

What can NTA do for Japan and other Asian countries?

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World Population

In 2000, 1.6 billion

**20th Century: Century of
Population Explosion**

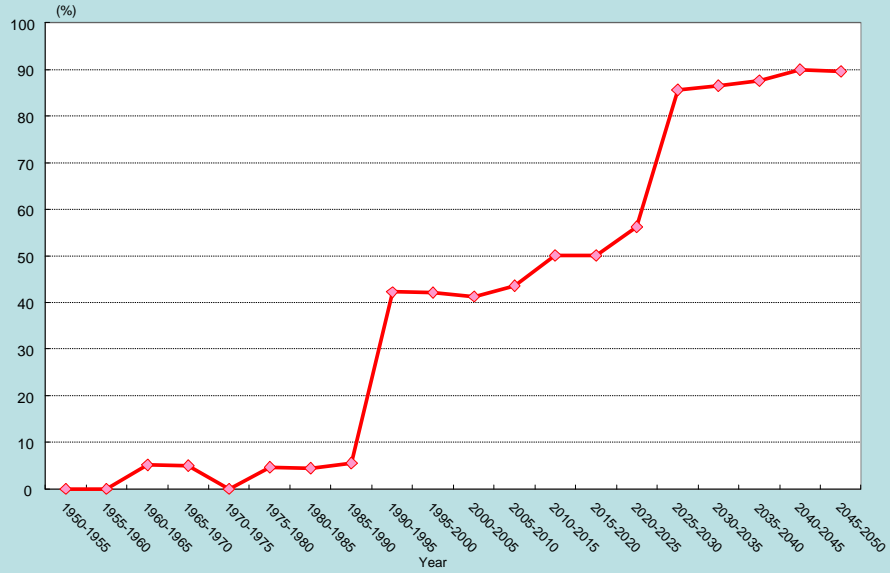


**21st Century: Century of
Population Aging**

Declining Fertility

**The most important
demographic source of
population aging at an
early stage**

Proportion of the population with below replacement-level fertility in Asia's total population



Source: United Nations, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, Population Division, *World Population Prospects: The 2008 Revision*, New York, 2009 (advanced Excel tables).

Number of people in Asia, 1908-2008



Declining Mortality

Increasingly important demographic source of population aging at a later stage, particularly when e_0 exceeds 70 years

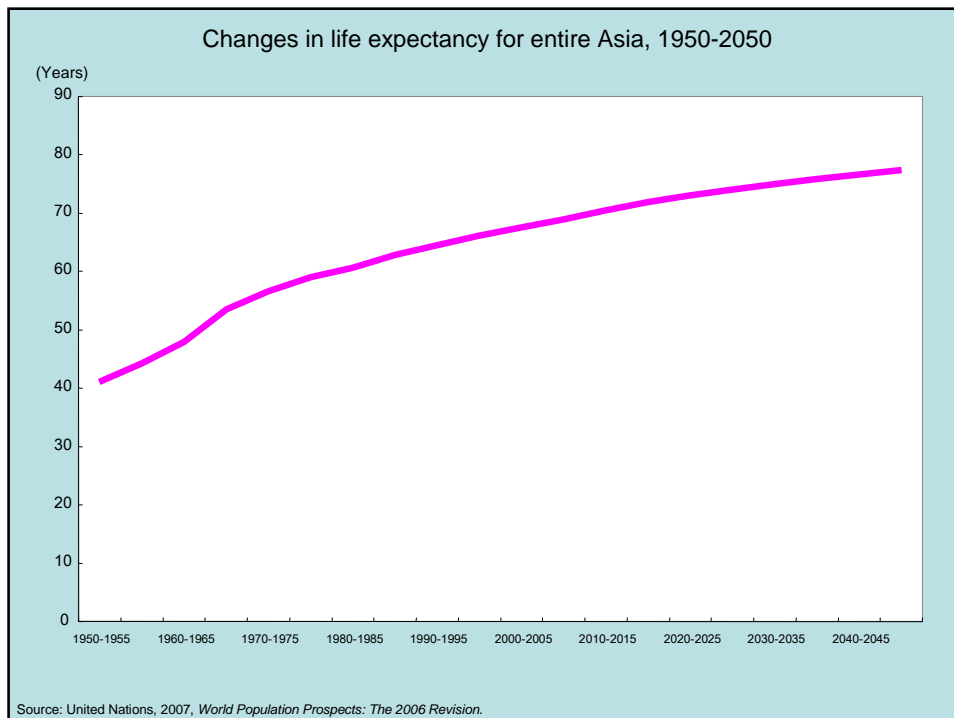
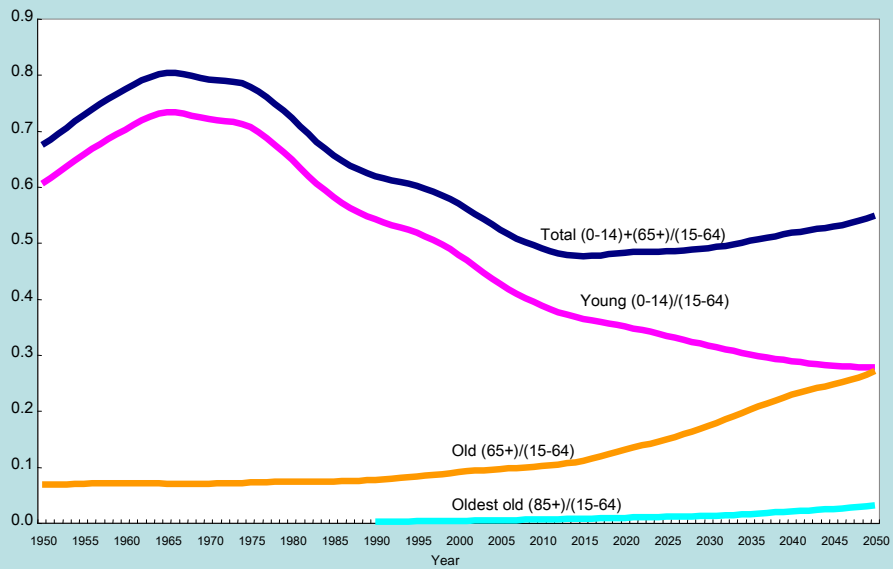
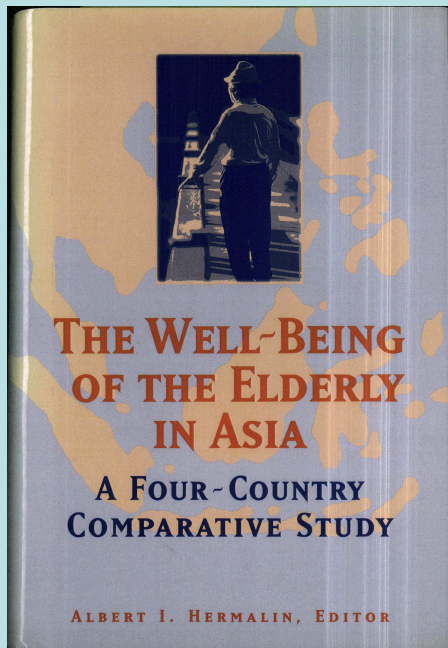


Figure 2. Total dependency ratio for Asia as a whole, 1950-2050



Source: United Nations, 2007, *World Population Prospects: The 2006 Revision*.



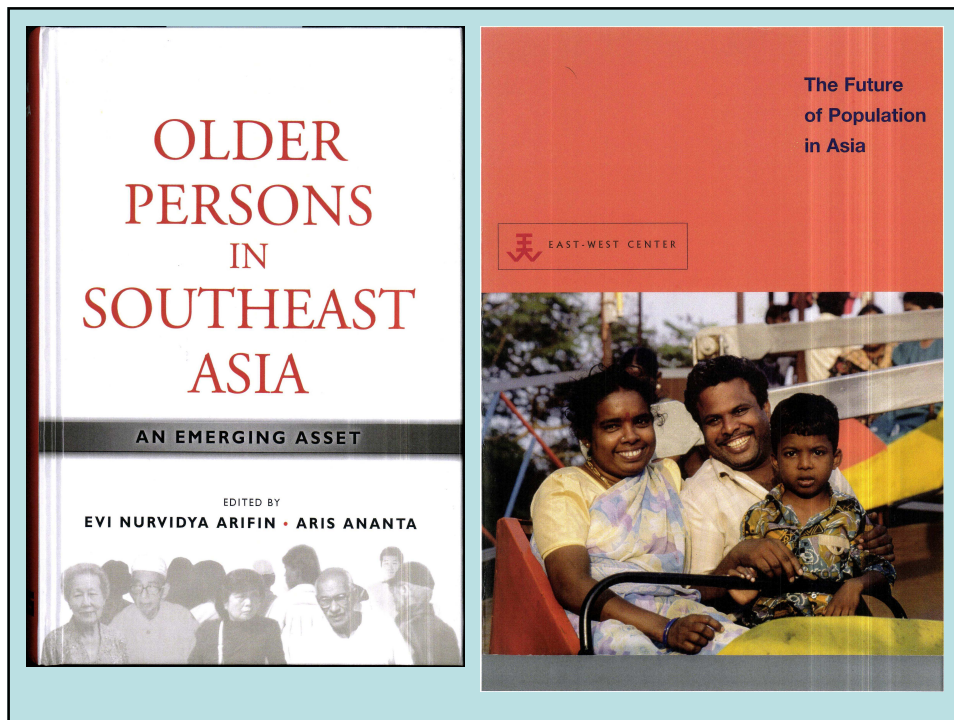
The Elderly Woman in Asia:
Her Roles and Position



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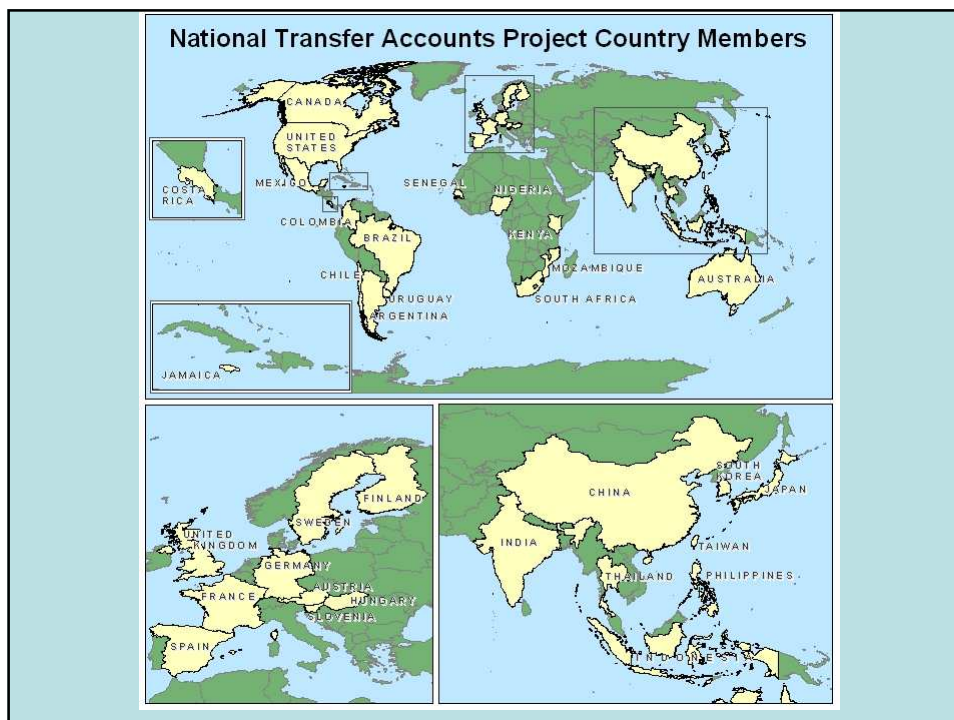
International Institute on Ageing, United Nations - Malta





**An innovative approach to
analyzing some of the aging-
related problems:**

National Transfer Accounts (NTA)



Basic Features of the National Transfer Account (**NTA**) Project

- union of macro-level (**public**) and micro-level (**familial**) data
- interplay among various **age** groups (age-specific)
- consistent with the System of **National Income**

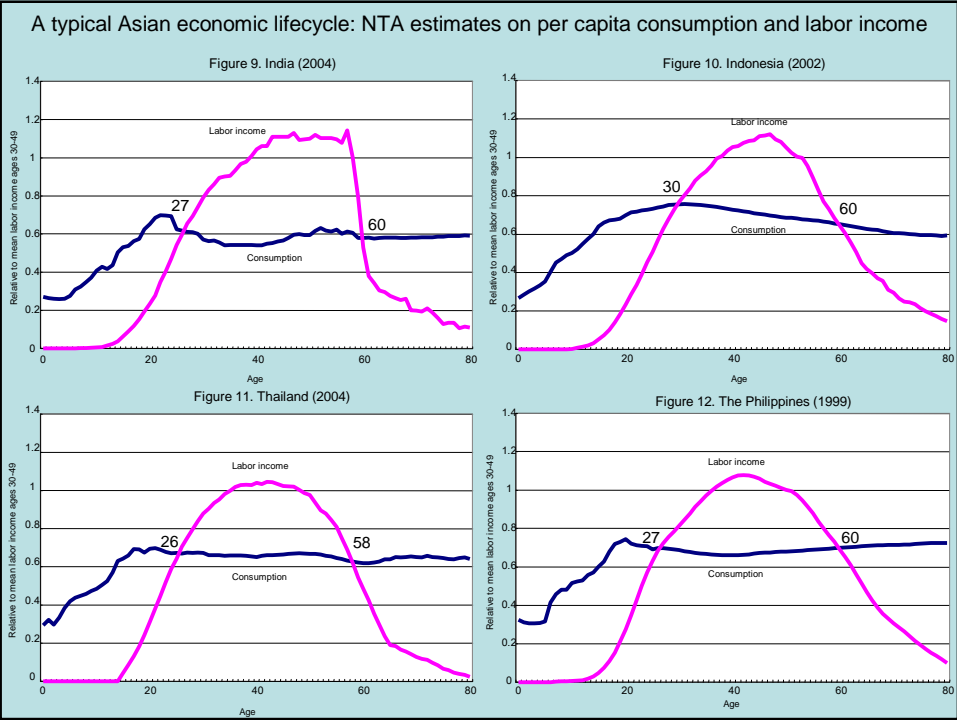
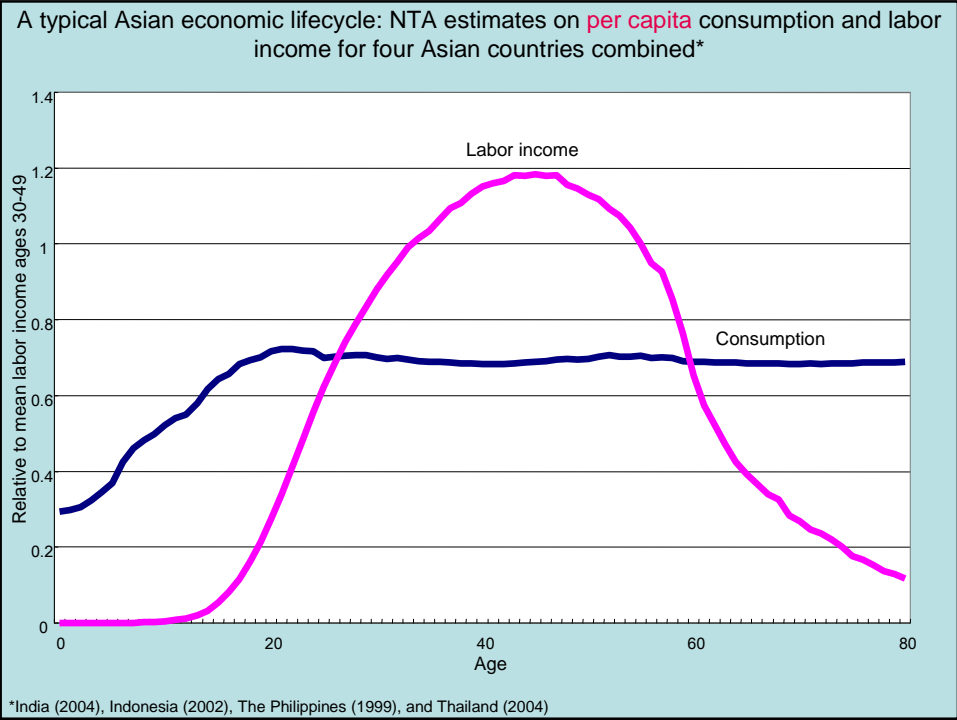
The NTA system will provide important new information relevant to the following issues:

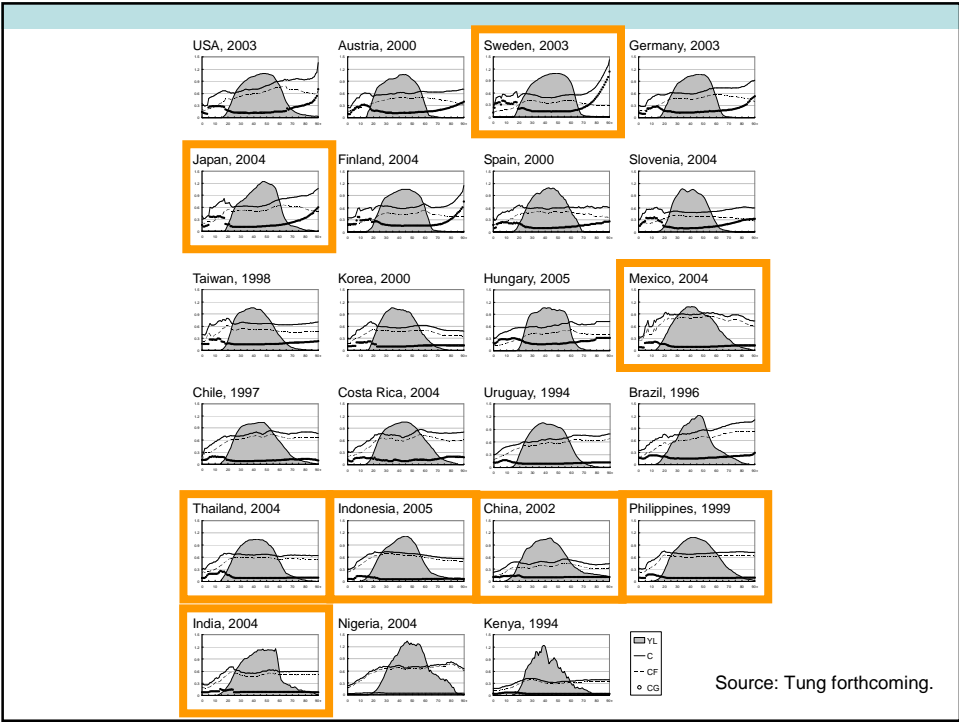
- ① Analysis of the two demographic dividends
- ② Intergenerational Equity and Poverty
- ③ Aging Policy
- ④ Childbearing Incentives

In this presentation, each of these research issues will be touched upon briefly.

**First, the generation
of the first
demographic
dividend**

**Here is Developing
Asia's most
important graph!**





To facilitate the discussion that follow, let us calculate the first demographic dividend for selected Asian countries

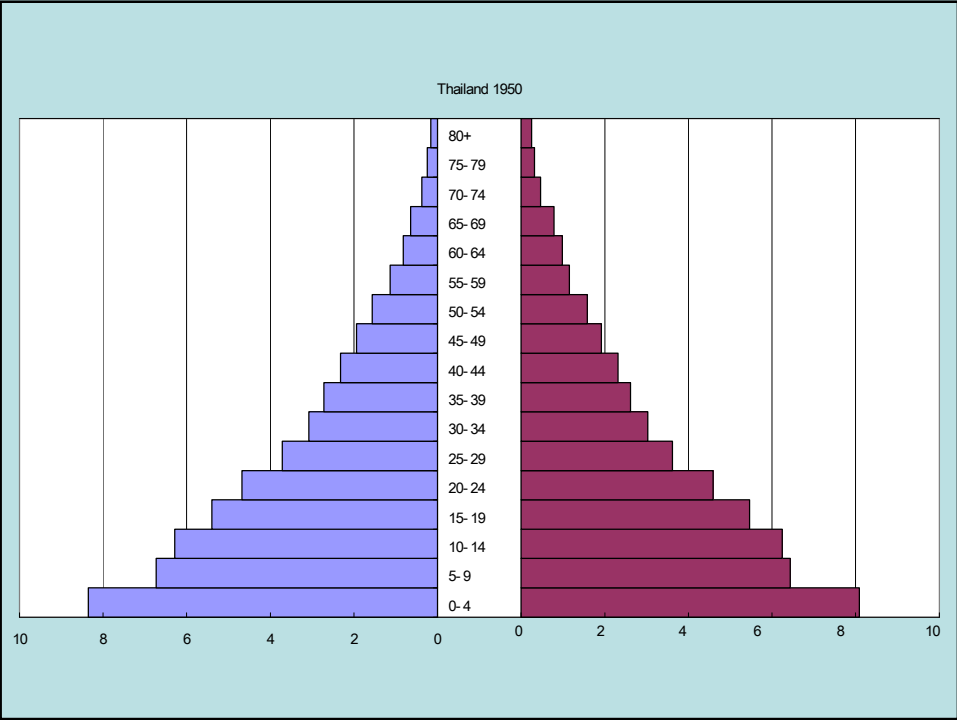
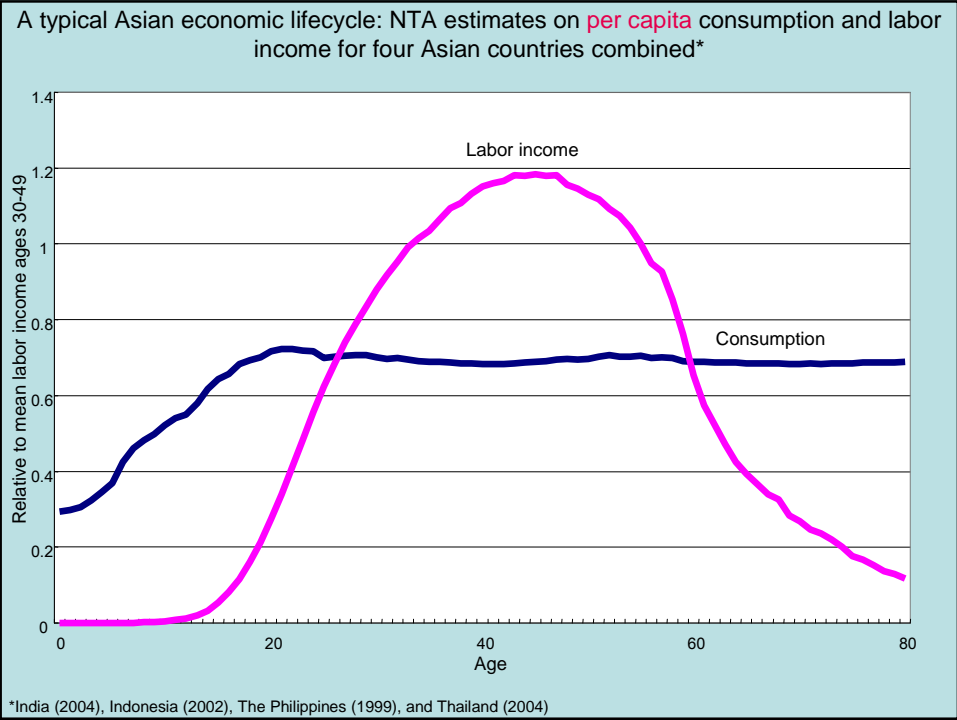
The First Demographic Dividend is generated when

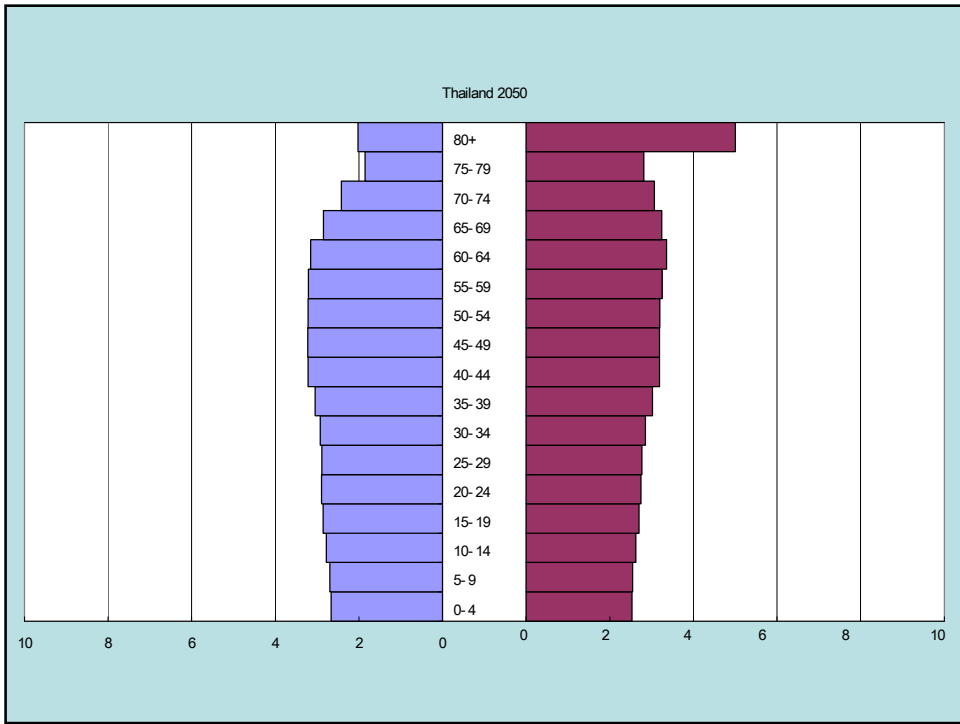
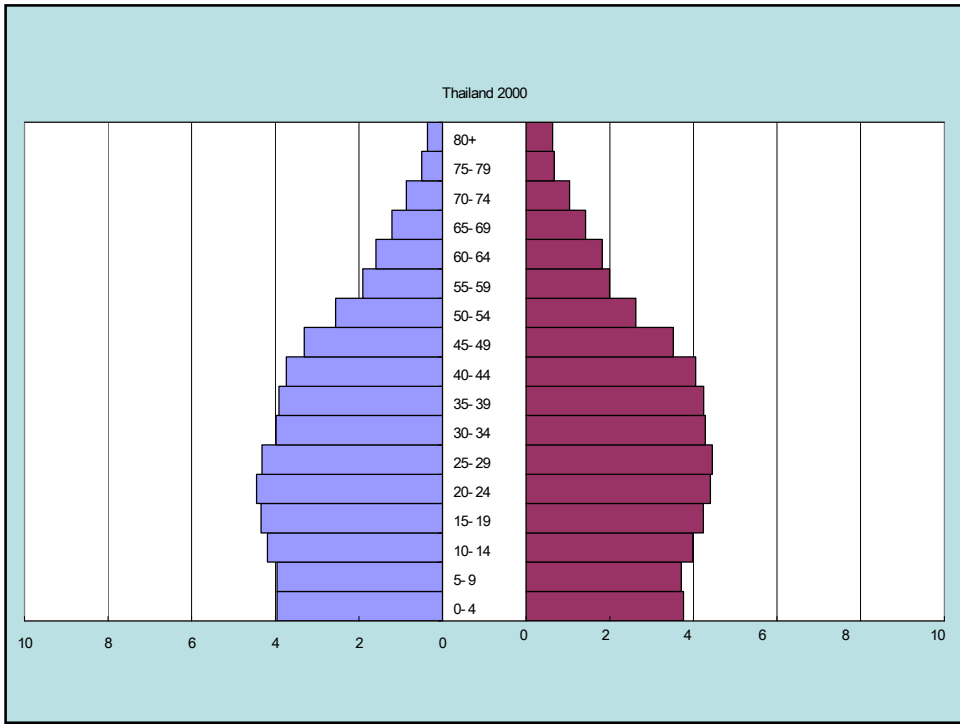
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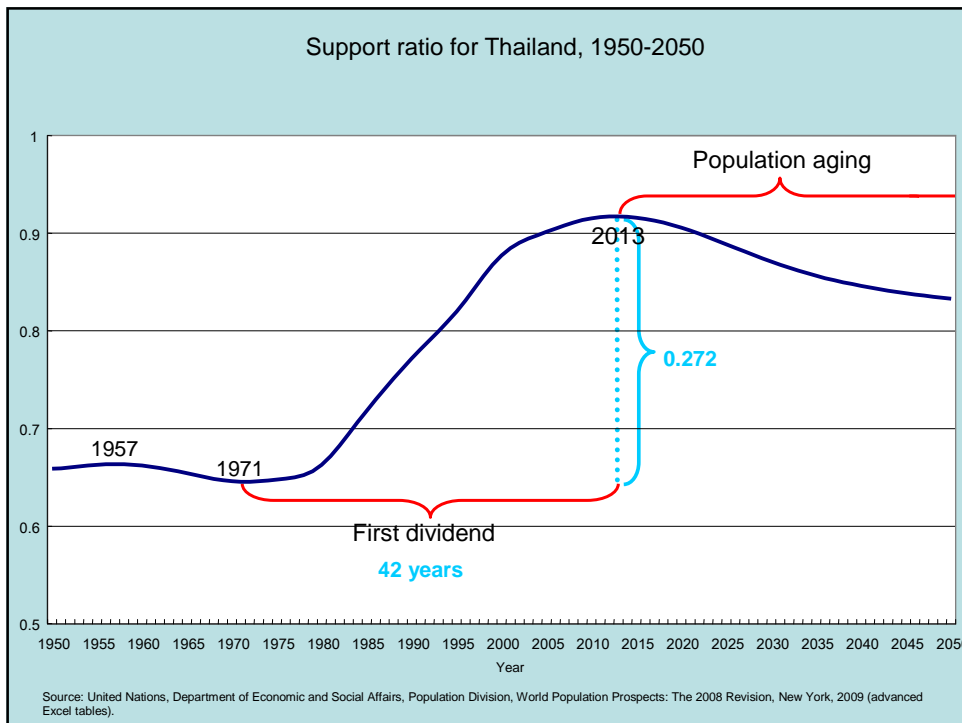
Support Ratios

- **Effective** workers are calculated as a weighted sum of pop using labor income age profile.
- **Effective** consumers are calculated in a similar fashion, using consumption age profile.
- Ratio of effective labor to effective consumers is the “**Support Ratio**”
- **The balance of workers and consumers for the whole population is summarized by the support ratio**

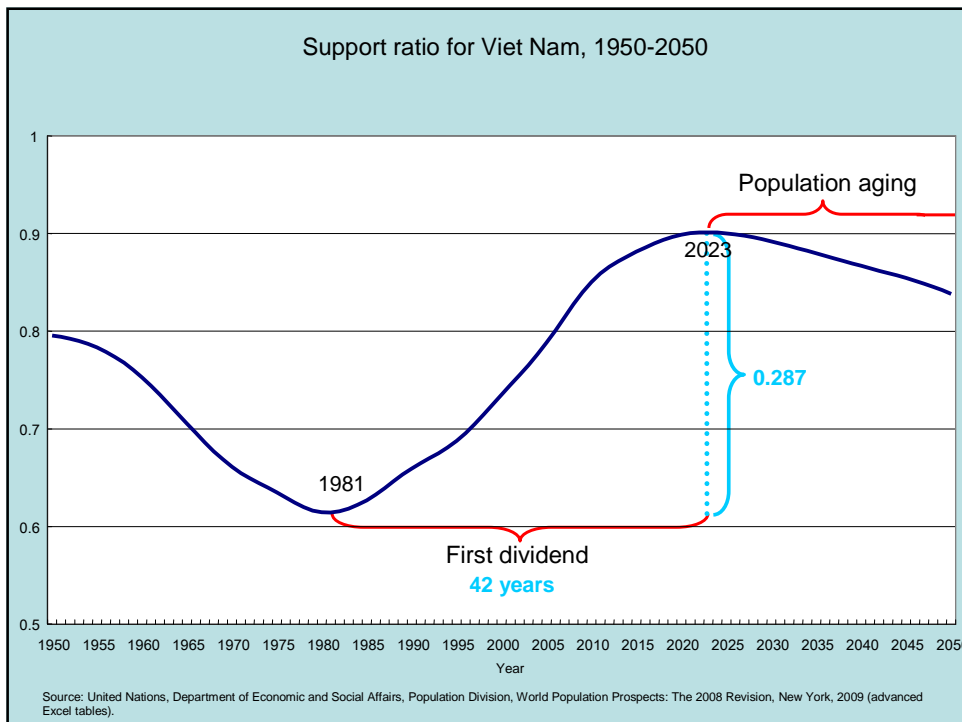
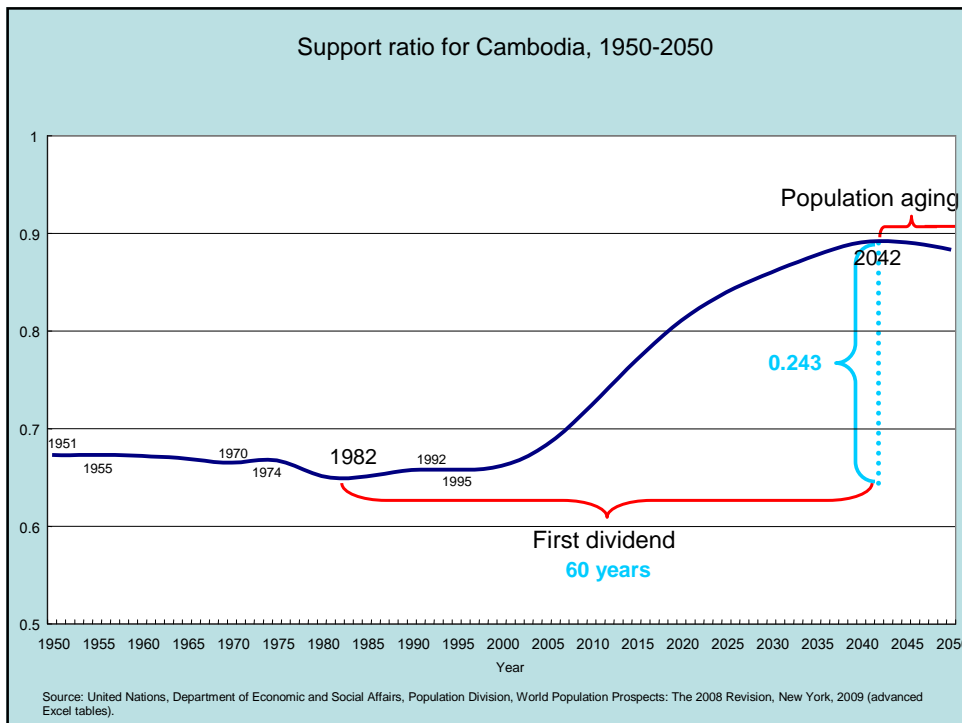
$$\text{Support Ratio} = \frac{\text{Effective Workers}}{\text{Effective Consumers}} = \frac{\sum_0^{\omega} \text{Pop}(x) y_l(x)}{\sum_0^{\omega} \text{Pop}(x) c(x)}$$

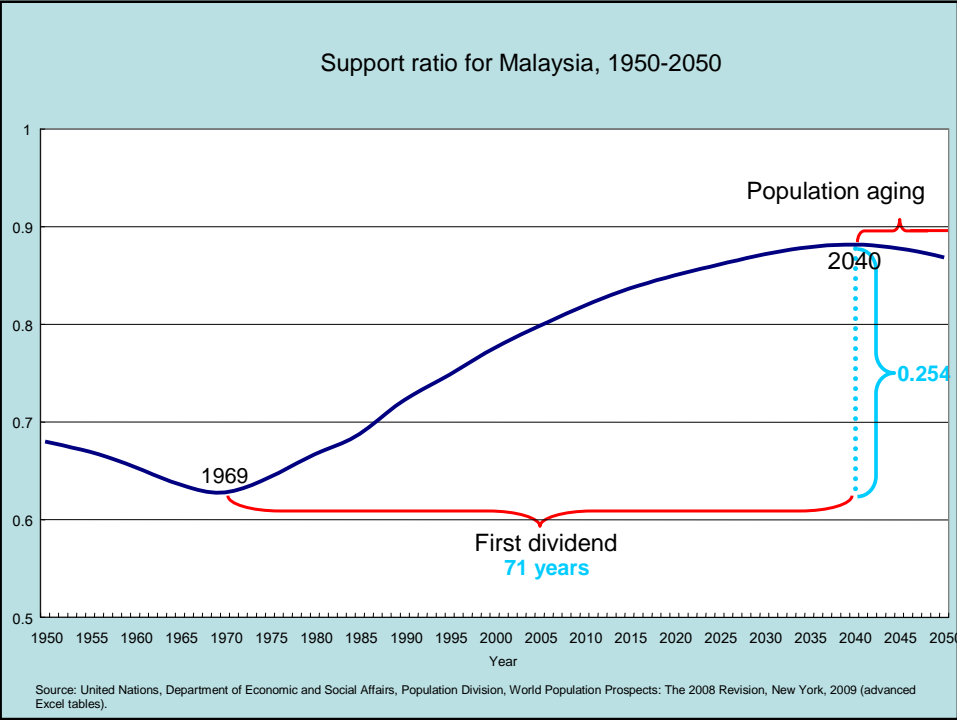
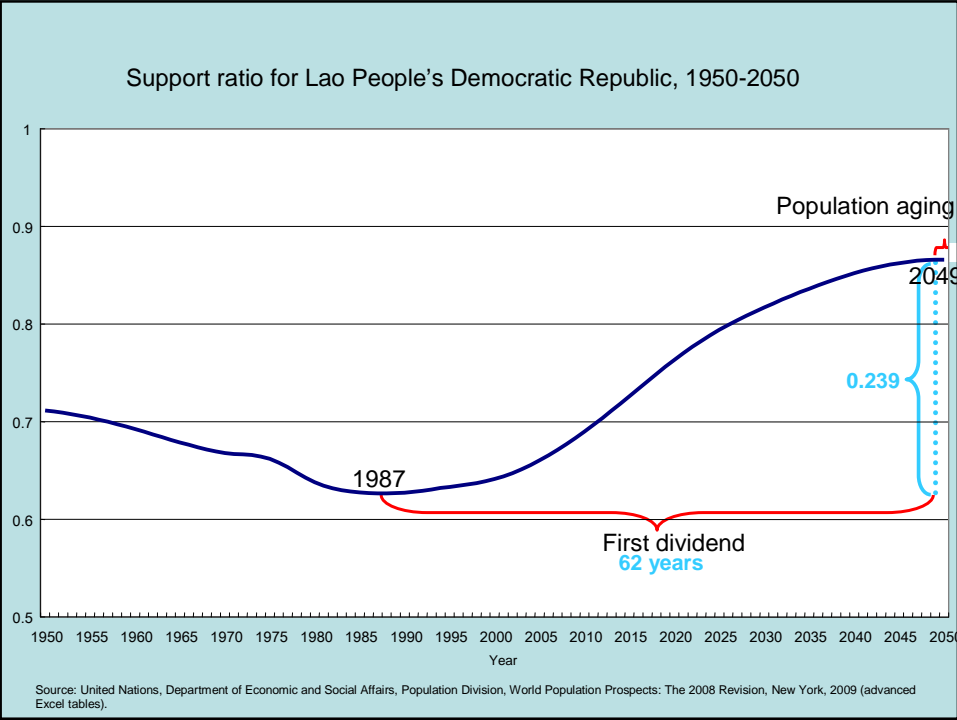




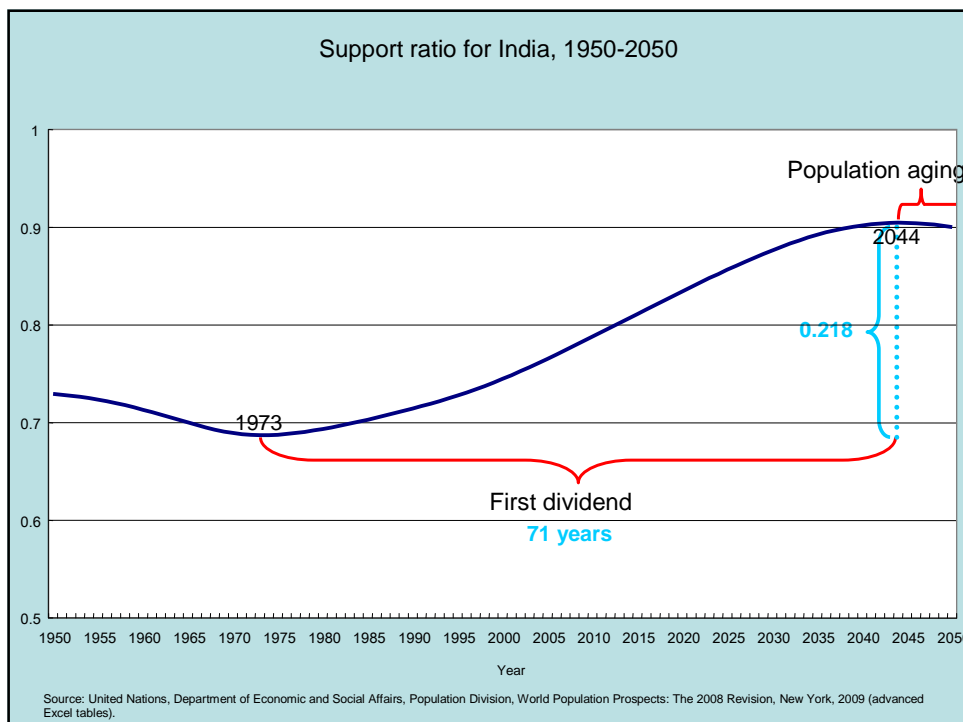


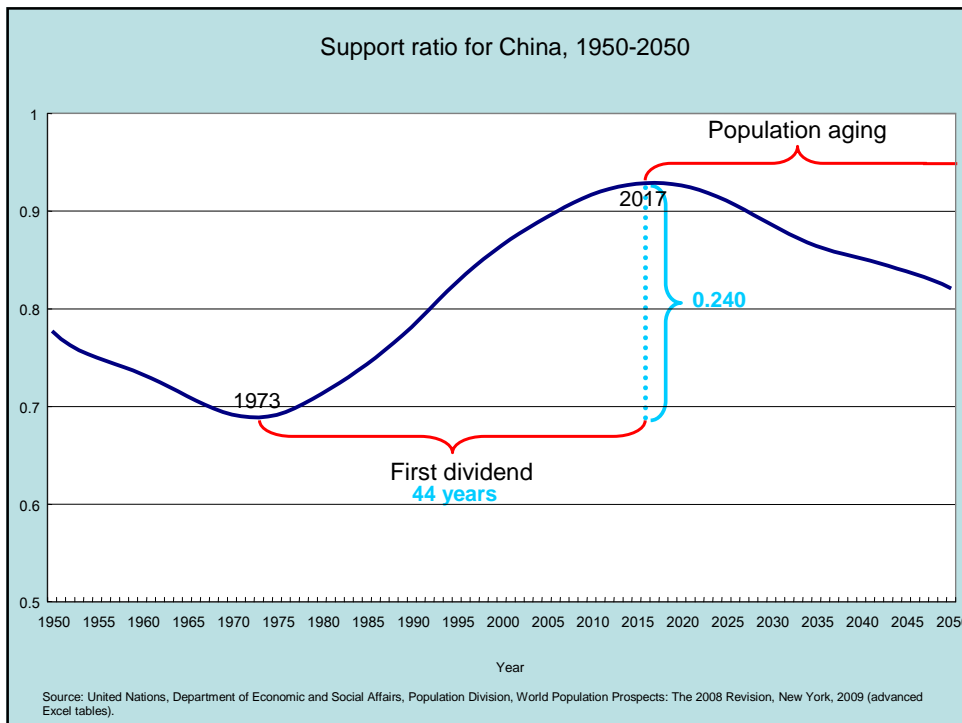
**How about the other
countries in the
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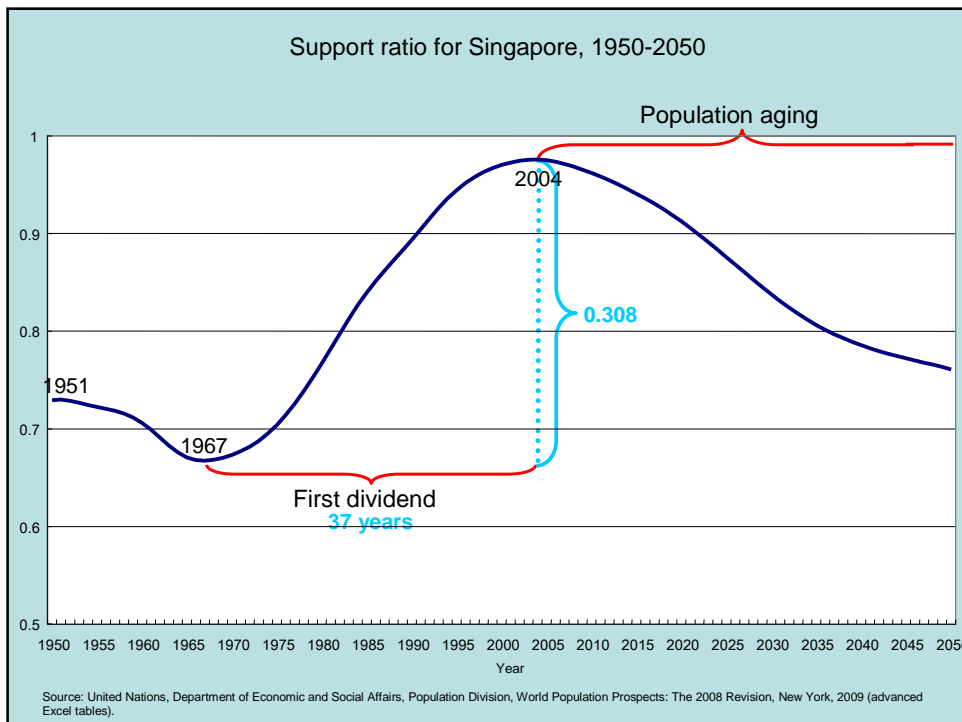
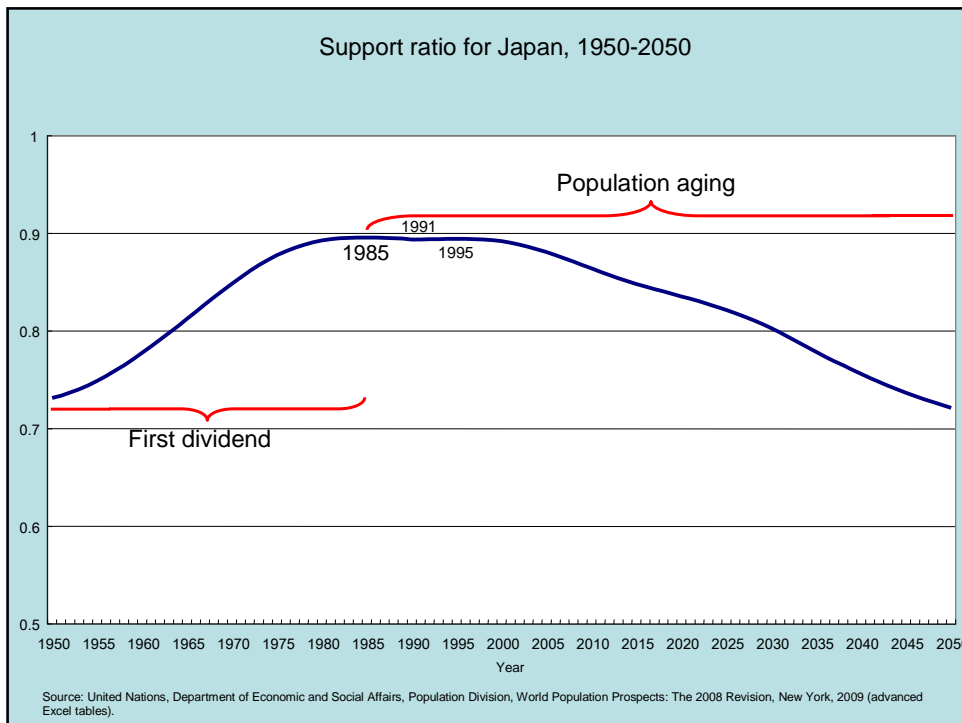


How about Asia's two giants?

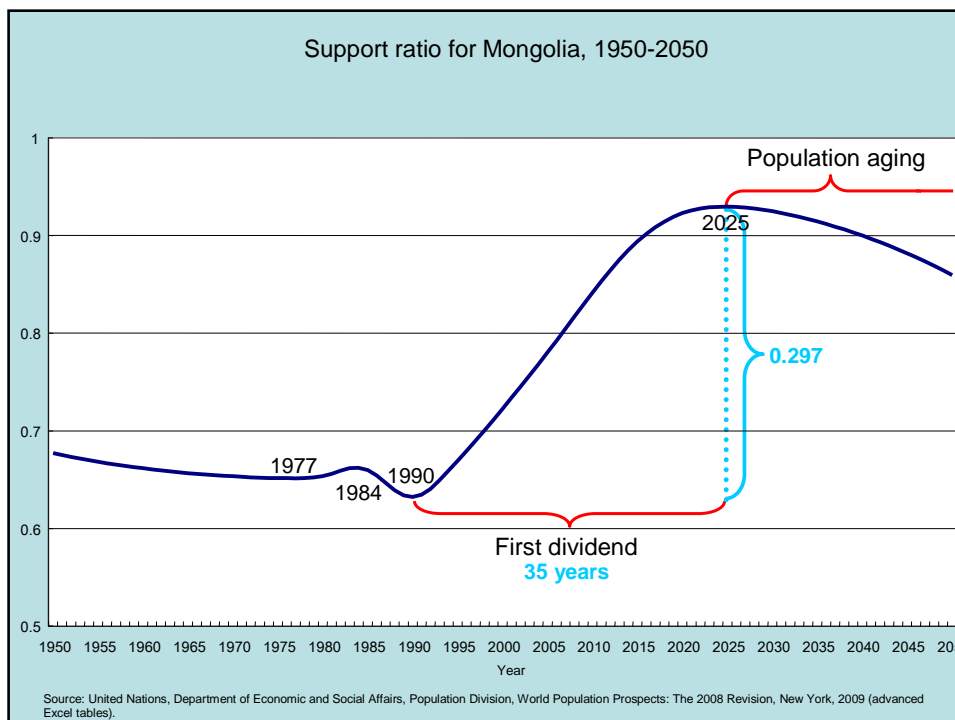




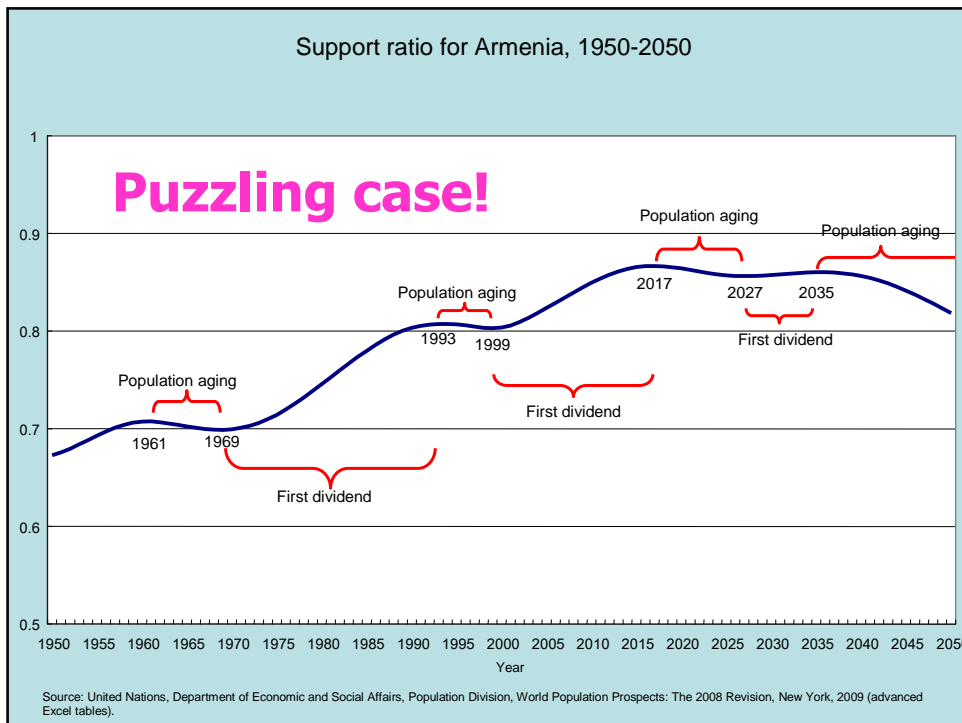
**How about Asia's
two forerunners in
population aging?**



Asia's two exceptional cases. Here they are



Support ratio for Armenia, 1950-2050



First demographic dividend in Asian countries, 2000-2050, expressed in terms of the annual growth rate

	2000-2010	2010-2020	2020-2030	2030-2040	2040-2050
Armenia	0.74	0.47	0.01	-0.15	-0.79
Bangladesh	0.70	0.61	0.41	0.23	0.05
Cambodia	0.77	1.05	0.61	0.41	-0.02
China	0.58	0.05	-0.54	-0.49	-0.32
India	0.55	0.57	0.48	0.28	-0.03
Indonesia	0.84	0.47	0.10	-0.20	-0.33
Korea, Republic of	0.49	-0.08	-0.60	-0.84	-0.71
Lao People's Democratic Republic	0.95	1.17	0.76	0.45	0.05
Malaysia	0.54	0.36	0.25	0.13	-0.14
Mongolia	1.60	0.97	0.08	-0.31	-0.55
Pakistan	0.89	0.97	0.55	0.34	0.01
Philippines	0.58	0.55	0.53	0.40	0.13
Singapore	-0.07	-0.51	-0.84	-0.63	-0.33
Thailand	0.46	-0.19	-0.42	-0.34	-0.21
Viet Nam	1.22	0.74	0.10	-0.22	-0.42

Many ways to define and compute the demographic dividend

Demographic Bonus or Window of Opportunity
(UNFPA, 1999; Birdsall and Sinding, 2001; Merrick, 2002)

Demographic Gift
(Williamson, 2001)

Demographic Opportunity
(Fargues, 2001)

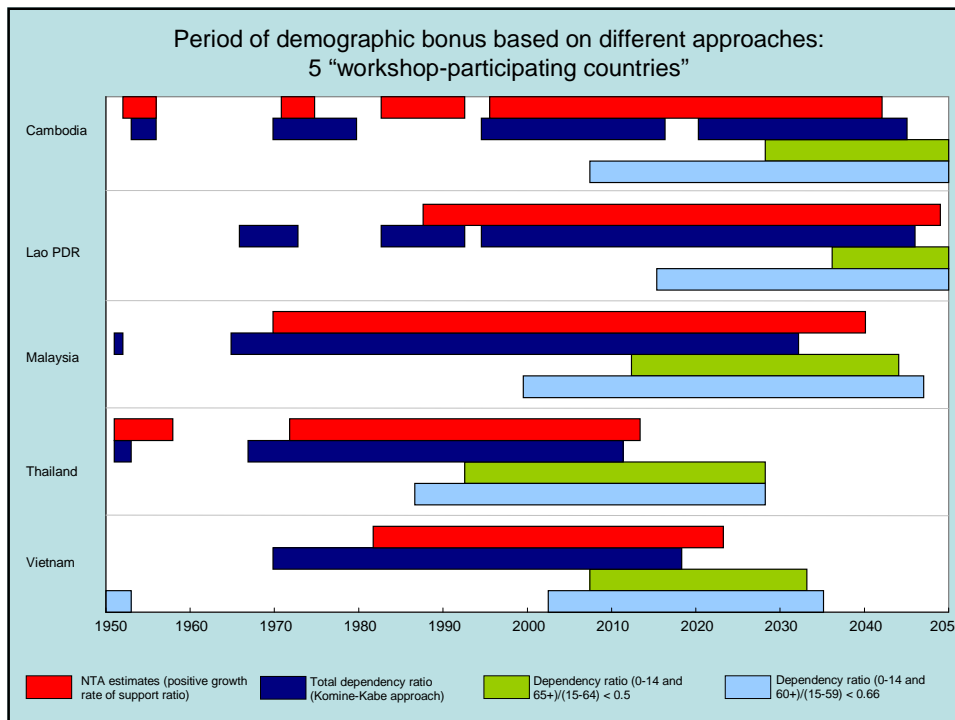
Demographic Golden Age
(Vallin, 2002)

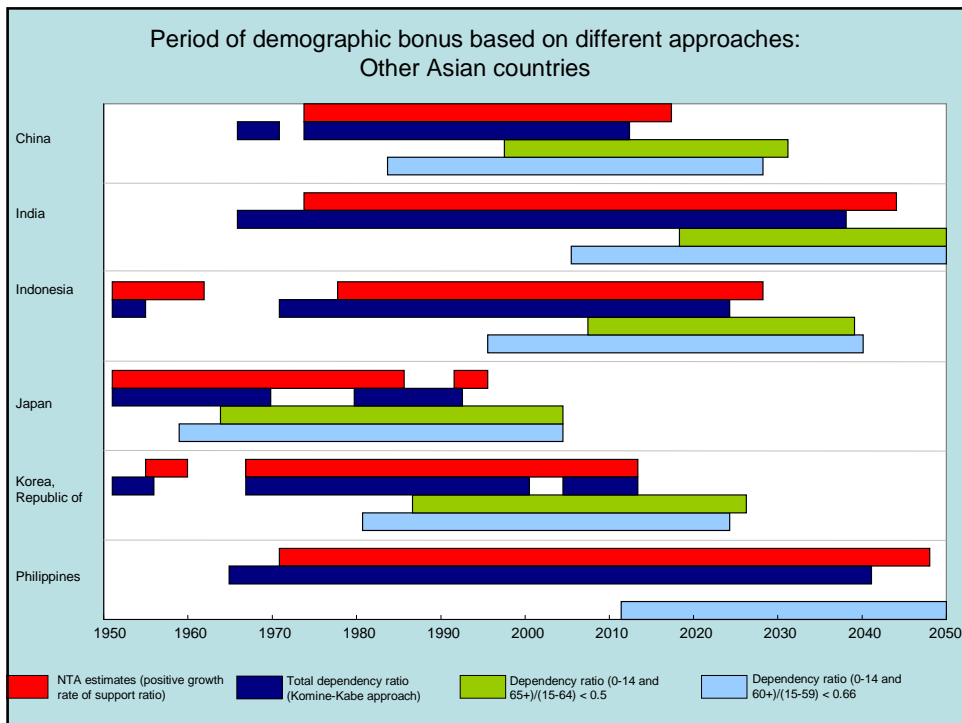
Demographic Dividend
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Double Windows
(Chen and Lin, 2004)

First and Second Dividends
(Mason and Lee, 2005)

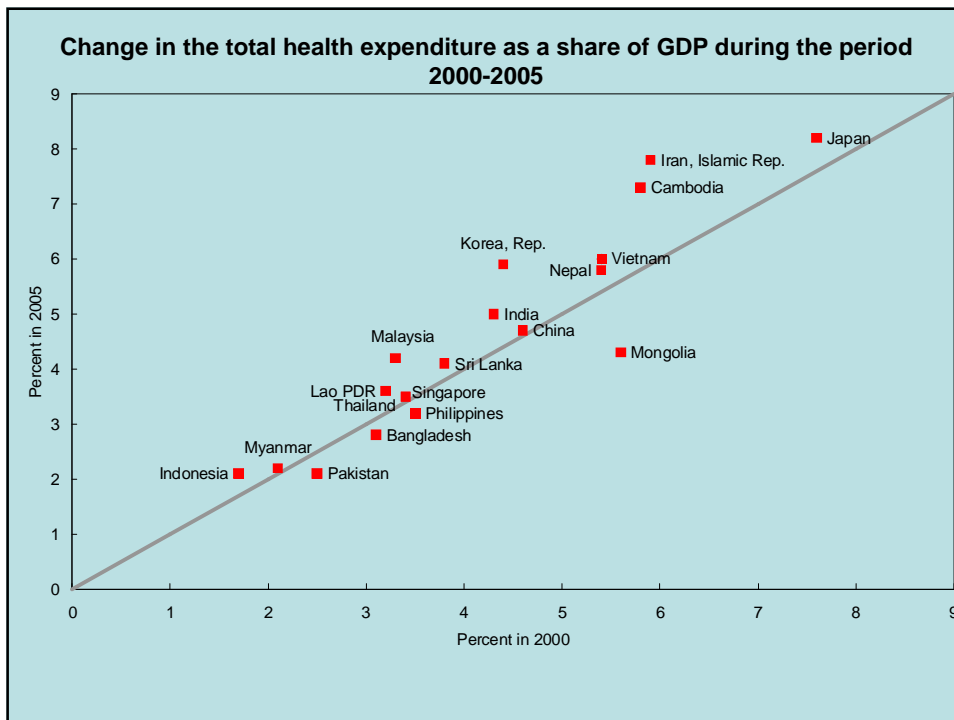
**In most of these studies,
the conventional total
dependency ratio is
used...**

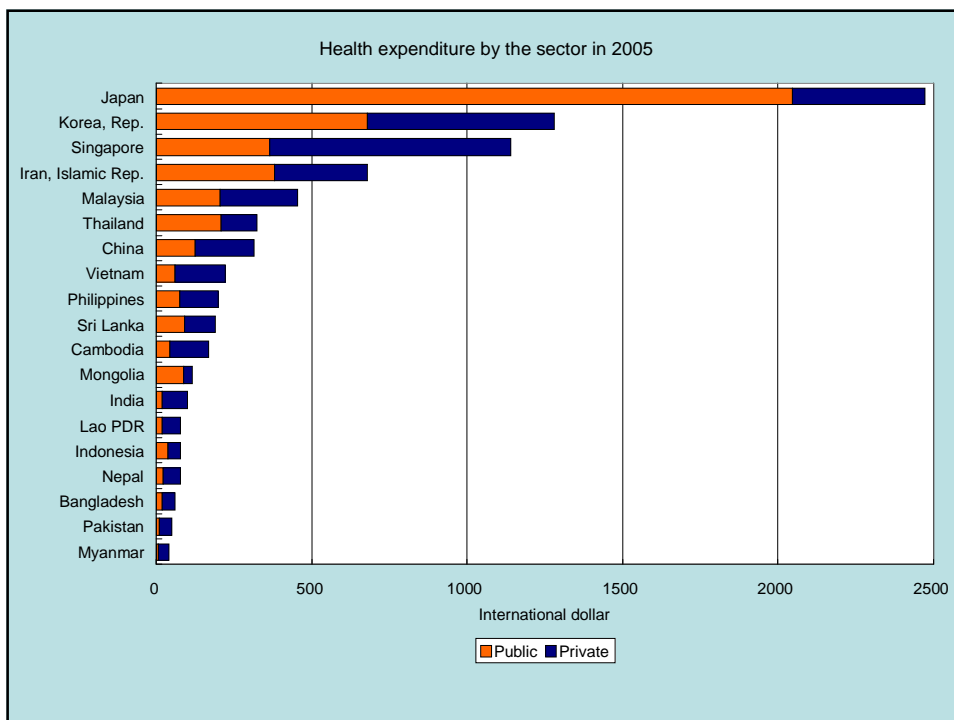
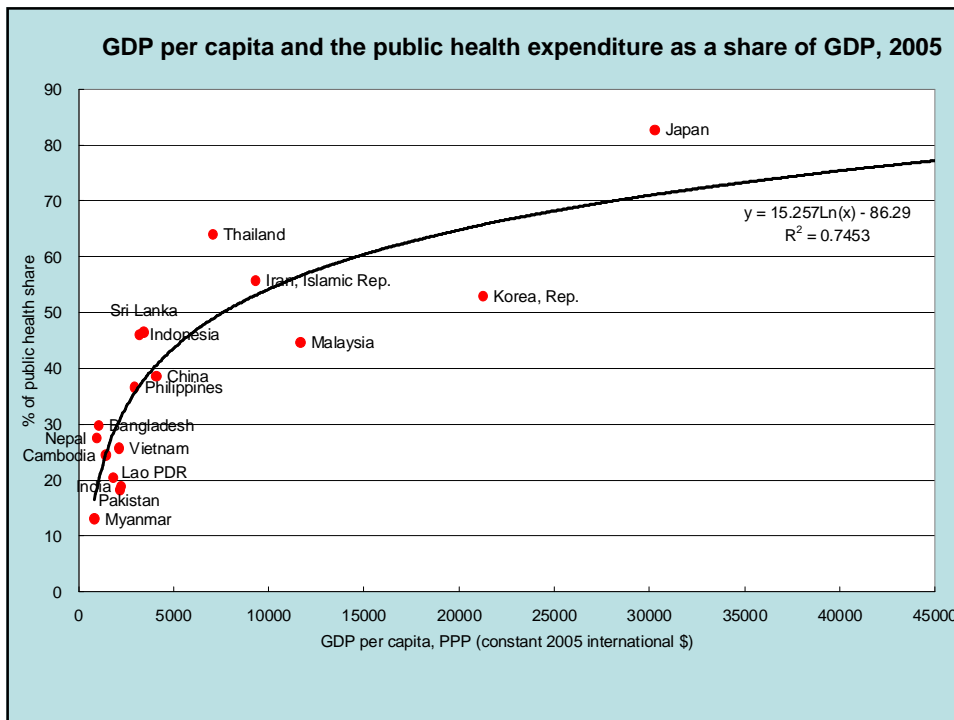




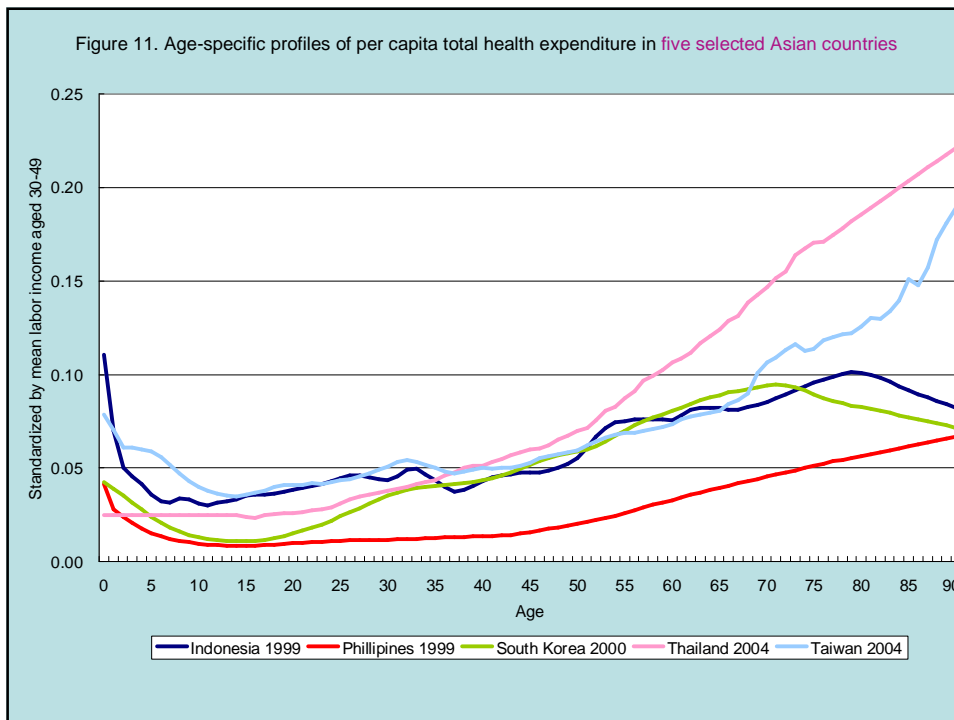
Is Asia seizing the opportunities of the first demographic dividend for strengthening its human resource development programs?

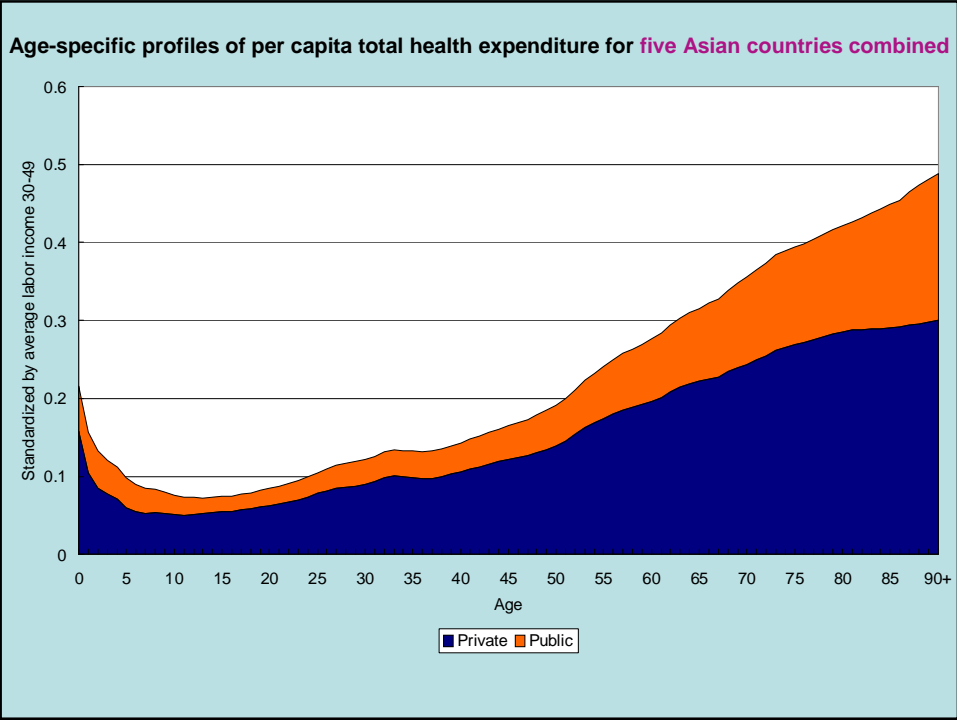
Recent trends of health expenditure in aging Asia



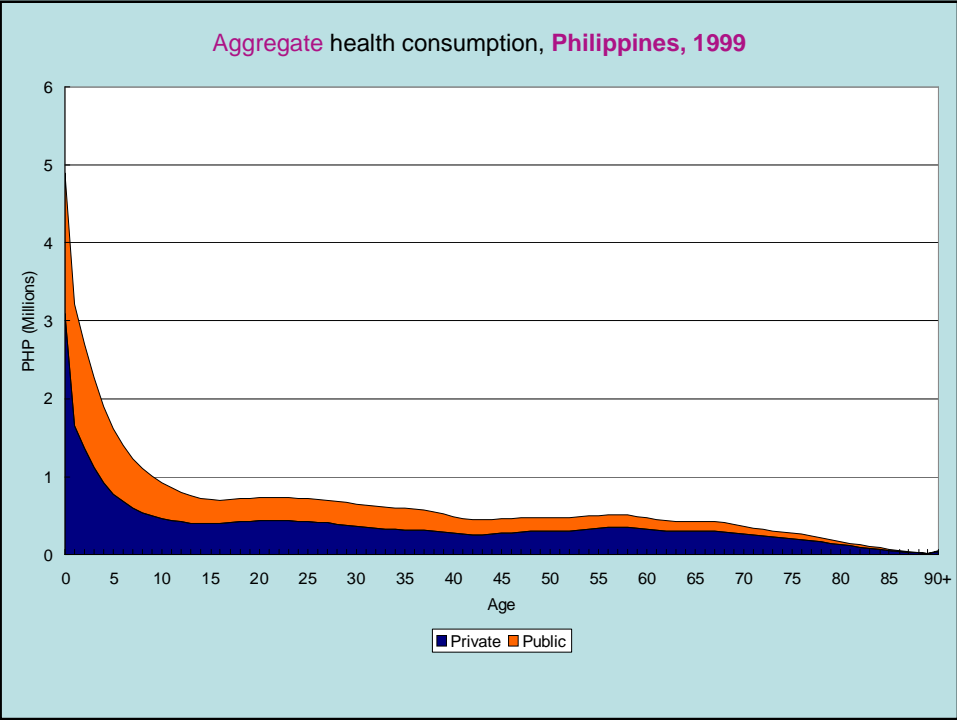
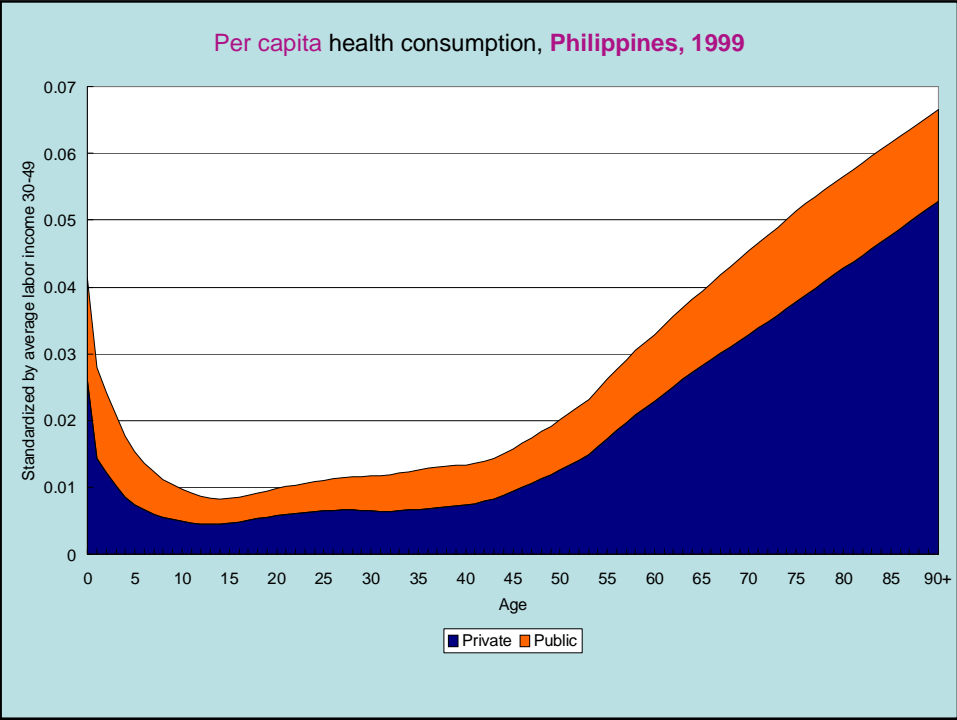


Healthcare costs in selected Asian countries

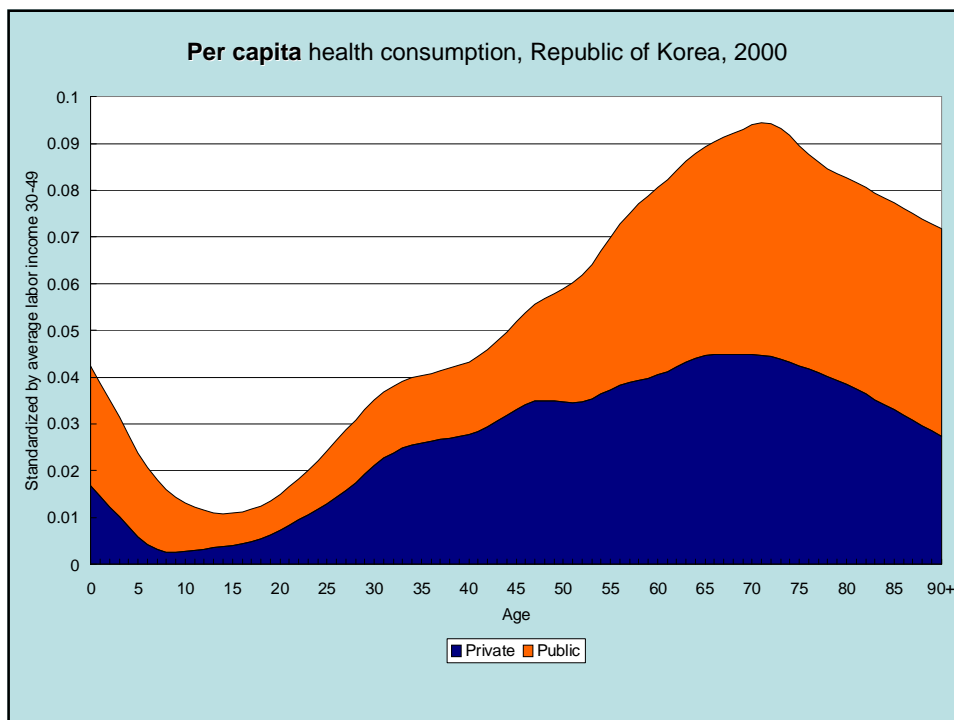


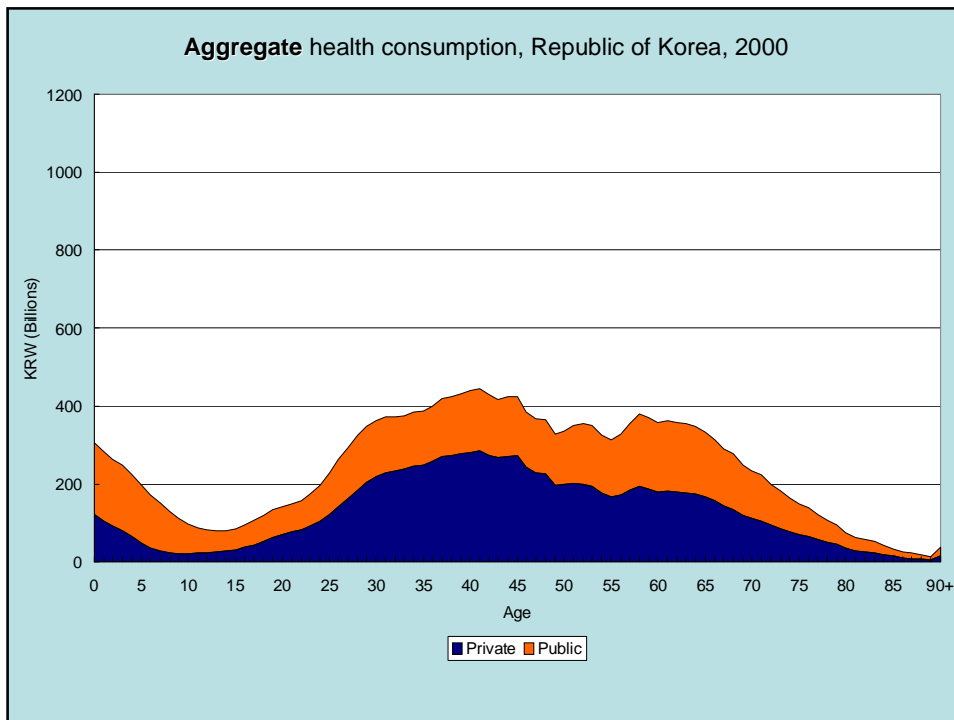


Case of the Philippines

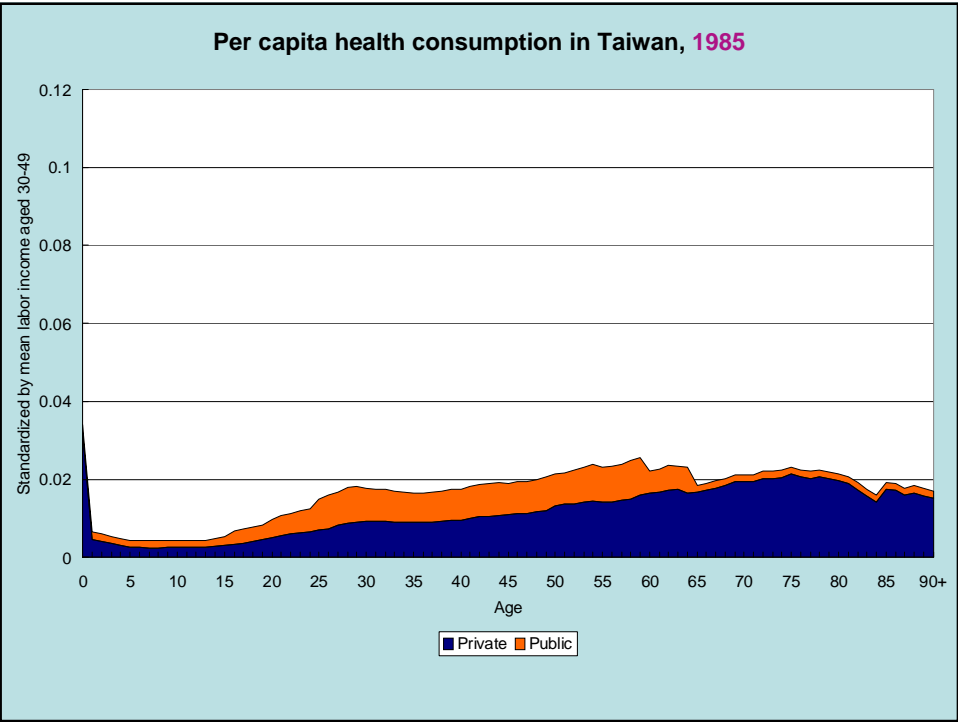
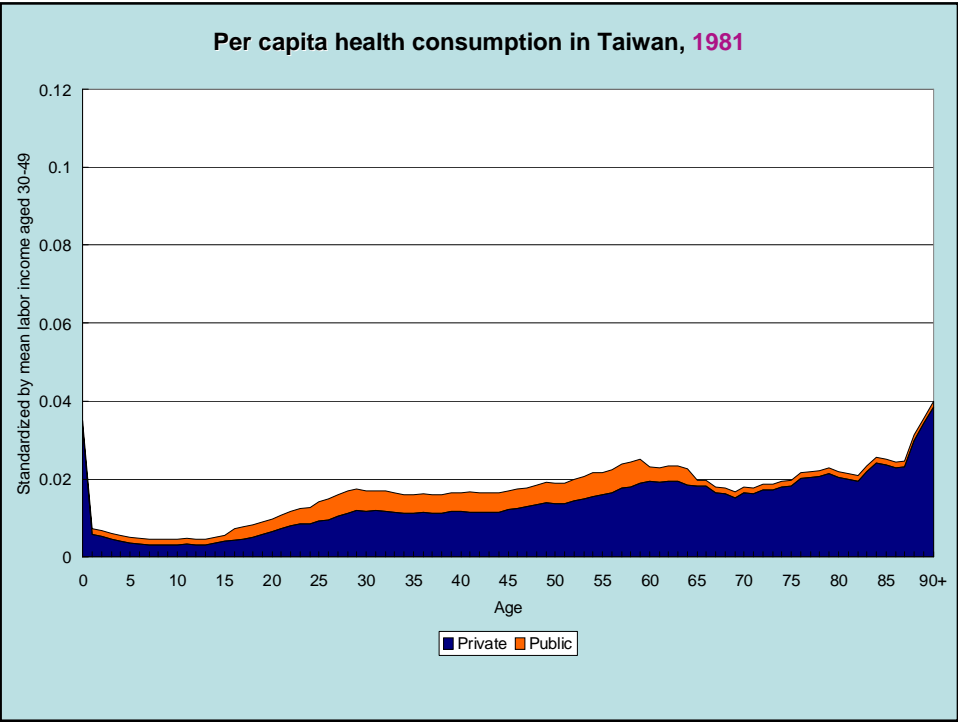


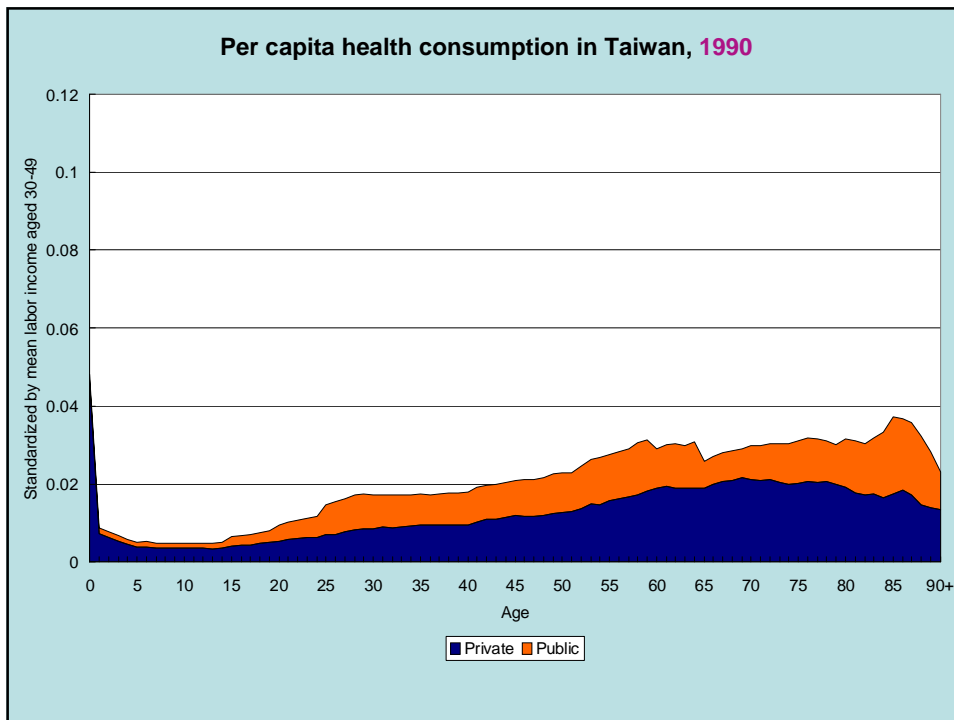
Case of the Republic of Korea



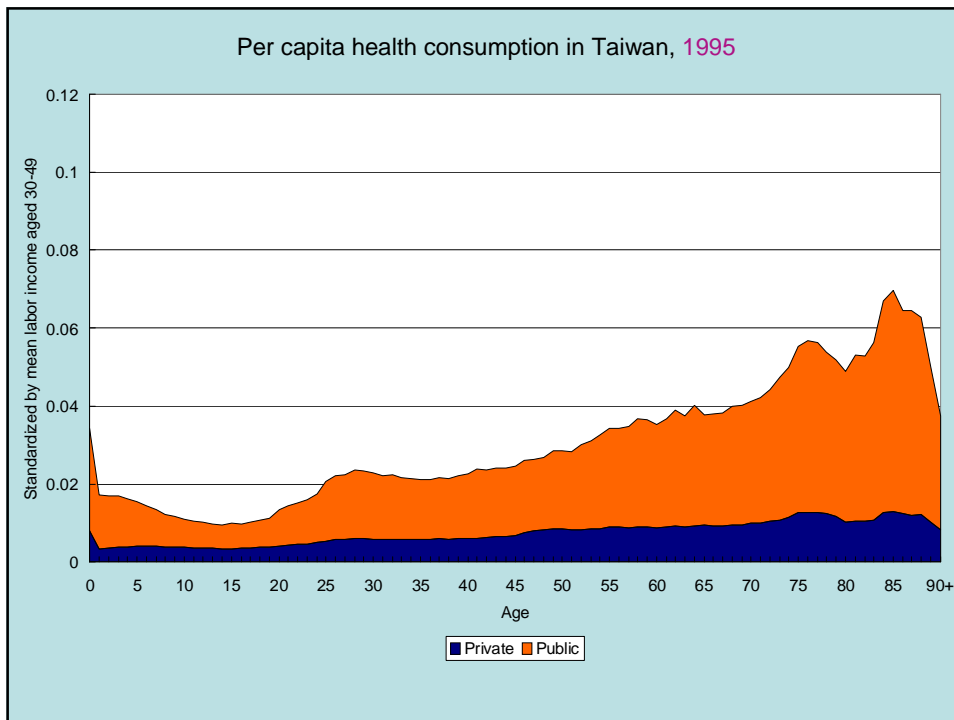


Case of Taiwan Province of China

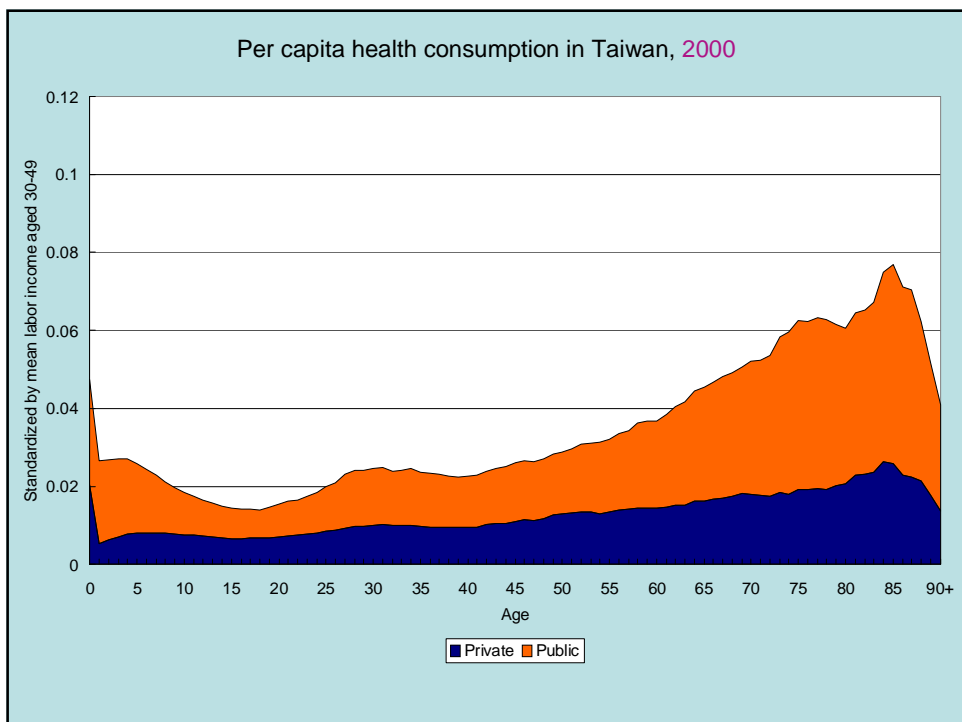
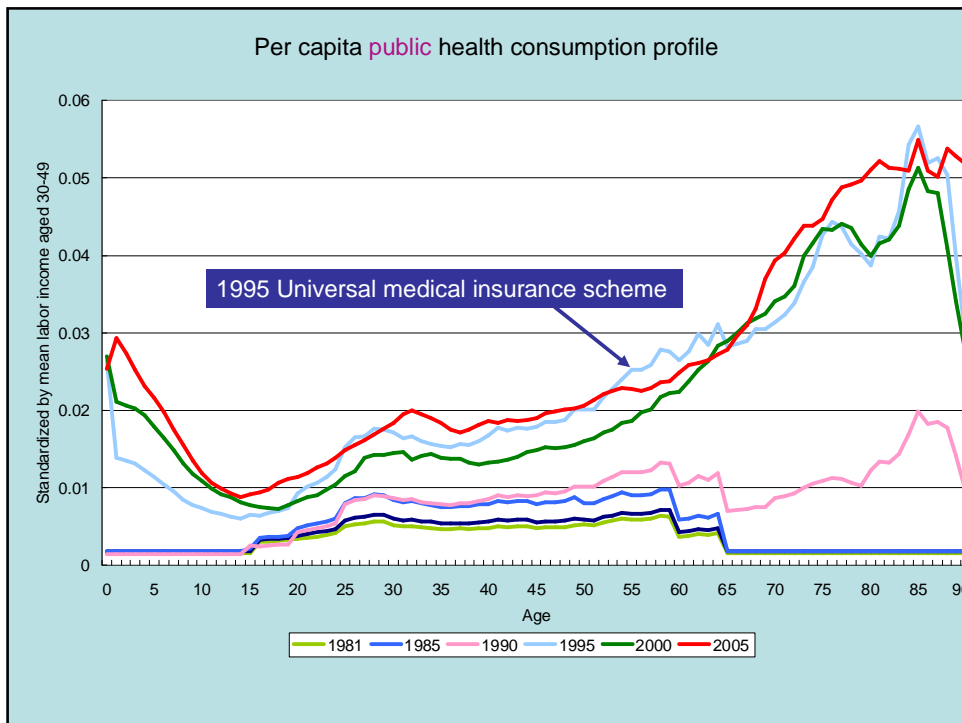


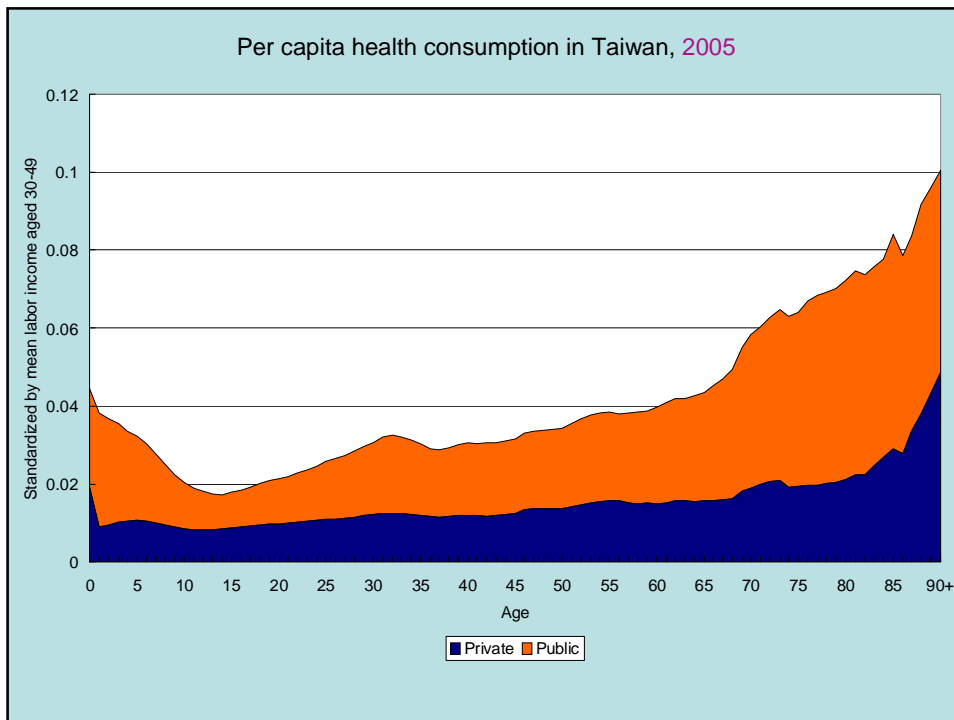


Major shift!

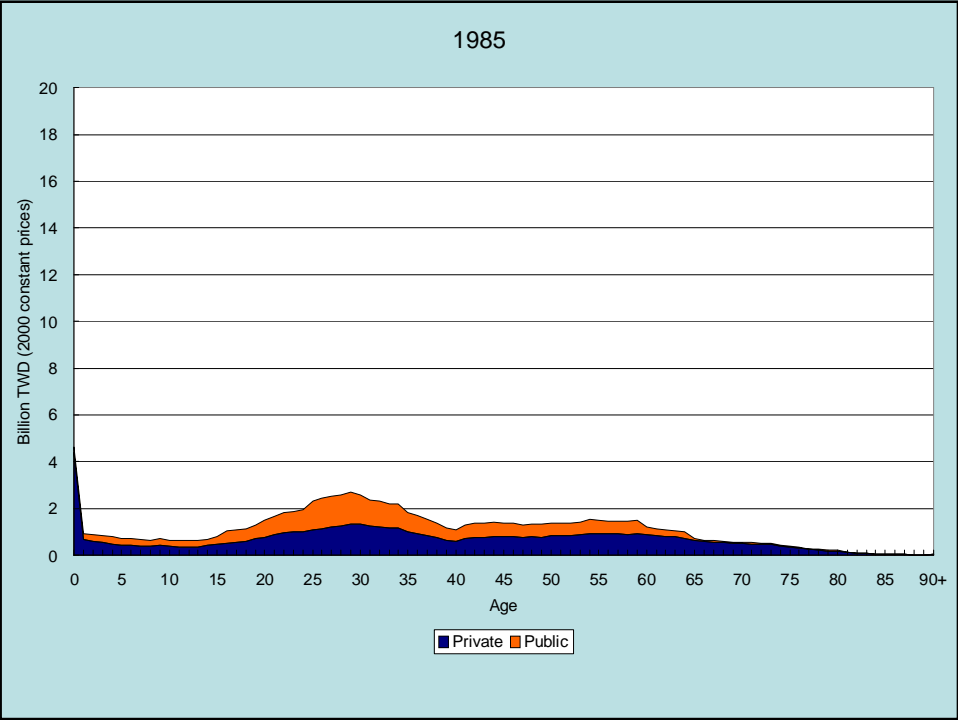
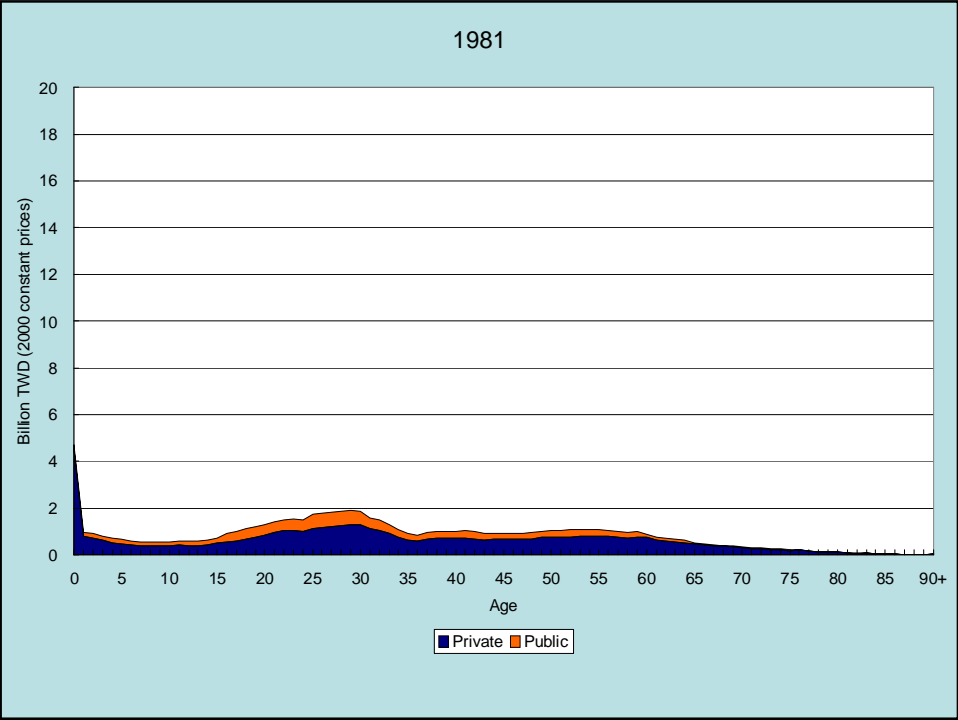


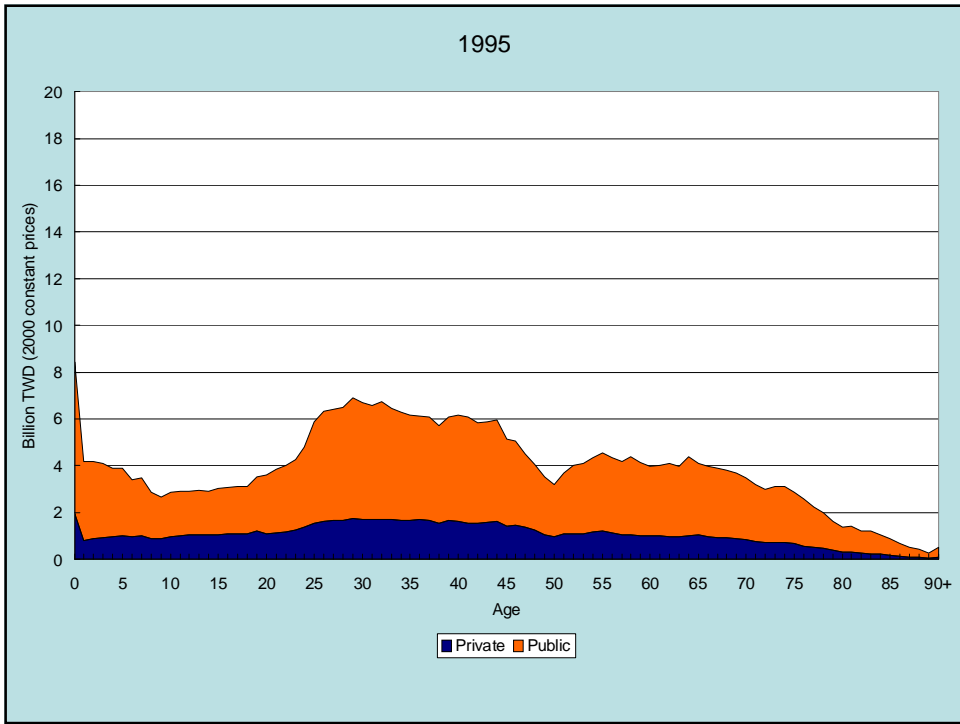
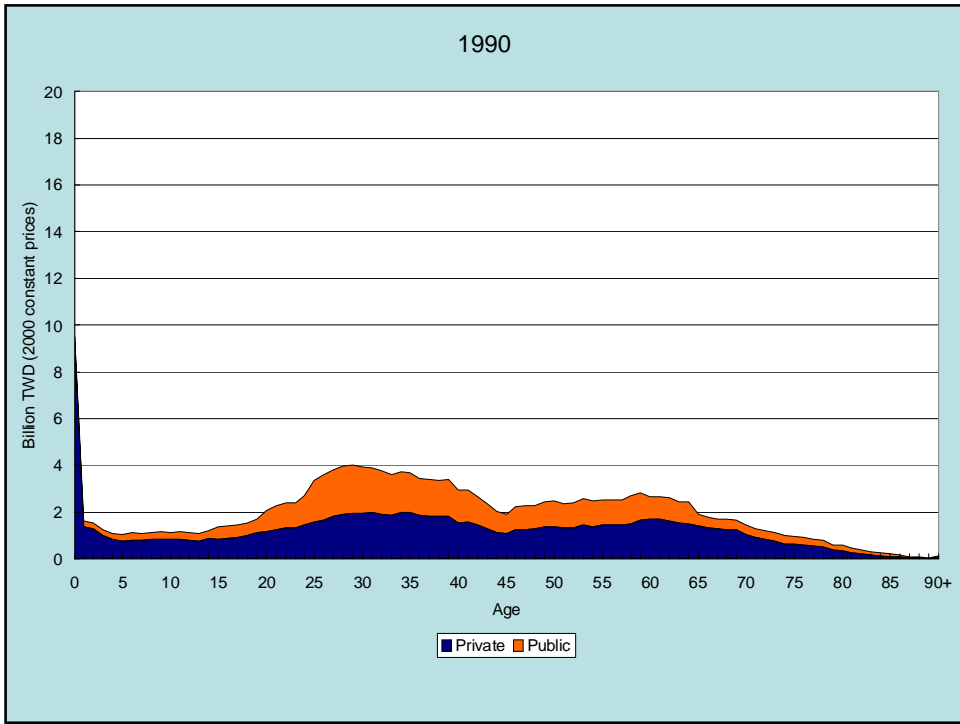
**What happened
in the early
1990s in Taiwan?**

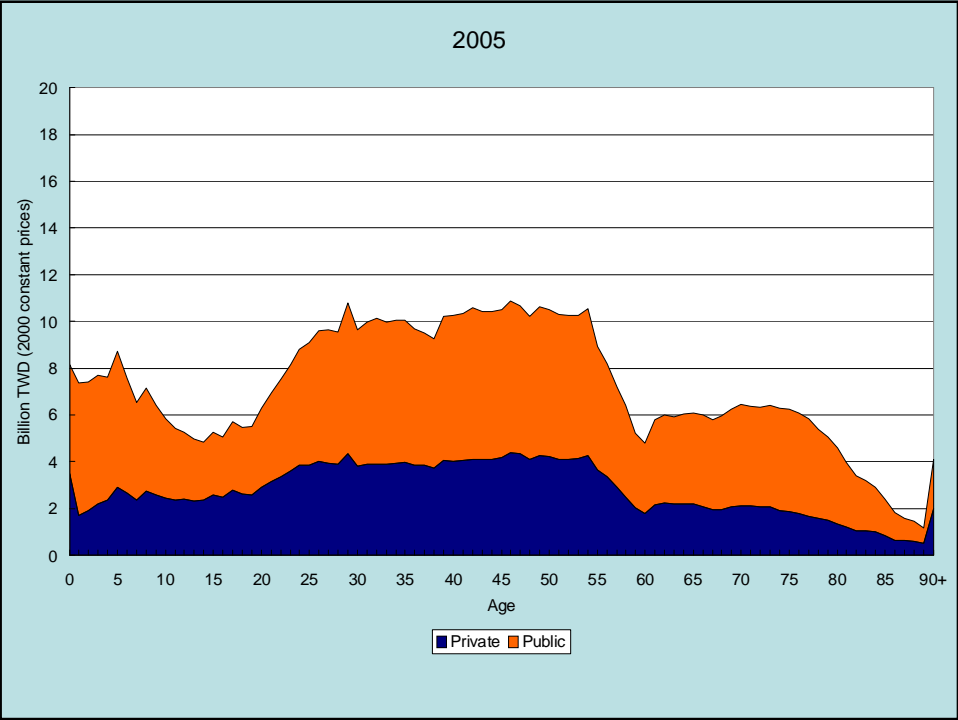
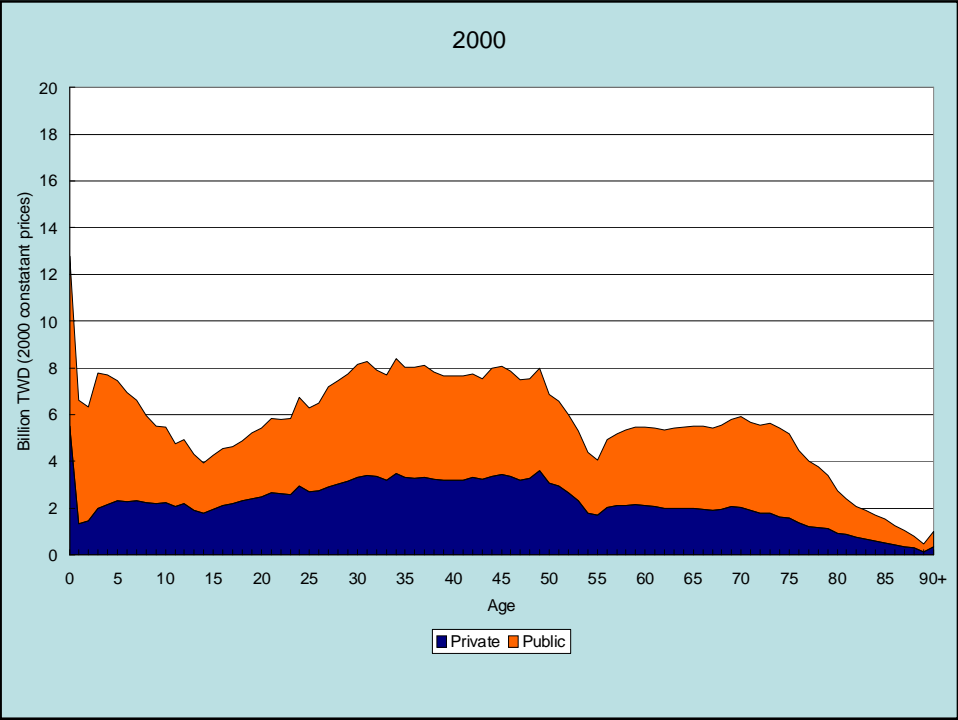




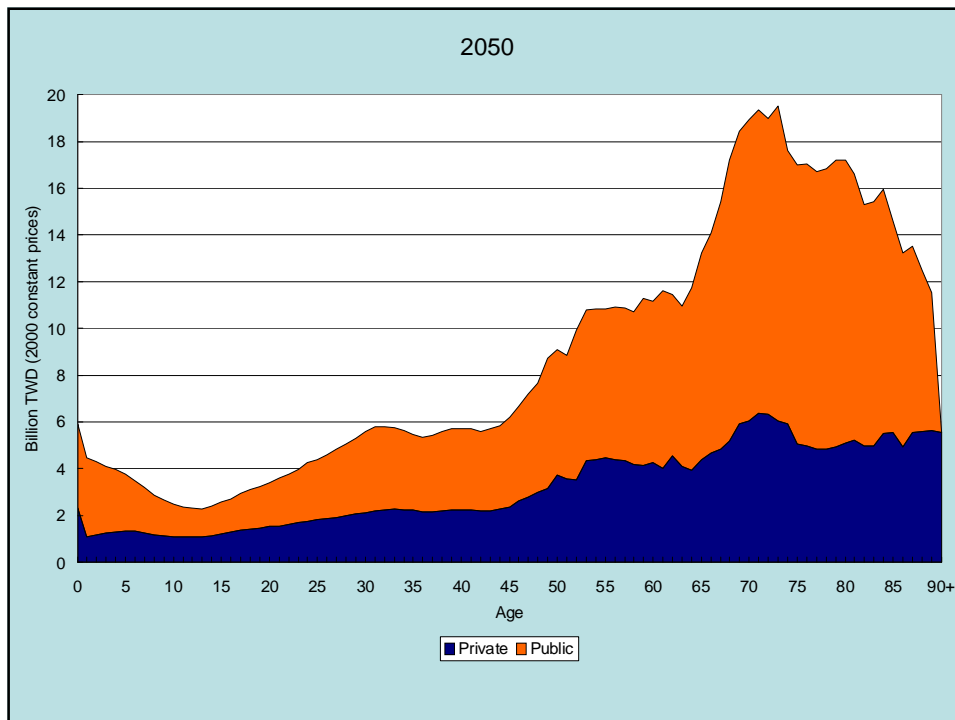
**Taiwan Province of
China:
Aggregate case (total
population)**



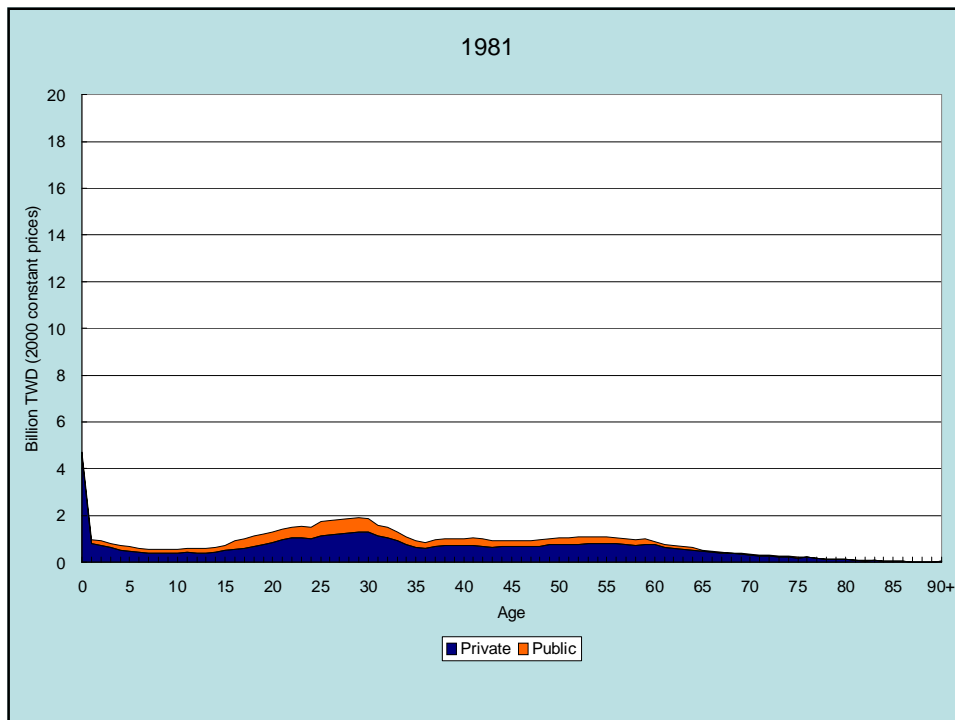




Projected result for 2050, only due to demographic change



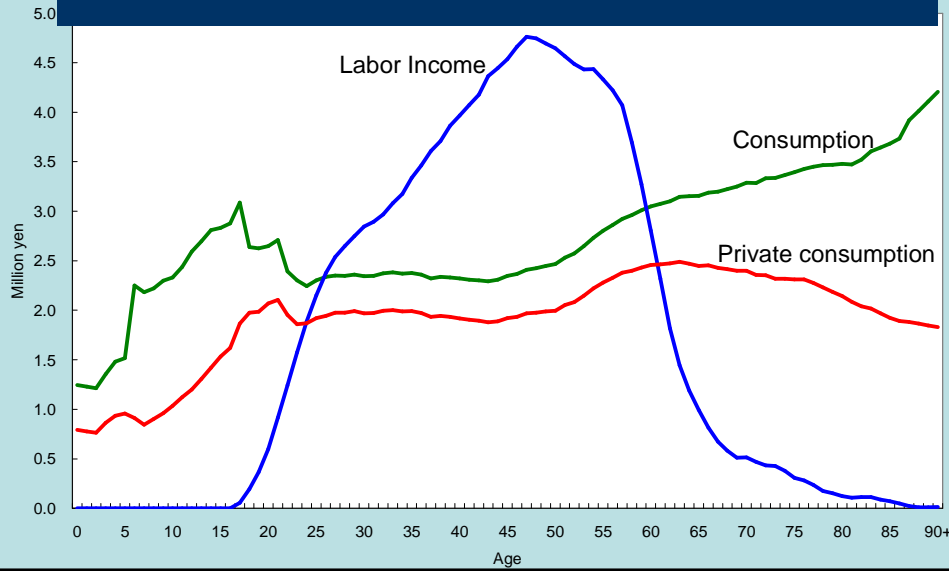
**Remember! In 1981,
it was like ...**



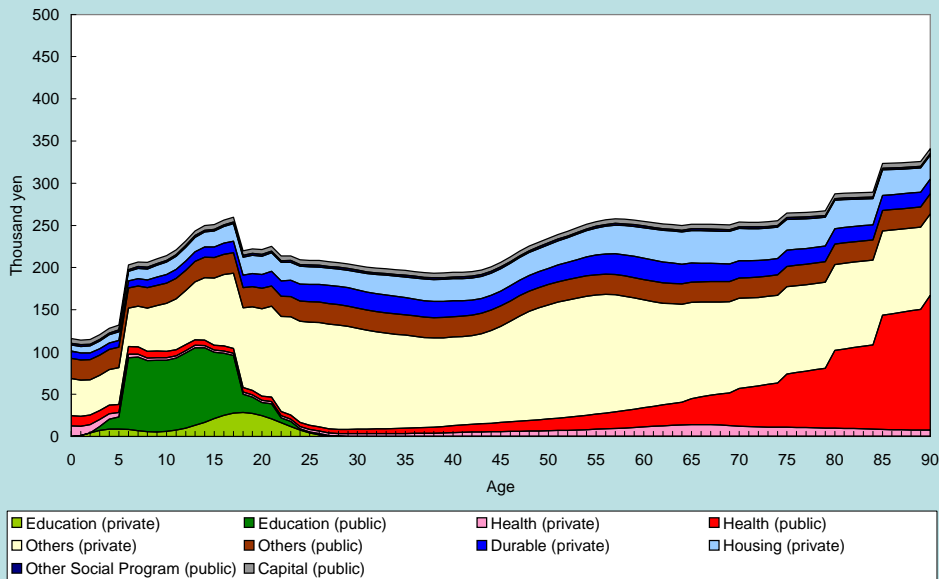
Will Taiwan and other Asian countries be able to cope with their escalating health costs?

Lessons that Japan can offer to other Asian countries, as the world forerunner in population aging

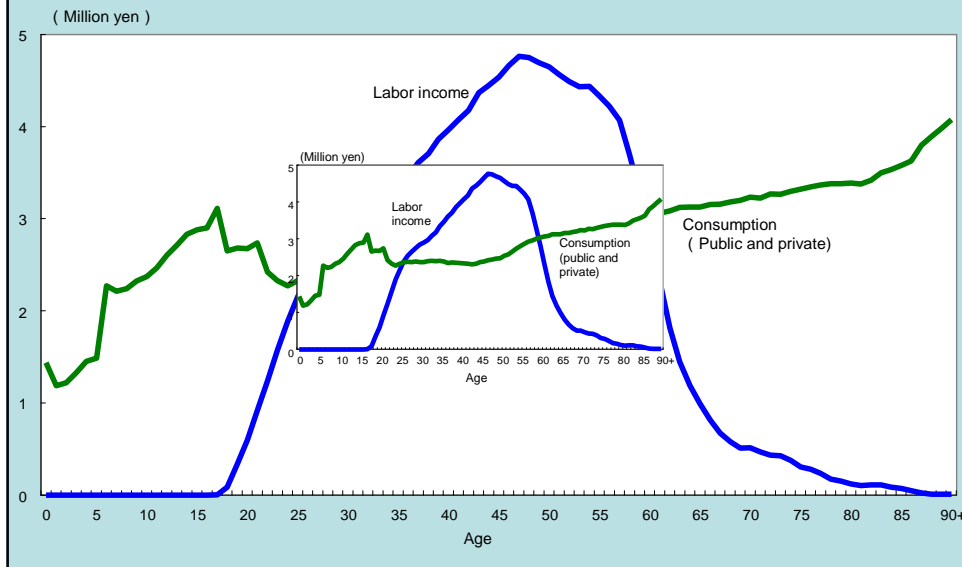
Japan's Most Important Graph



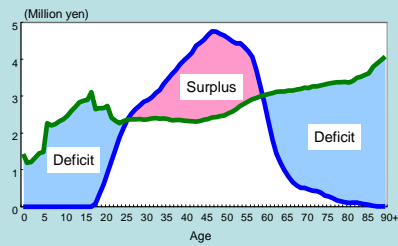
Composition of total consumption for Japan in 2004



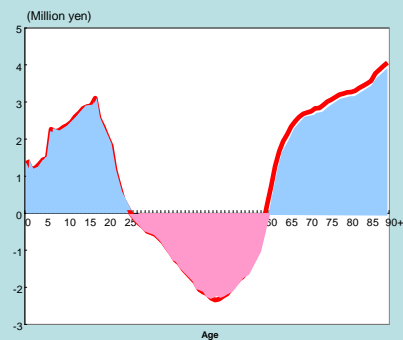
Japan's Most Important Graph (Per-capita lifecycle)

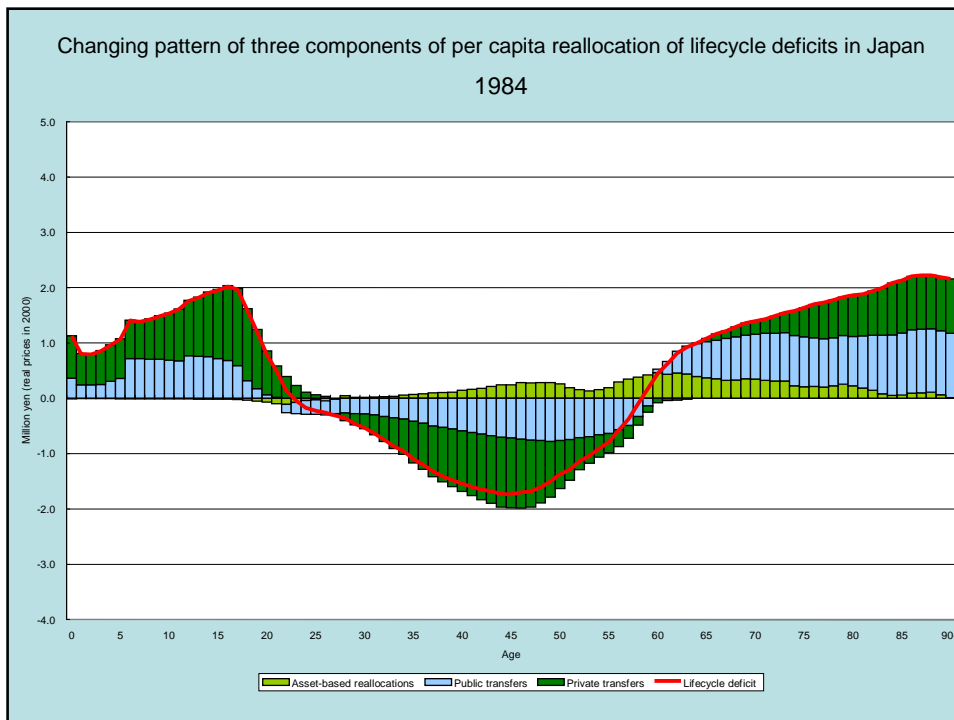
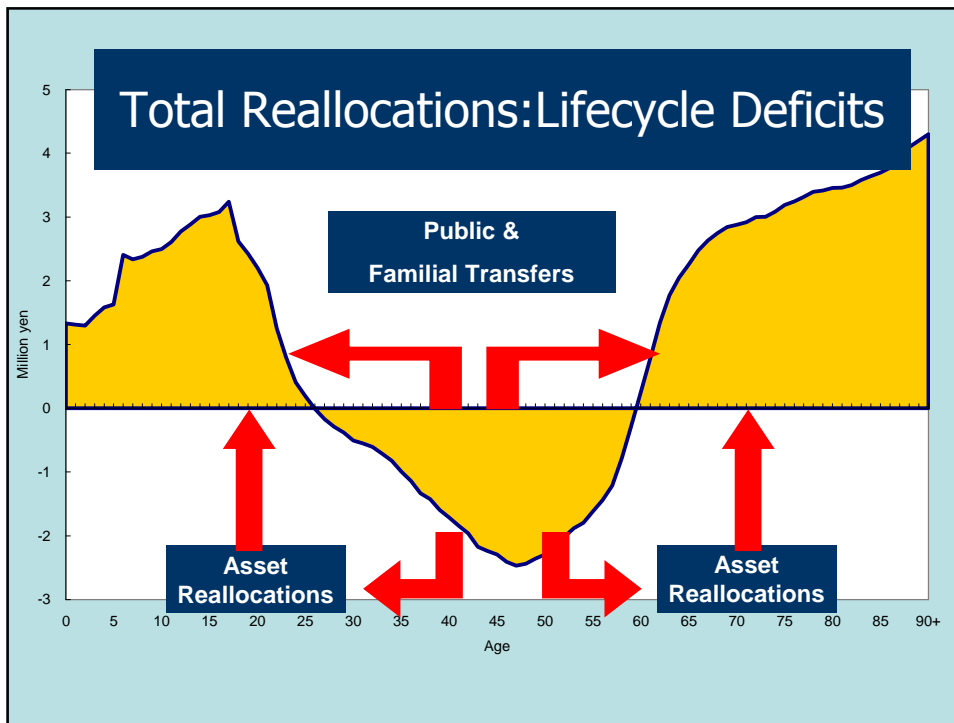


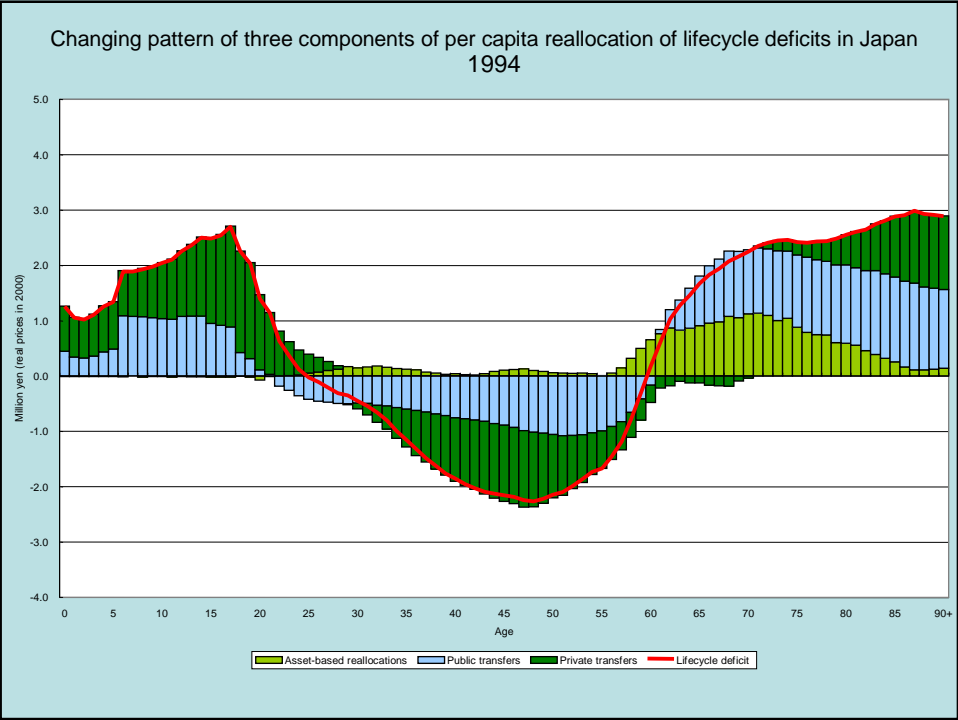
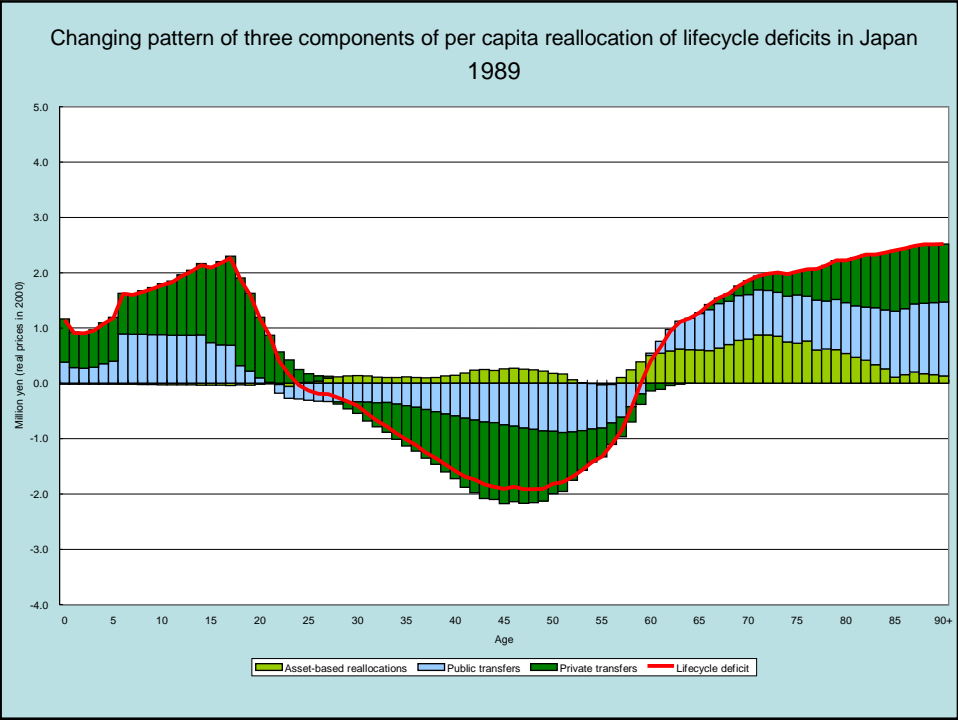
Age specific profile of per capita consumption and labor income

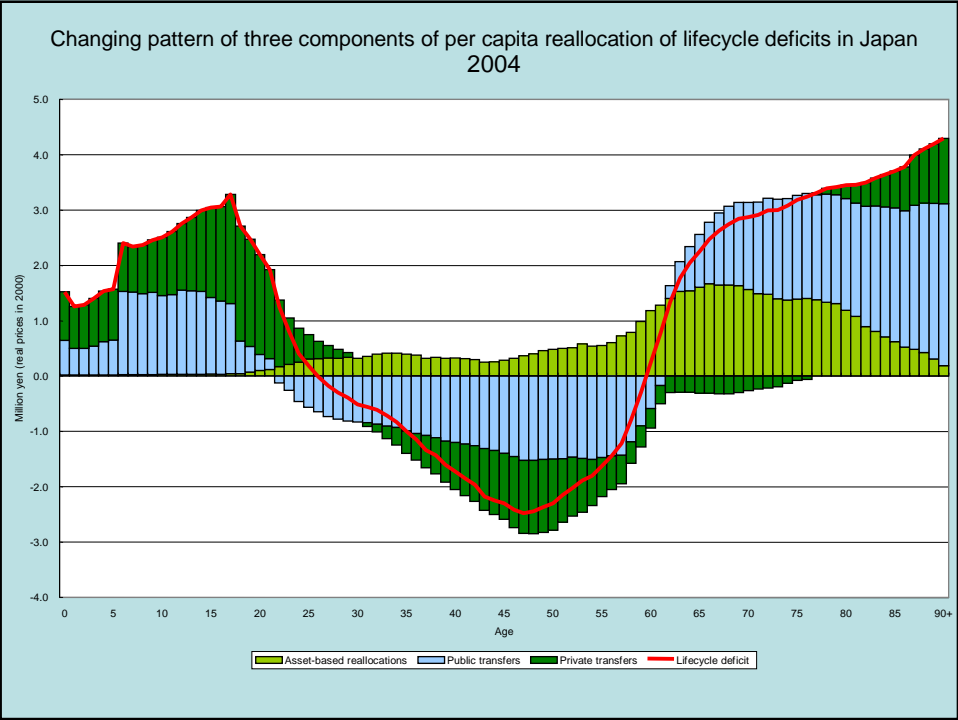
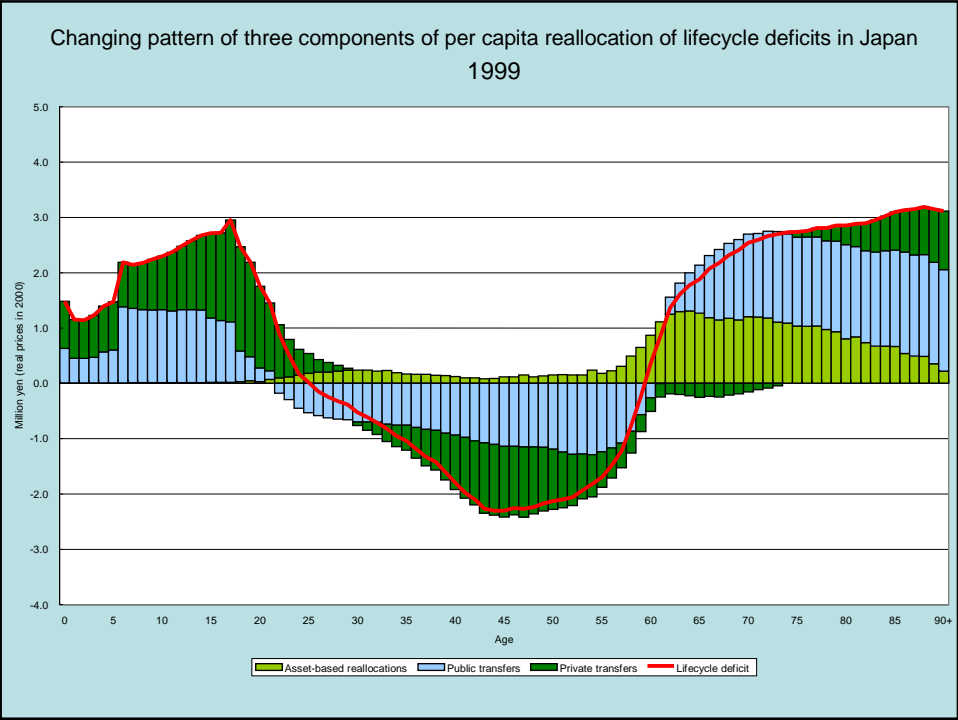


Age profile of per capita lifecycle deficit, Japan: 2004

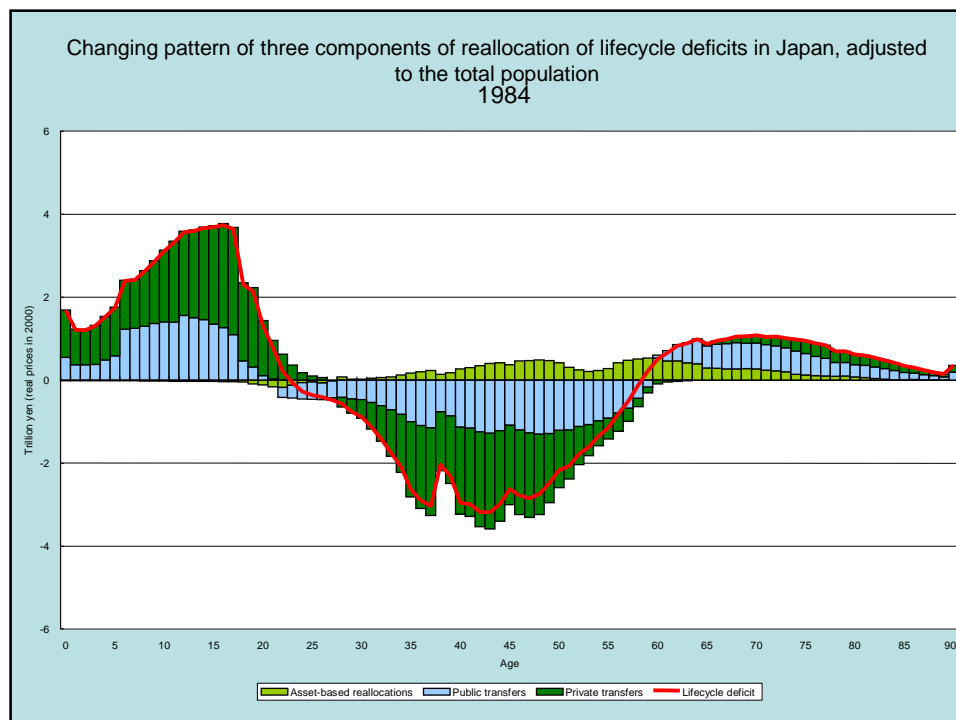


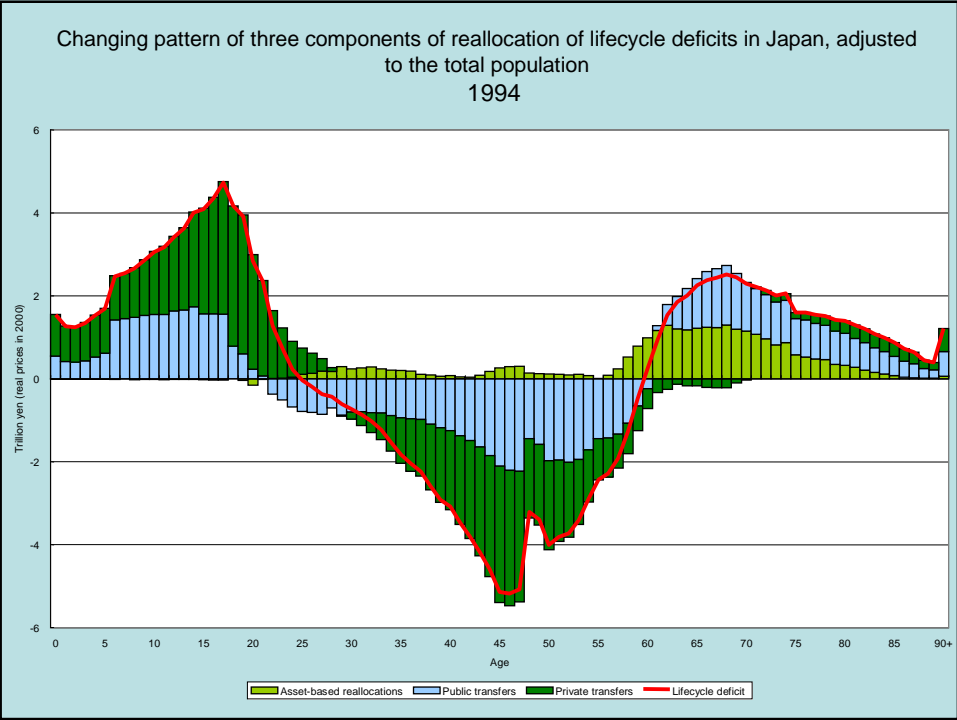
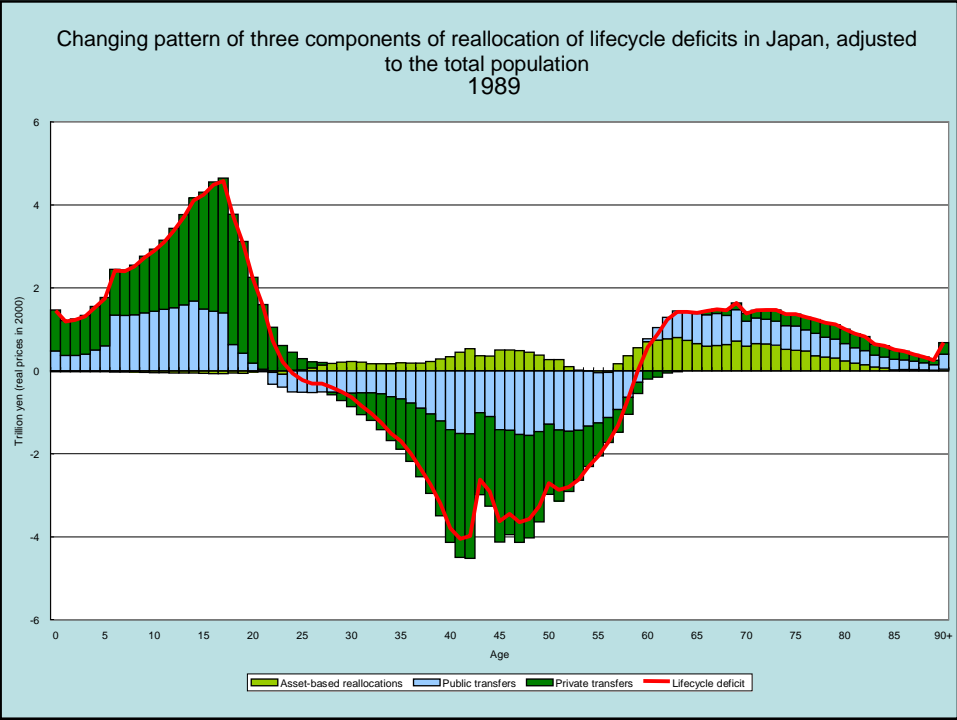


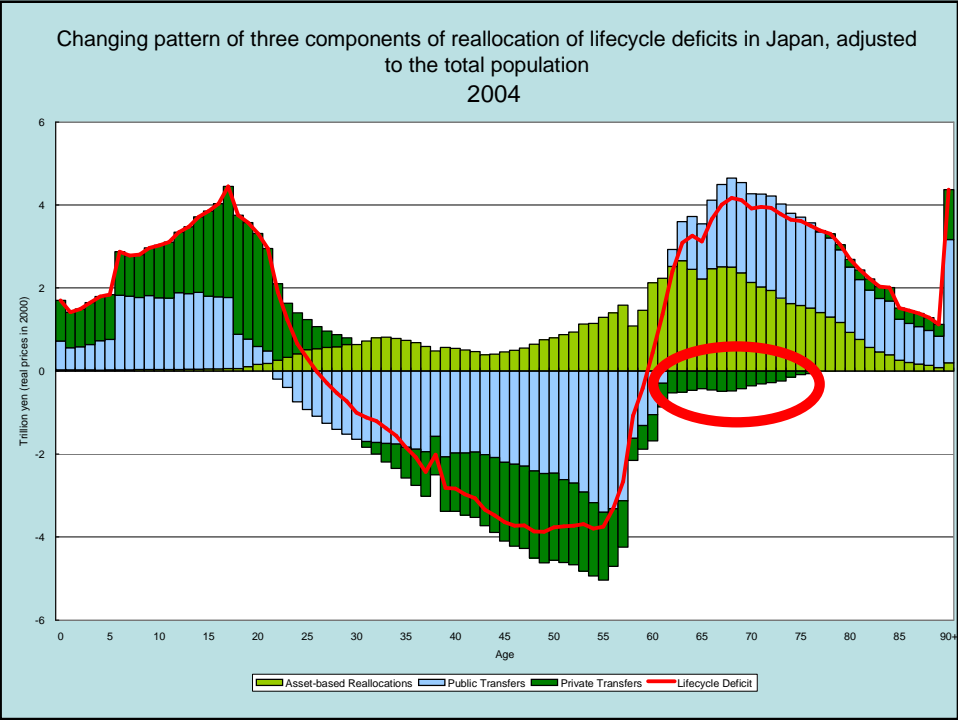
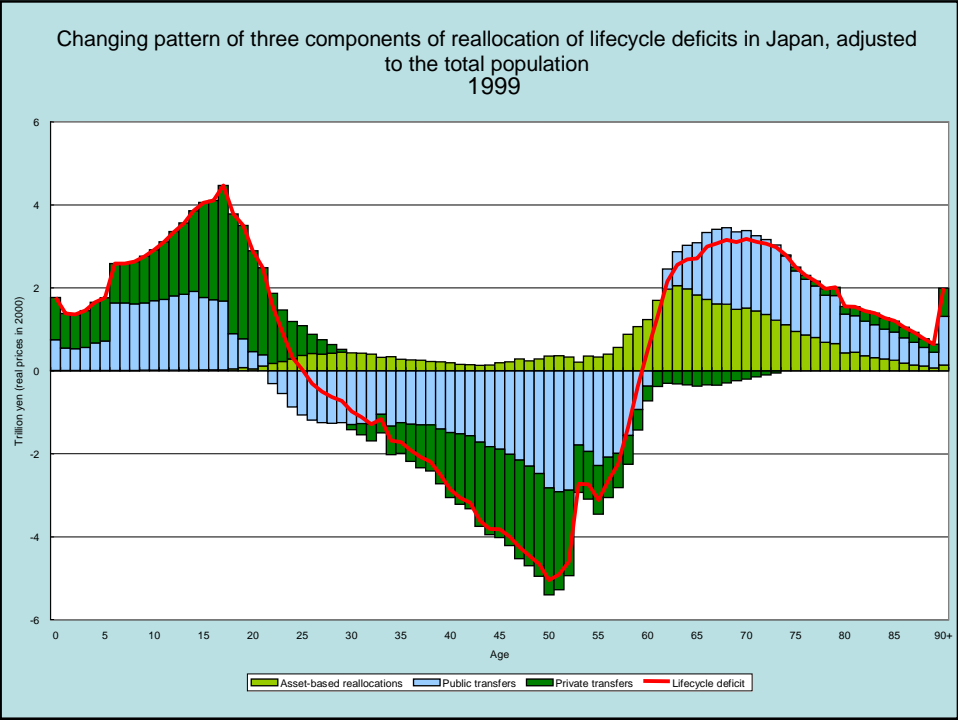


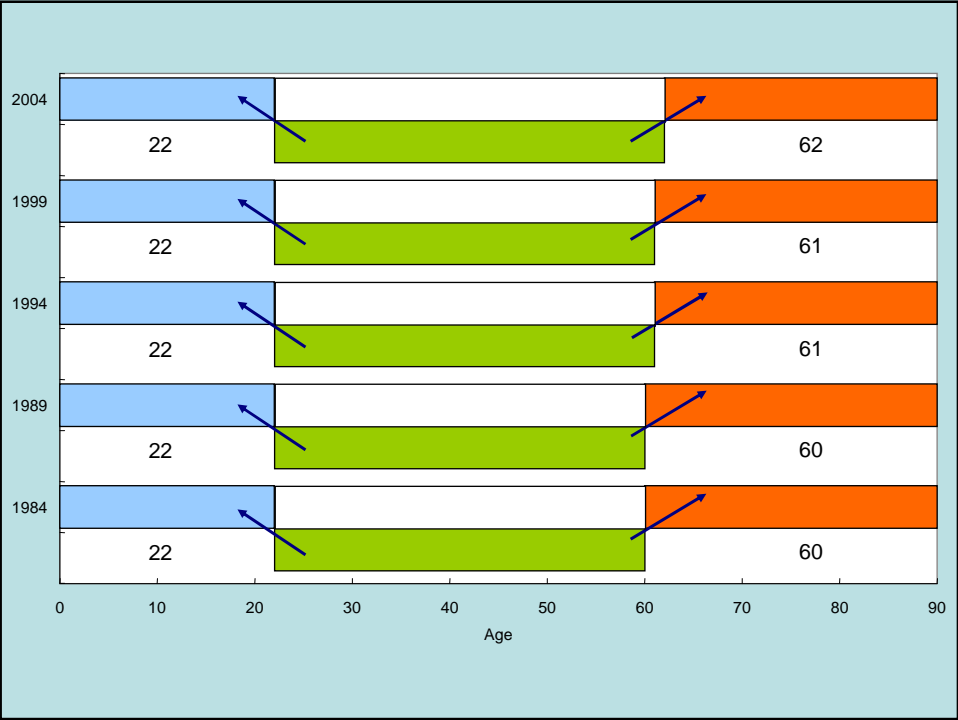
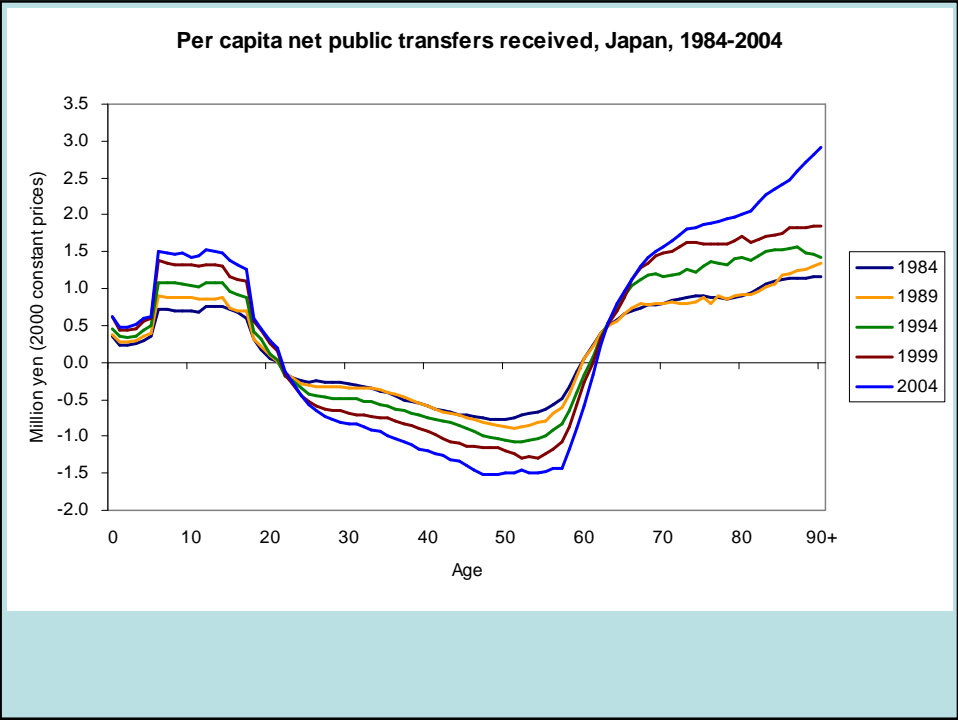


Impact of Population Aging: from per capita to total population





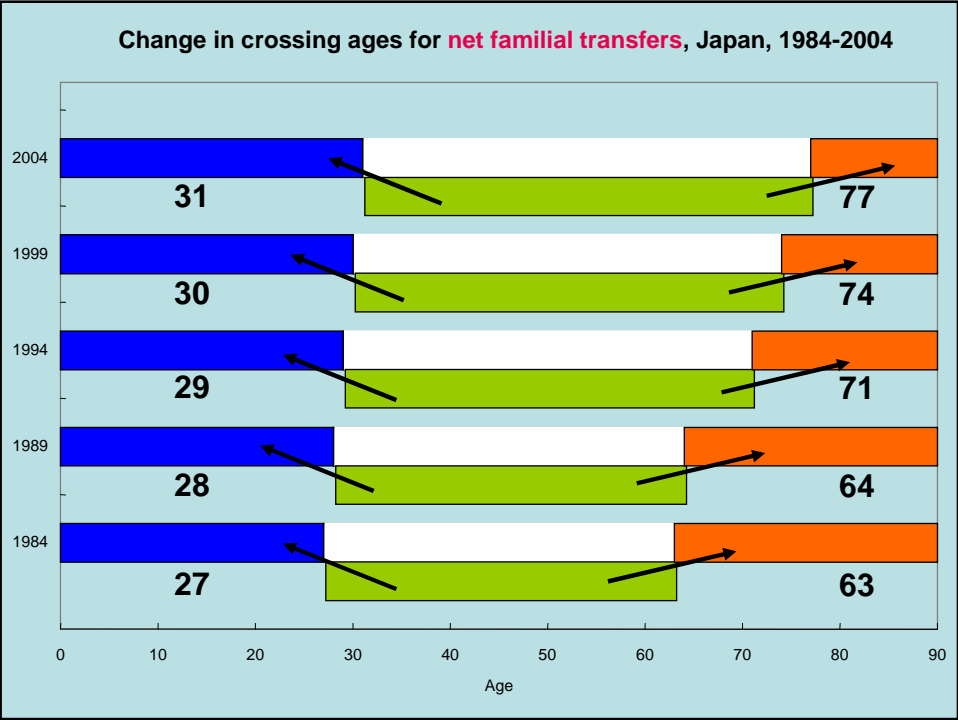
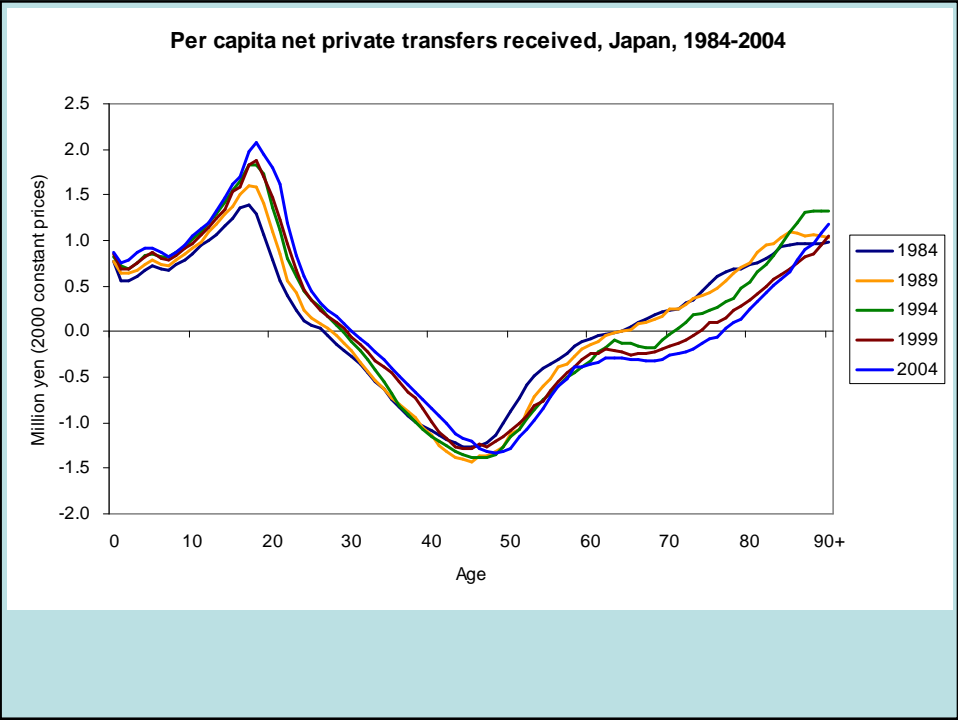


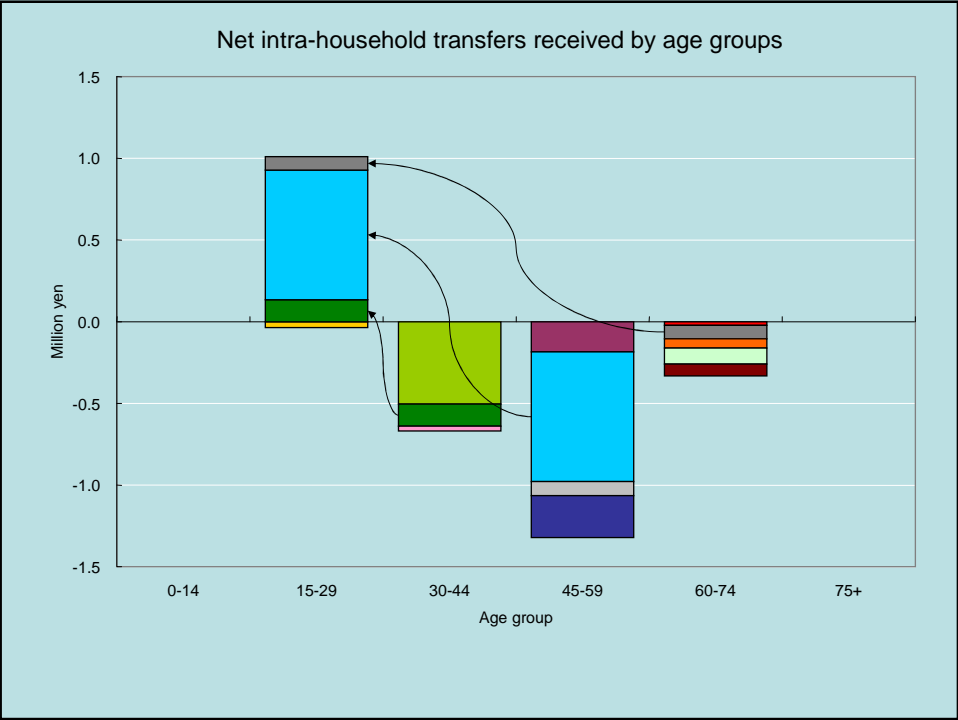
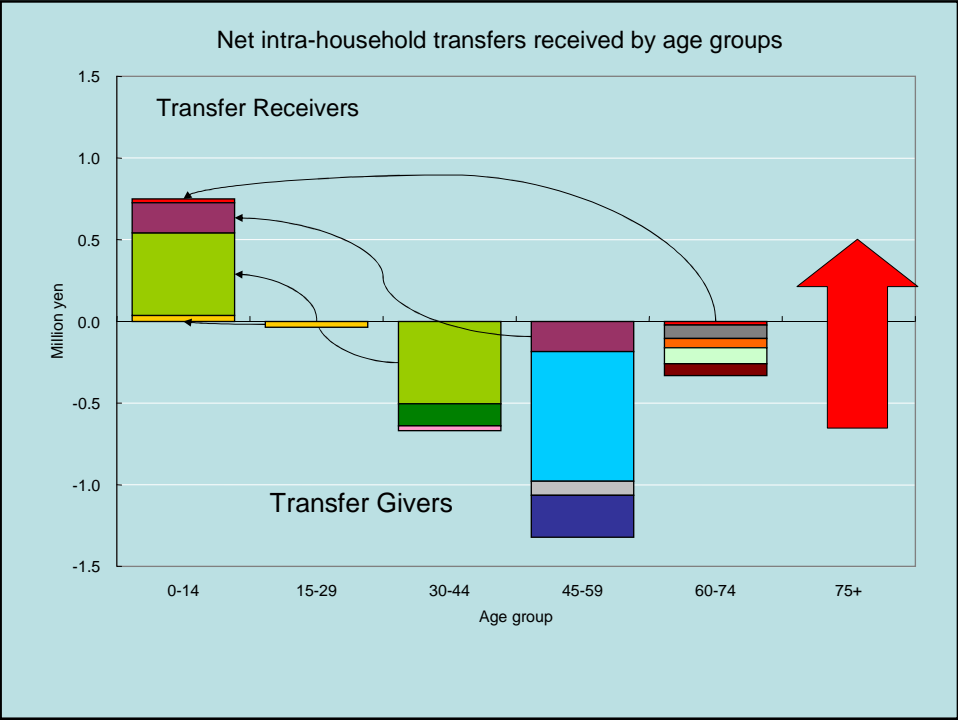


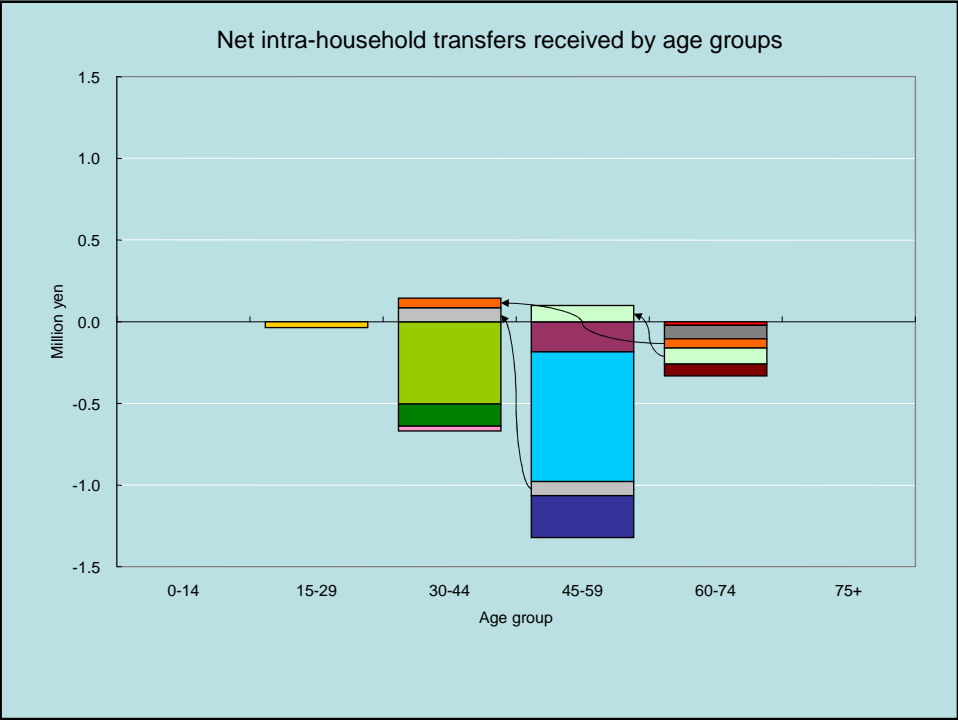
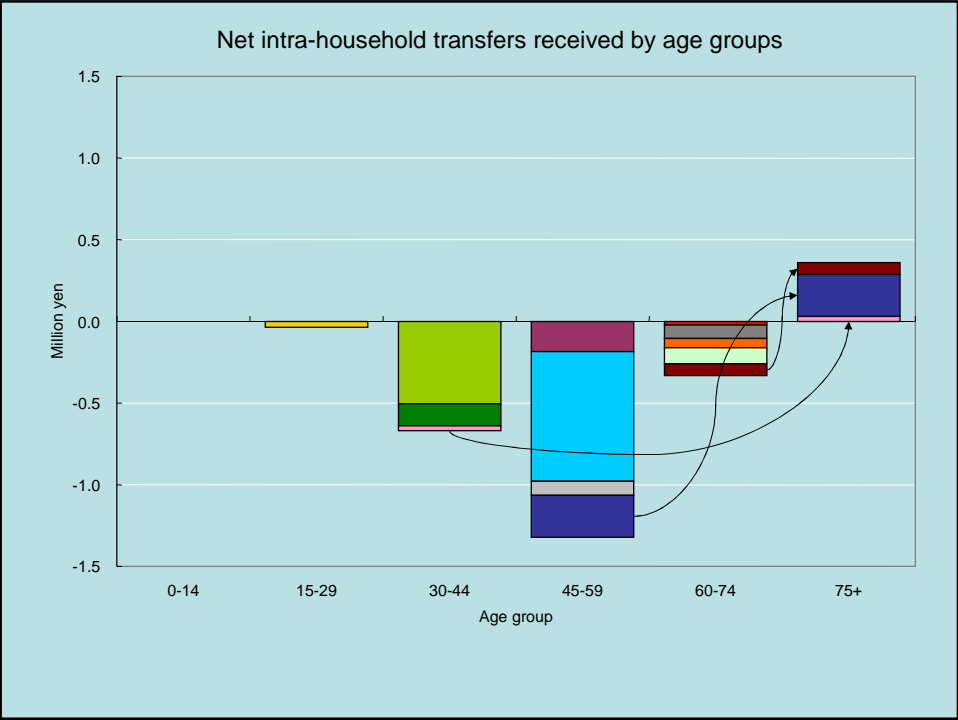
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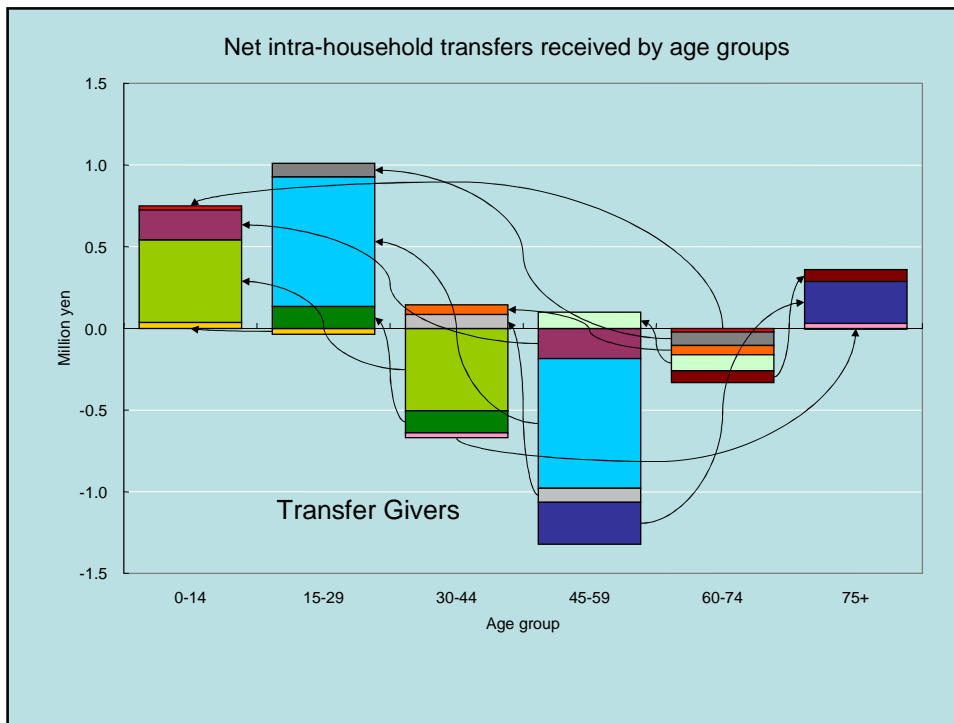
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The private sector responds more rapidly like...







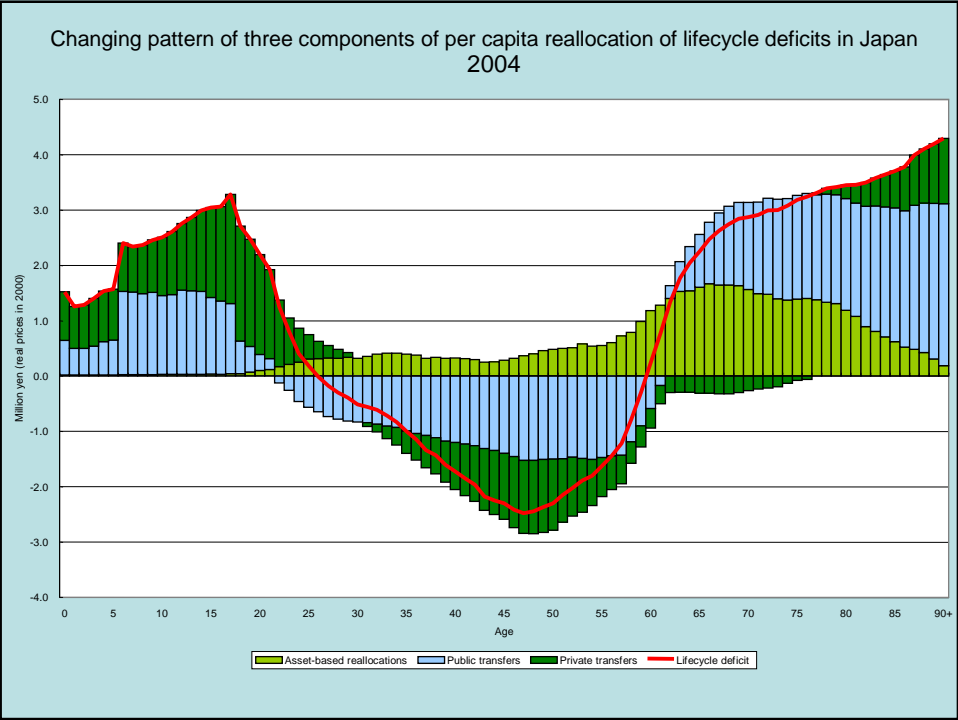
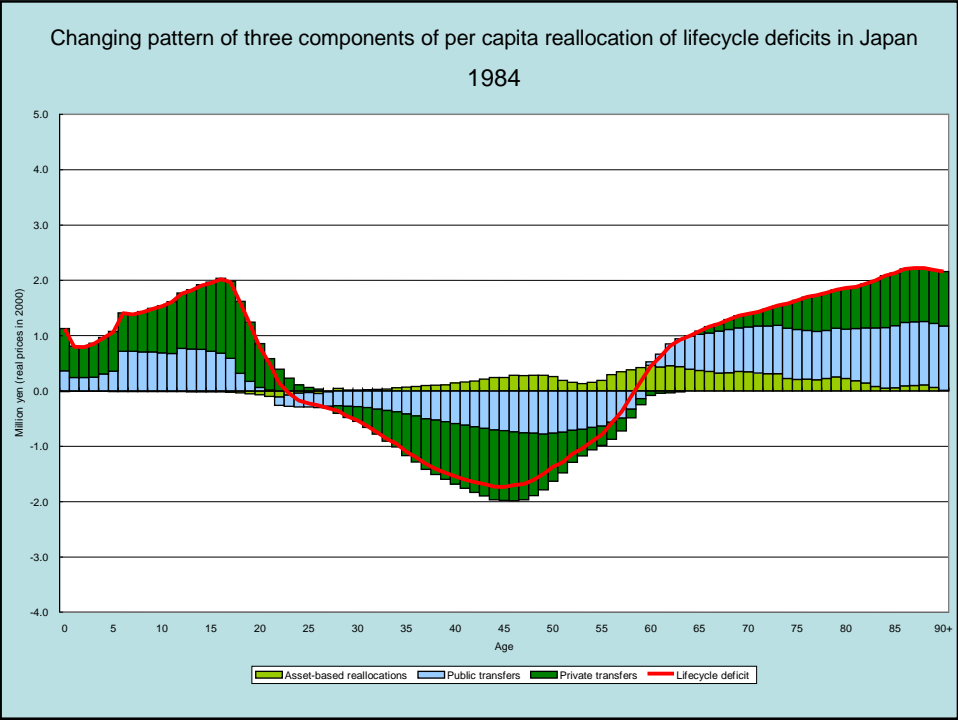


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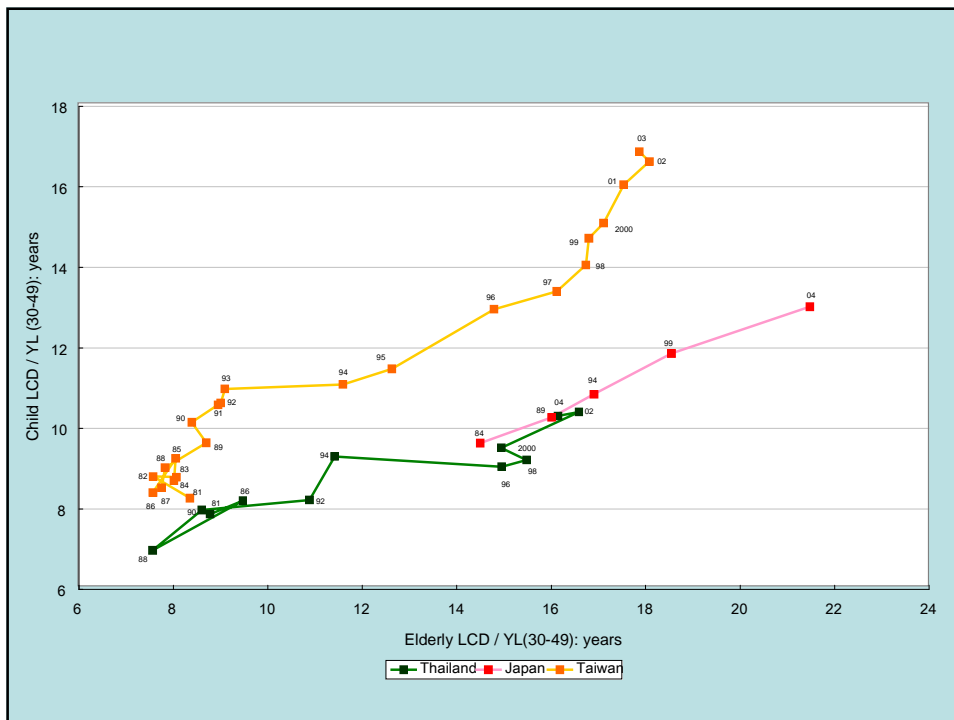
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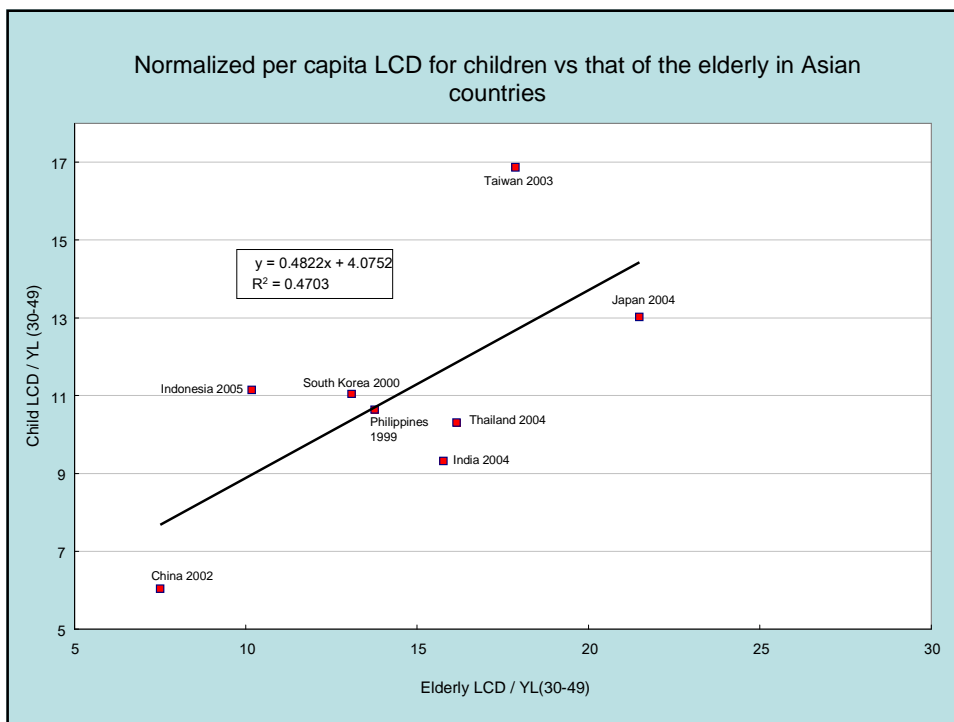
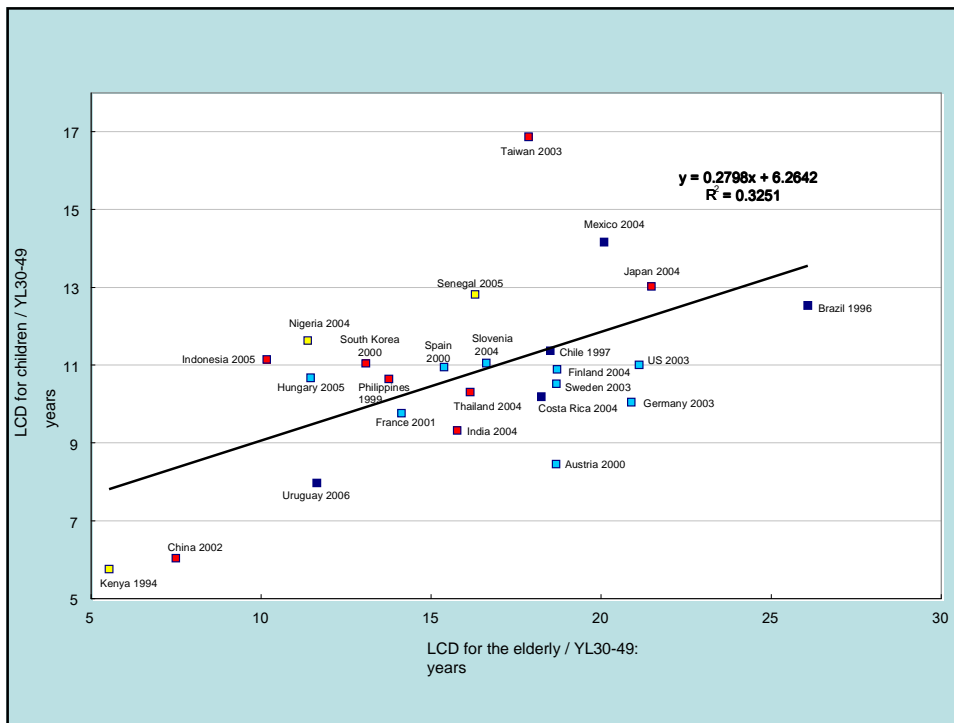
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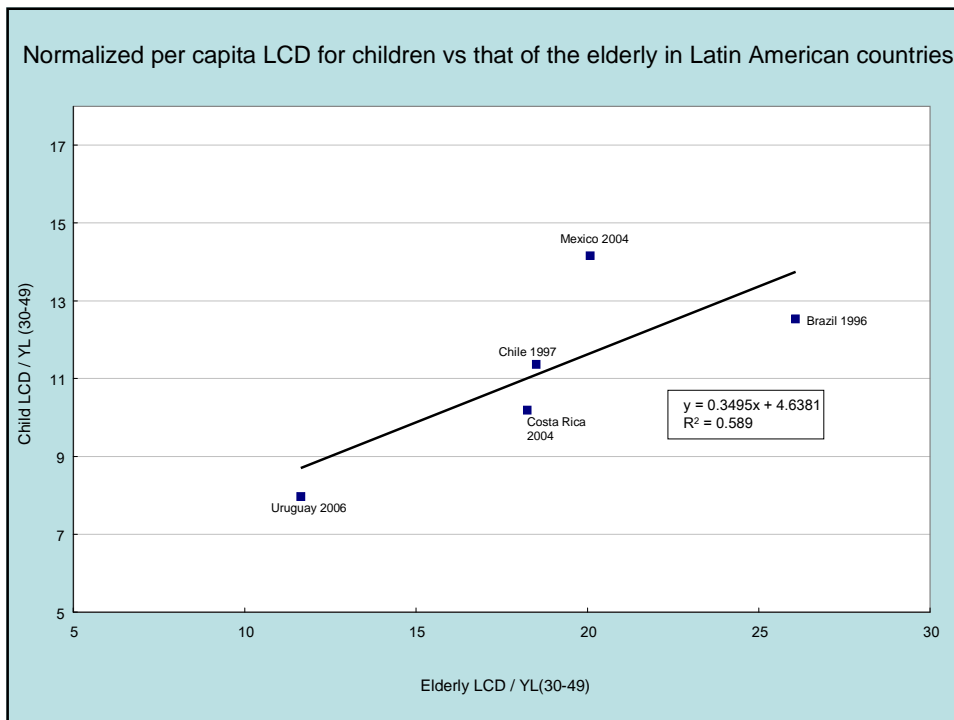
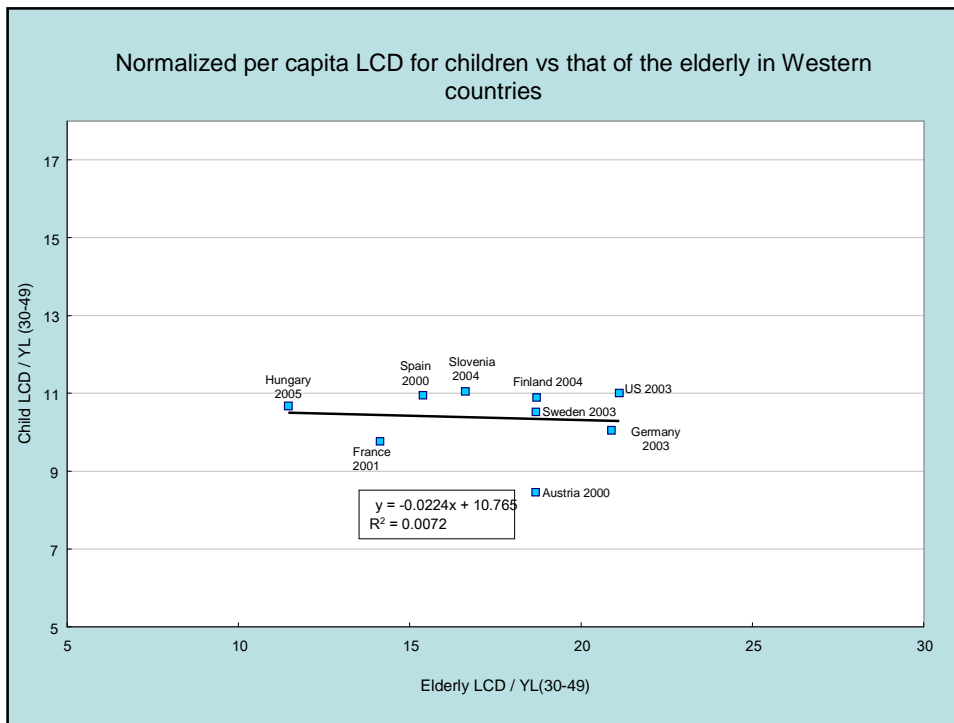
In Japan, the cost of the elderly has been rising, and so is the case of the cost of children, as shown in the following two graphs:



Are they competing for the limited financial resources? Is there any evidence of the “crowding-out” effect between them?







The Sandwich Generation

- In almost every country, working-age adults are relying heavily on assets to meet their own material needs and their familial and social obligations to other generations.
- They are saving, but substantially less than the income earned from assets.

Let us discuss other lessons that Japan can share with other Asian countries

Use of Japan's latent assets

Healthy, wealthy, and better educated elderly persons!

Projected elderly population by health status, Japan 2000-2025

(based on health status transition rates)



Simulation Exercise

**All healthy
elderly persons
work**

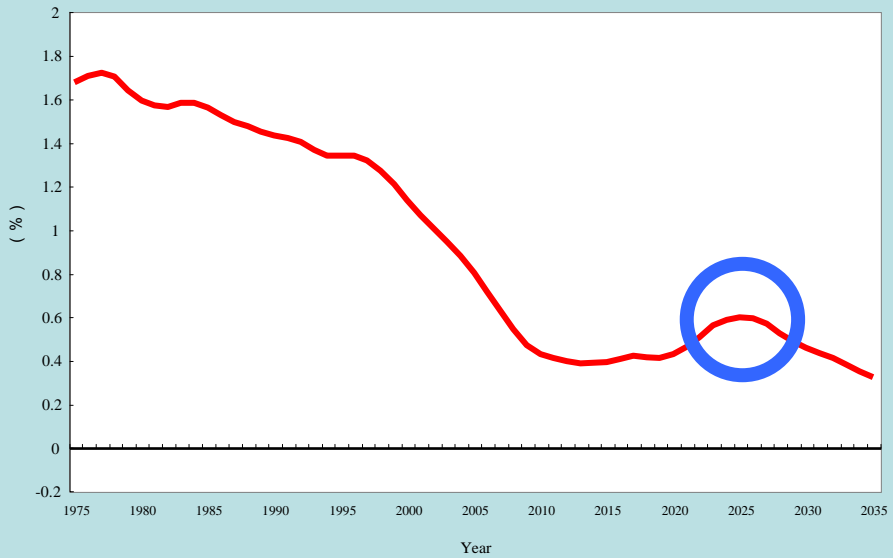
**Over the period 2005-
2025, per capita
income is expected to
be 27% higher than
the base line**

Use of the second demographic dividend

The Second Dividend (age compositional and behavioral effects)

- Life expectancy is increasing
- Lower fertility (fewer children)
- Stimulates the accumulation of wealth
- More wealth leads to a **permanent** increase in income

Trend in second dividend: Japan, 1960-2035



First demographic dividend in Asian countries, 2000-2050, expressed in terms of the annual growth rate

	2000-2010	2010-2020	2020-2030	2030-2040	2040-2050
Armenia	0.74	0.47	0.01	-0.15	-0.79
Bangladesh	0.70	0.61	0.41	0.23	0.05
Cambodia	0.77	1.05	0.61	0.41	-0.02
China	0.58	0.05	-0.54	-0.49	-0.32
India	0.55	0.57	0.48	0.28	-0.03
Indonesia	0.84	0.47	0.10	-0.20	-0.33
Korea, Republic of	0.49	-0.08	-0.60	-0.84	-0.71
Lao People's Democratic Republic	0.95	1.17	0.76	0.45	0.05
Malaysia	0.54	0.36	0.25	0.13	-0.14
Mongolia	1.60	0.97	0.08	-0.31	-0.55
Pakistan	0.89	0.97	0.55	0.34	0.01
Philippines	0.58	0.55	0.53	0.40	0.13
Singapore	-0.07	-0.51	-0.84	-0.63	-0.33
Thailand	0.46	-0.19	-0.42	-0.34	-0.21
Viet Nam	1.22	0.74	0.10	-0.22	-0.42

Selected Asian stock market indexes

STOCK INDEXES

	Latest closing	% change from Previous Day	% change from 4-Jan-10
Dow Jones Ind Avg	11,370.06	-0.02	7.43
NASDAQ	2,616.67	0.29	13.35
S&P 500	1,233.00	0.38	8.83
FTSE 100	5,807.96	0.23	5.59
NIKKEI 225	10,285.88	0.52	-3.46
China, PR Shang-A	2,943.89	-1.32	-13.48
Hong Kong HSI	23,171.80	0.34	6.18
India BSE 100	10,060.67	-2.49	8.20
Indonesia JCI	3,786.10	0.43	47.01
Korea KOSPI	1,988.96	1.70	17.26
Malaysia KLCI	1,521.29	0.74	19.25
Pakistan KSE	8,043.45	-0.47	20.03
Philippines PCOMP	4,209.42	-0.28	40.08
Singapore STI	3,210.20	0.23	10.90
Taipei,CH TWSE	8,753.84	0.58	6.65
Thailand SET	1,035.85	1.05	41.46
Viet Nam VNINDEX	460.45	1.68	-10.95



Source: Asia regional Integration Center, ADB (<http://aric.adb.org/pdf/dmw/stock.pdf>) (saved on Dec 13, 2010).

Second demographic dividend in Asian countries, 2000-2050, expressed in terms of the annual growth rate

	2000-2010	2010-2020	2020-2030	2030-2040	2040-2050
Armenia	2.26	2.48	0.95	0.85	0.52
Bangladesh	5.35	5.12	2.98	2.06	1.57
Cambodia	-4.32	10.19	4.60	1.98	2.43
China	2.25	1.86	1.14	0.38	0.34
India	2.87	2.28	1.74	1.32	1.13
Indonesia	2.60	2.46	1.91	1.29	0.78
Korea, Republic of	2.23	1.84	1.03	0.34	0.09
Lao People's Democratic Republic	-	7.98	3.48	2.47	2.02
Malaysia	2.85	2.40	1.53	1.13	1.01
Mongolia	4.09	4.22	2.46	1.64	1.00
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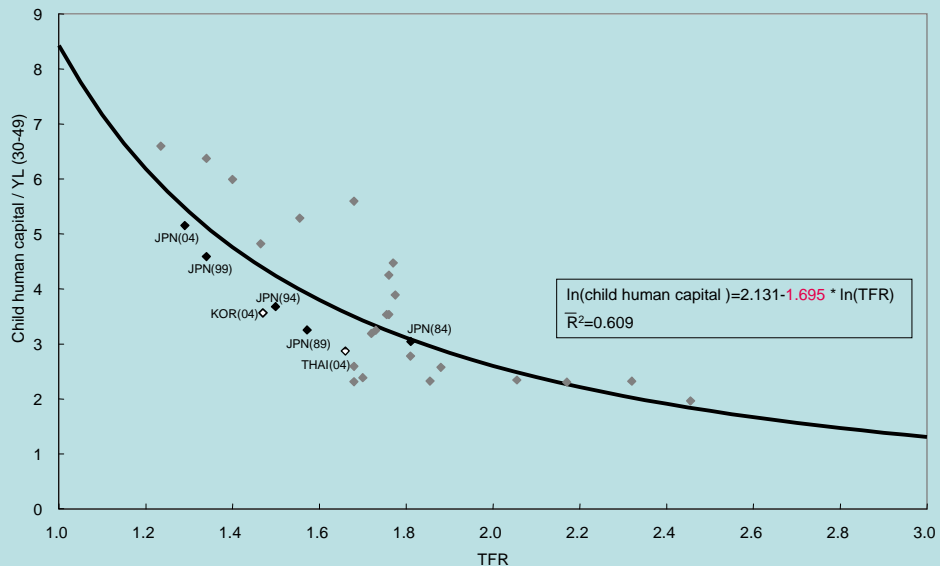
**Efficient use of
young human
capital**

**Are Asian
children public
goods or private
goods?**

Proportion of private spending in per capita educational costs for children aged 0-24 in selected countries

Country	Year	(%)
Sweden	2003	3.1
France	2001	5.0
Austria	2000	5.8
Slovenia	2004	8.7
Hungary	2005	11.1
United States	2003	17.0
Costa Rica	2004	22.3
Japan	2004	26.0
Chile	1997	39.4
Indonesia	2004	39.6
Uruguay	1994	46.4
The Philippines	1999	48.2
Republic of Korea	2000	54.2
Taiwan	2003	66.8

TFR vs. normalized per capita **human capital spending** for children in selected Asian countries



- **20 NTA countries:**
-0.91
- **USA (1980-2003):**
-0.72
- **East Asia (+Thailand):**
-1.70

The “elasticity” result for East Asia suggests:

the decline in numbers is offset by an increase in human capital and, hence, productivity

Japan's untapped resource:

Will Gary Becker's "quality" children be able to boost Japan's future productivity?

The Japan Times Tuesday Jul 27, 2010

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In response to criticism that the relaxed education policy has precipitated a decline in academic skills, the government has recently ditched the policy and is set to increase teaching hours for the first time in some 30 years.

Mean score in student performance on the mathematics scale

Rank	Country	2000	Country	2003	Country	2006	Country	2009
1	Japan	557	Hong Kong-China	550	Taiwan	549	Singapore	562
2	Korea	547	Finland	544	Finland	548	Hong Kong-China	555
3	New Zealand	537	Korea	542	Hong Kong-China	547	Korea	546
4	Finland	536	Netherlands	538	Korea	547	Taiwan	543
5	Australia	533	Liechtenstein	536	Netherlands	531	Finland	541
6	Canada	533	Japan	534	Switzerland	530	Liechtenstein	536
7	Switzerland	529	Canada	532	Canada	527	Switzerland	534
8	United Kingdom	529	Belgium	529	Macao-China	525	Japan	529
9	Belgium	520	Macao-China	527	Liechtenstein	525	Canada	527
10	France	517	Switzerland	527	Japan	523	Netherlands	526
11	Austria	515	Australia	524	New Zealand	522	Macao-China	525
12	Denmark	514	New Zealand	523	Bergium	520	New Zealand	519
13	Iceland	514	Czech Republic	516	Australia	520	Belgium	515
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15	Sweden	510	Denmark	514	Denmark	513	Germany	513
16	Ireland	503	France	511	Czech Republic	510	Estonia	512
17	Norway	499	Sweden	509	Iceland	506	Iceland	507
18	Czech Republic	498	Austria	506	Austria	505	Denmark	503
19	United States	493	Germany	503	Slovenia	504	Slovenia	501
20	Germany	490	Ireland	503	Germany	504	Norway	498

* excluding Shanghai, China

Sources: Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (2007) Summary of PISA 2006 results, accessed on December 24, 2009 (http://www.mext.go.jp/a_menu/shotou/gakuryoku-chousa/sonota/071205/001.pdf) and OECD (2010) Volume I of Pisa 2009 Results: What Students Know And Can Do, Paris, OECD.

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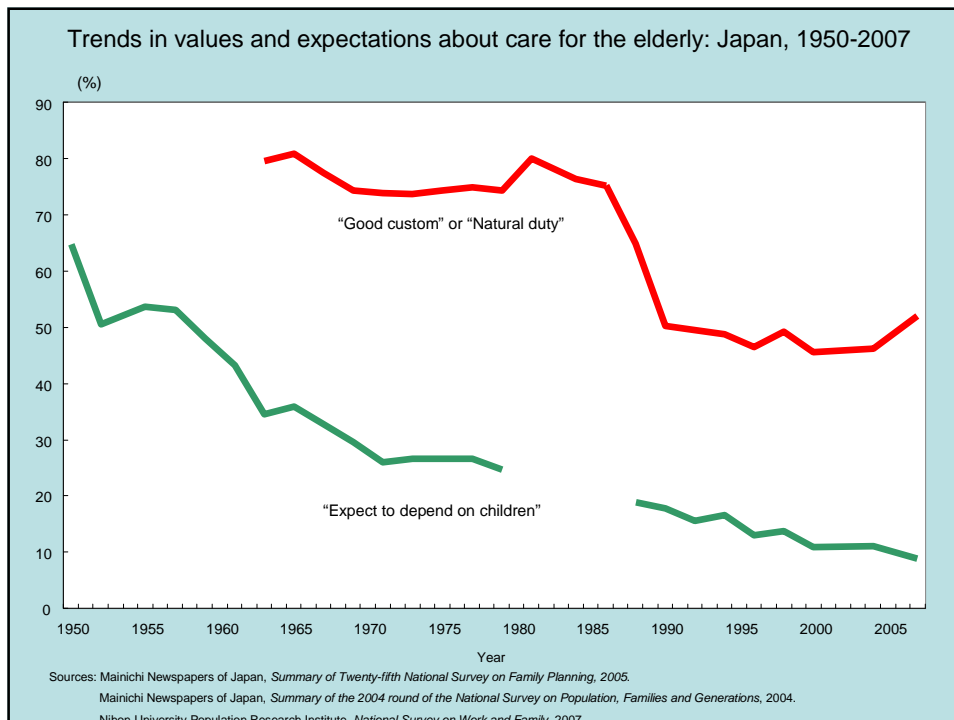
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Sources of uncertainties that might weaken Japan's human resources

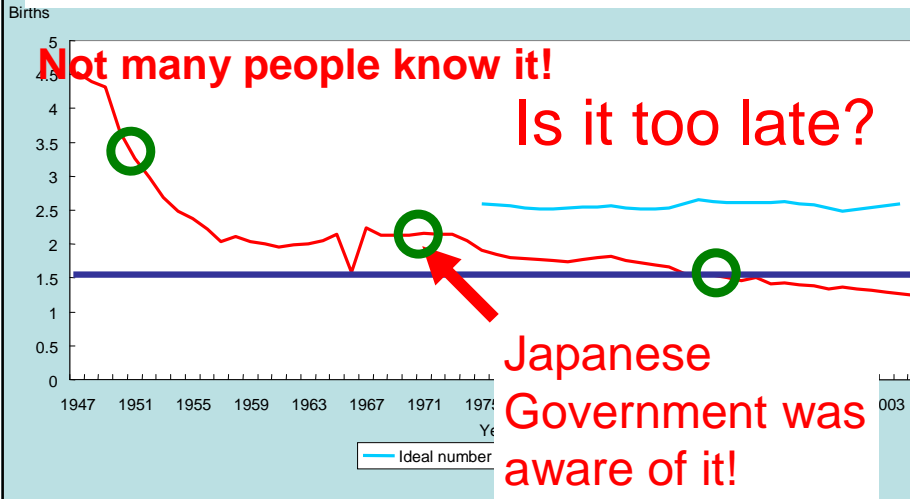


**Those aged 50+ living in
Tokyo Metropolitan Area**

- **Husbands 41%**
- **Wives 19%**

**Then, can we rely
on our future
children?**

Total fertility rate (TFR) and ideal family size, Japan, 1947-2009

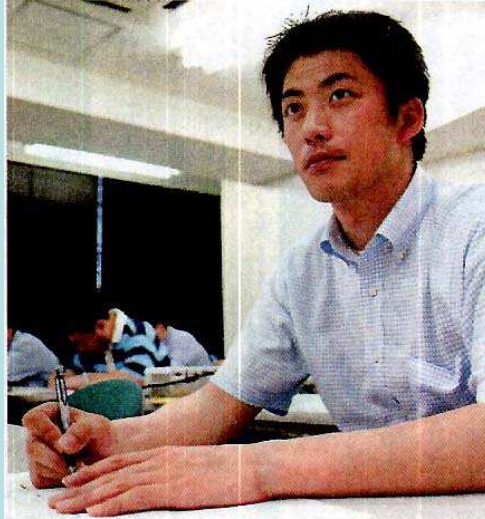


If today's marriage market remains unchanged, 30% men will remain unmarried...

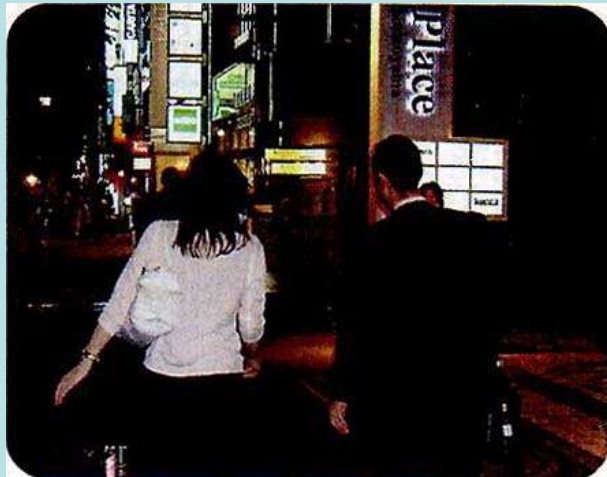
12 million “parasite single” persons (below 35)

Since the early 1990s, the proportion
of single women who are not dating
has been stable around 45%

**Rapidly increasing
male “grass-eaters”
and female “meat-
eaters” ...**



Young men taking notes during the lecture on love-related matters at one of the open colleges in Tokyo



PRESIDENT 20060814号 花婿学校 模擬デート

Parents desperately looking for their kids' prospective mates



結婚相談所オフィス・アン主催の親が集まって子どもの見合い相手を探す交流会。(写真：札幌市開催の親の代理の見合いパーティー。オフィス・アン代表者が挨拶をしているところで、親たちはその後子どものプロフィールを交換し合った。)

これまでに全国13都市で57回開催し、延べ約6500人が参加した。参加費は札幌市(5000円)を除き、1万円。

毎日新聞 夕刊 2008年7月16日(水) 特集ワイド「親の結婚活動(婚活) 一生の大事任せなさい」

Prefectural government sponsored match-making party held at a world heritage site



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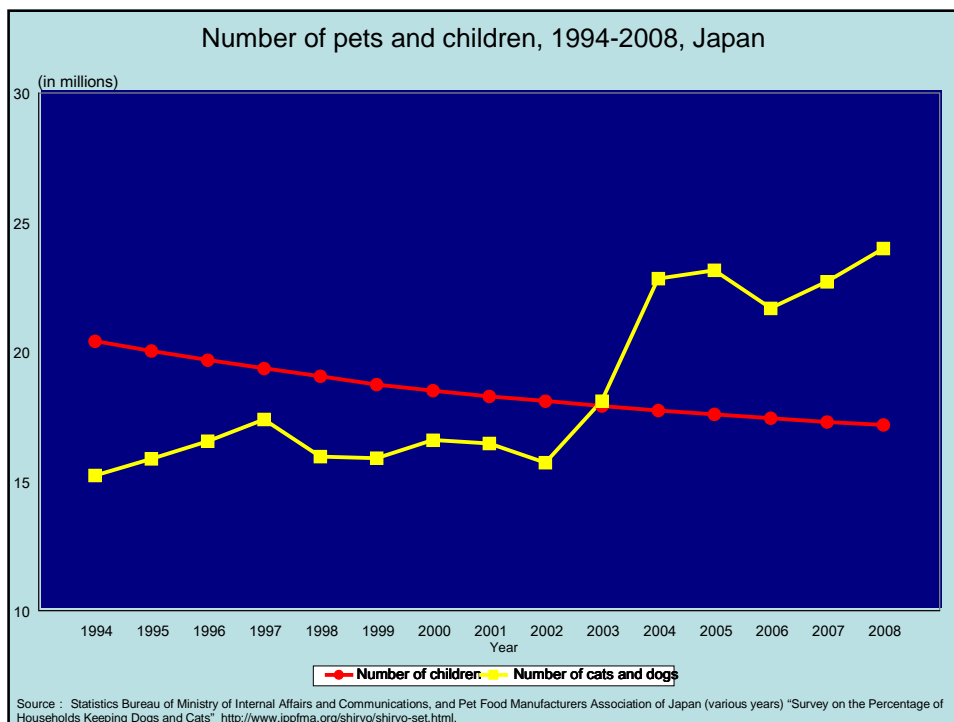
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定員男女各20名のところ150を超える応募があった。本合コンでは10組以上のカップルが誕生した。

奈良県の2005年の出生率は東京(0.98)に次いで全国ワースト2位(1.12)。同県は2005年4月、「なら出会いセンター」を開設。同年7月から地元のホテルやレストランなどと協力して出会いイベントを始めた。最初の1年間で誕生したカップルはわずか6組と振るわず、2年目の取り組みとして、平城京跡のボランティア清掃と出会いイベントを組み合わせたとこ、問い合わせが殺到し、応募者は定員の5倍強に当たる210人に達した。

Nikkei Net Kansai 「自治体、出会いお膳立て—関西女性高い未婚率」 (<http://www.nikkei.co.jp/kansai/news/news003661.htm>) (2008/06/14アクセス)
 2つ「ライフいま、奈良で話題の“写経合コン”をマネしたら・・・」 (http://r25.jp/magazine/ranking_review/10008000/1112006111615.html)(2008/06/14アクセス)
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Newly-emerging consumption goods in place of babies...





Water for humans
2l 100yen



Water for pets
2l 900yen



**Food Supplements
for dogs**

ペット用サプリメント「ラクトペットDR10」

ラクトペット物語 (<http://www.lactopet.or.tv/a003.html>, <http://www.lactopet.or.tv/a002.html>) (2007/11/14)

Therapy for Dogs



ドッグセラピー

(左) girlsschool (http://g-w.st/pc/search.php?k= GS_CourseDetail&crsm_id=817)(2008/02/28アクセス)

(右) 株式会社RAJA(http://www.raja.co.jp/technique/dog_healing/index.html) (2008/02/28アクセス)

Dog Healing Salon

リフレクソロジーやロミロミ、指圧やマッサージなどのヒーリングエッセンスを融合させたRAJAオリジナルのワンちゃんのための癒し技術。人間同様に疲れがたまりやすい首の付け根から足、背中、お腹など全身を丹念に刺激します。

15 minutes . . . 1,575 yen

30 minutes . . . 3,150 yen



株式会社RAJA(<http://www.raja.co.jp/salon/type/ic/dogmenu.html>)(2008/02/28アクセス)

Changing life expectancy of pets

Cats

		Survey year		
		1990-91	1994-95	2002-03
Total		5.1	6.7	9.9
Sex	Male	4.5	5.8	8.7
	Female	5.8	8.0	11.1
Breed	Purebred	8.7	9.8	11.4
	Hybrid	4.8	6.4	9.6

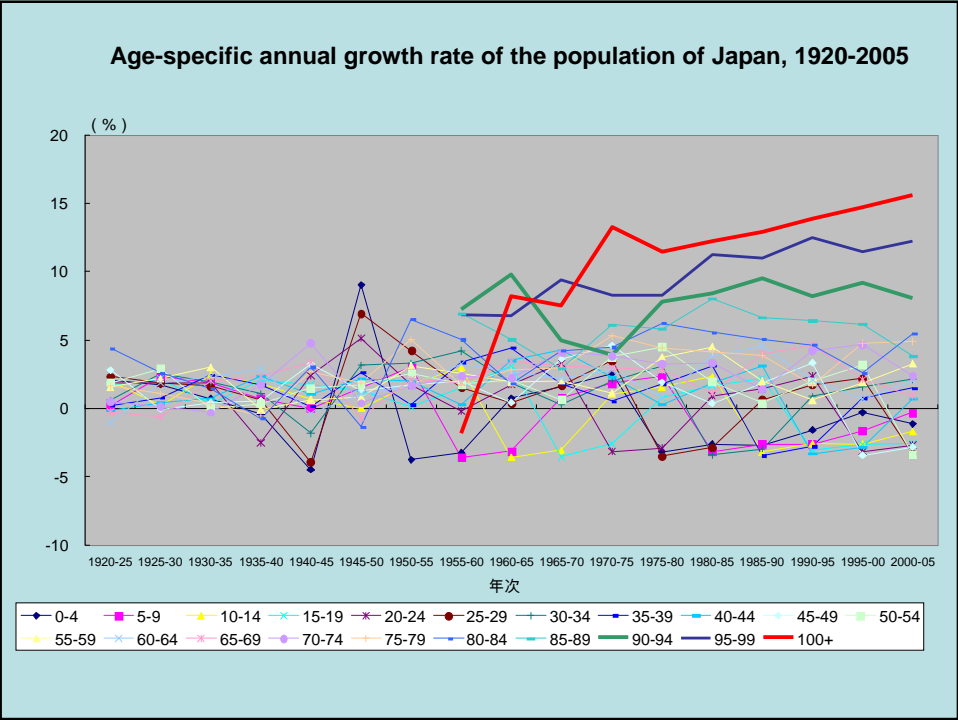
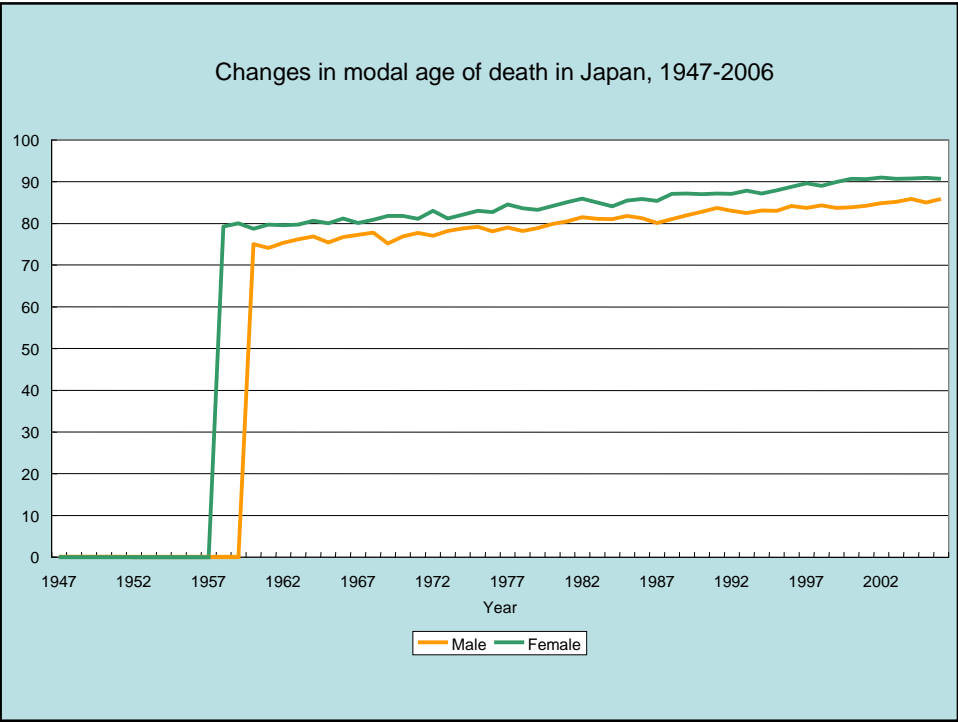
Dogs

		Survey year		
		1990-91	1994-95	2002-03
Total		8.6	10.1	11.9
Sex	Male	8.3	9.9	12.0
	Female	9.0	10.3	11.9
Breed	Purebred	8.7	9.8	11.3
	Hybrid	8.4	10.6	13.3

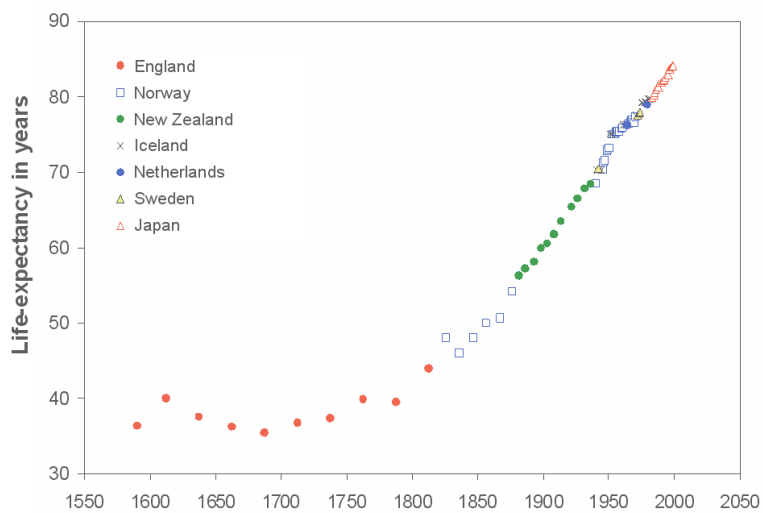
Source: Hideki Hayashidani (2005) "Changes in average lifespan and causes of death of cats and dogs (Inu to neko no heikinjūmyō to shiin no henka)", *Aigan Dobutsu* (Pet animals) (in Japanese), Japan Pet Care Association, No. 181 (January), pp. 10-11.

In Japan, the number of pets is growing at a phenomenal rate, and they are living longer...

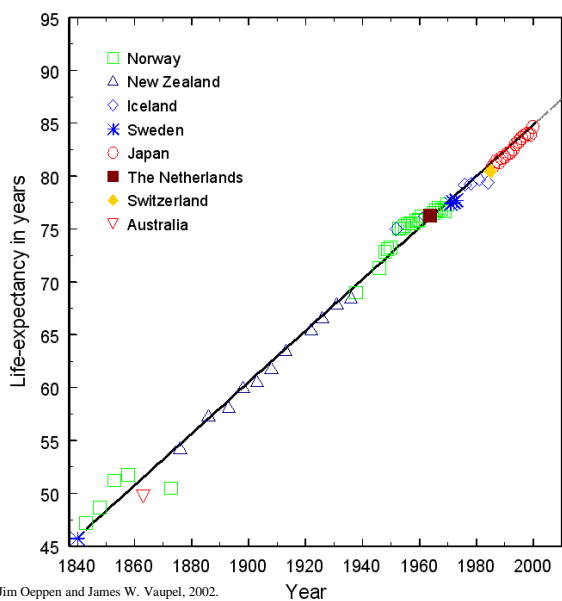
So are the elderly!



Broken limits to life expectancy since 1550



Broken limits to life expectancy since 1840



Since 1840, the average life expectancy in the longest-lived countries has improved steadily – rising by **three months every year**. And that growth continues to this day.

(From 50 Facts that Should Change the World by Jessica Williams.)

**Each day,
Japanese life expectancy grows
by 6 hours!**

**Will the Sun rise
again in Japan 10
years from now?**

Concluding Remarks

-**Demography** is not destiny

-**Demography** defines various possibilities

What do we choose?

**Political leadership counts,
particularly in Japan!**

Thank you