

Study Group on Rebuilding the Social Insurance System

Subject With an unprecedented birthrate decline and demographic aging accelerating, economic disparities will grow wider and the impoverishment of the elderly in particular will become a major unavoidable problem—this is a realistic forecast of Japan’s near future. At the same time, it is hard to expect that increased productivity will be enough to offset depopulation. In this context, it would be irresponsible to trumpet baseless expectations. Based on this reality, it is essential that the Japanese people recognize the pressing necessity to rebuild the social insurance system so that it is sustainable and provides peace of mind to the general public, especially senior citizens. The COVID-19 pandemic is likely to lead to an increase in working from home and accelerate digital transformations. The social security system and its administration need to be revamped and the use of digital technologies promoted. This study group independently looks into the nature of the social security system, a system in which all citizens are interested parties, and explores potential directions for its rebuilding. The group first paints a general picture of Japanese society in the near future, a state of affairs we may not wish to consider but which will be impossible to avoid if things stay as they are, and takes up problems in the current social security system that are causing institutional fatigue. It then looks at basic approaches to rebuilding the social insurance system and considers reforms targeting the part of the system that covers older seniors (75 and older), how to fund these reforms, and further issues.

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 (2) October 23, 2018
 (3) November 19, 2018
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	(35) February 21, 2022

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