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Results of Survey of Social Welfare Institutions for 2017

At the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare, we compiled the results of "Survey of Social Welfare Institutions" for 2017, and hereby release them.

The "Survey of Social Welfare Institutions" is carried out to understand the number of social welfare institutions nationwide, the current status of their residents and workers, and to acquire basic data for promoting social welfare administration.

The latest Survey targeted a total of 142,463 institutions and establishments nationwide, including welfare facilities for the elderly, support facilities for persons with disabilities, child welfare facilities, social welfare service establishments for persons with disabilities, and day care support establishments for children with disabilities. It investigated the current status as of October 1, 2017.

We surveyed the numbers of such institutions and establishments as well as their capacities, which can be identified from the administrative information, using the basic questionnaire targeting the prefectures, designated cities and core cities, and we understand all of them. We also surveyed the numbers of their residents, users and workers based on the detailed questionnaire targeting the institutions and establishments.

[Key Survey Results]

- 1. Basic questionnaire results
 - Looking at the number of facilities by facility type, the number of "nursery schools, etc. (Note)" is 27,137, increased by 872 (3.3%) from the previous year. The number of "fee-based homes for the elderly (other than homes for the elderly with care services)" is 13,525, up by 955 (7.6%) from the year earlier. <See Table 1 on Page 3>
 - Looking at the number of social welfare service establishments for persons with disabilities and the number of day care support establishments for children with disabilities by service type, the number of "in-home care services" is 23,074, which account for the largest group, increased by 131 (0.6%) from the previous year. Also, in terms of the change rate over the previous year, the percentage of "after-school day services" is the highest (20.4%), followed by "child development support services" (20.0%). <See Table 3 on Page 5>

2. Detailed questionnaire results

• Looking at the residence rate with respect to the resident capacity by facility type, "nursery schools, etc. (Note)" are occupied at a rate of 95.8%, whereas "fee-based homes for the elderly (other than homes for the elderly with care services)" at a rate of 84.4%. <See Table 5 on Page 7>

Note: Nursery schools, etc. include certified kindergartens with both childcare and nursery services available, certified kindergartens with nursery services available and nursery schools.