepers
 The slogan: "If someone looks depressed"
 Official website:
<http://www8.cao.go.jp/jisatsutaisaku/index.html>

【Gatekeeper】
 The gatekeeper is the one who notices the people suffering, calls out to them, listens to their story, connects them to support, and watches them.

International Youth Exchange

By exchange of the Japanese youth and the youth from other countries, the International Youth Exchange Program by the Cabinet Office aims to promote mutual understanding and friendship of the youth and to cultivate the youth who are capable of exercising the leadership skills in various fields in the globalizing society.

【The Fiscal Year 2013 International Youth Exchange Program】

• International Youth Development Exchange Program :

This program consists of the Sending Program and the Invitation Program. The Japanese participating youth visited 3 countries and the invited youth from 6 countries came to Japan.

• Japan-China Youth Friendship Program : To promote bilateral exchange between Japan and China.

• Japan-Korea Youth Friendship Program : To promote bilateral exchange between Japan and Korea.

• Ship for South East Asia Youth Program : To promote friendship and mutual understanding among the youth of the ten ASEAN countries and Japan (visited 4 ASEAN countries by ship).

• Global Leaders Development Program : The participating youth from 8 countries and Japan study and discuss common issues from global perspective. It comprises of onshore, onboard and overseas trainings.

• Young Core Leaders of Civil Society Groups Development Program :

The Japanese delegates who take active roles in social activities of elderly people, persons with disabilities and youth are sent to foreign countries to develop skills to become young core leaders of civil society groups in Japan.



Courtesy call on Mr. Andris Bērziņš, President of Latvia. (International Youth Development Exchange Program)



Discussion with the local youth. (Japan-China Youth Friendship Program)



Homestay Experience (Japan-Korea Youth Friendship Program)



All the participating youth on board the ship (Ship for South East Asia Youth Program)



Presentation of Summary at the Discussion Program. (Global Leaders Development Program)



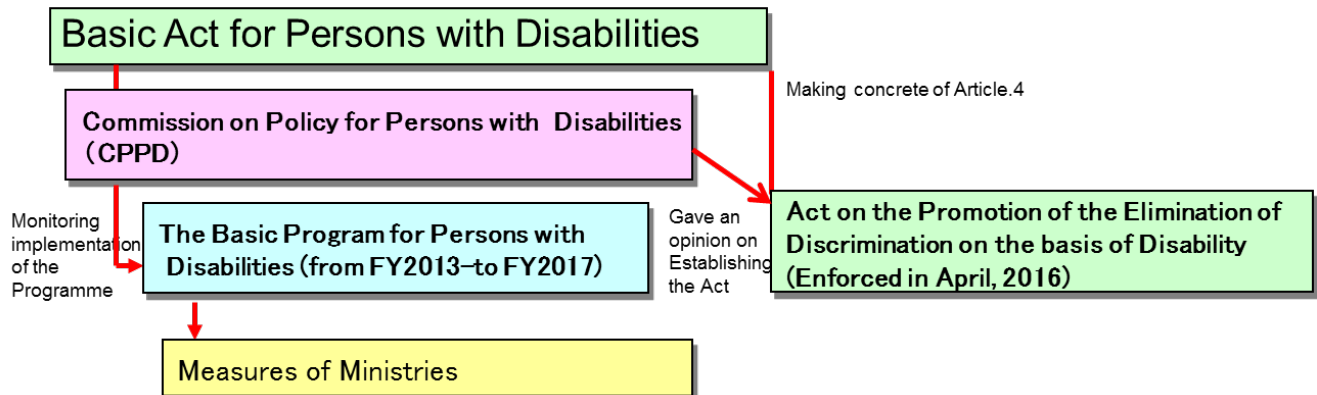
Facility Visit (Young Core Leaders of Civil Society Groups Development Program)

Promoting Policies for Persons with Disabilities

Framework

The Cabinet Office promotes comprehensive and systematic measures to support the independence and social participation of persons with disabilities.

The new Basic Program for Persons with Disabilities was formulated in September, 2013. Now the Cabinet Office is preparing for the enforcement of The Act on the Promotion of the Elimination of Discrimination on the basis of Disability, which will be enforced in April, 2016.



【Accommodation for persons with disabilities (Example in CPPD)】

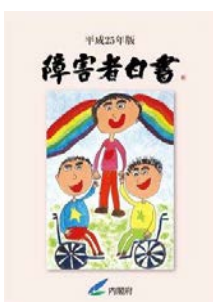
Various accommodations, including sign-language interpreters and materials in braille, are needed for persons with disabilities who wish to attend and participate in the meeting.



(Picture at left) Yellow Card- participants, especially persons with intellectual disabilities, use it when they can't understand what is going on in the discussion.

(Picture at right) Woman interprets for the participant who is deaf and blind, by "finger braille."

Annual Report and Awareness-Raising Activities



(Left) "Annual Report on Government Measures for Persons with Disabilities" is published to show the state of the measures taken for persons with disabilities.

(Right) The Cabinet Office promotes awareness-raising activities mainly in "The Week for Persons with Disabilities" (December 3rd-9th, annually), etc.

For details (in Japanese only) → <http://www8.cao.go.jp/souki/index.html>