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1. Policy System of Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare (Fundamental Goals, Grand Measure Goals, and Measure Goal) (3rd Term = FY2012-2016) – Subject to Policy Evaluation –

- (1) The fundamental goals are basic goals that need to be achieved and apply to the overall health, labour, and welfare administration.
- (2) The grand measure goals are concrete goals that concern measures implemented to achieve the fundamental goals.
- (3) The measure goals are concrete goals that concern measures implemented to achieve the grand measure goals.

Fundamental Goals of the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare with regard to policy evaluations

<Promotion of environmental development in thereby protecting people's lives and health>	
I	Ensuring the people's belief and trust in medical care and promotion of the people's health promotion efforts
II	Promotion of development of safe and comfortable living environments from the point of view of public health
<Realization of a society in which everyone that is willing to work can>	
III	Development of environments in which workers can comfortably work without any undue worries toward realization of decent work
IV	Stabilization of employment of workers in a labour market that enables everyone who is willing to work to do so
V	Development and improvement of workers' vocational abilities and development of environments in which workers can fully display their abilities
<Realization of a society in which people can have children and raise them without any undue worries>	
VI	Promotion of social development in enabling both males and females to display their abilities, and have children and raise them without any undue worries
<Realization of a society in which people have healthy long lives in their local communities>	
VII	Security of national minimum and provision of high quality welfare services from the users' points of view, etc.
VIII	Promotion of social development in which persons with or without disabilities can live and engage in life activities together in local communities
IX	Promotion of social development in which the elderly can live independently to the fullest extent possible and actively without any undue worries
<Promotion of international cooperation, science and technology advancement, and IT utilization>	
X	Promotion of health, labour, and welfare administration that is appropriate to this age of internationalization
XI	Promotion of science and technology advancement that contributes to improving people's daily lives
XII	Promotion of IT utilization that relates to improved convenience in people's daily lives
<Realization of an administration that is trusted by the people>	
XIII	Establishment of a system that is trusted by the people and in which individuals can work with a sense of satisfaction

Policy System (Fundamental Goals, Grand Measure Goals, and Measure Goals)

March 2012

Fundamental Goal I Ensuring the people’s belief and trust in medical care and promotion of the people’s health promotion efforts

Grand Measure Goal 1	Establishment of a system through which the necessary medical services can be provided in local communities
1-1	Establishment of a system through which high quality and appropriate medical care can be provided in daily living areas
Grand Measure Goal 2	Securing the necessary medical professionals and improving their quality
2-1	Securing medical professionals that can meet future medical demands
2-2	Putting the effort into improving the quality of medical professionals
Grand Measure Goal 3	Promotion of provision of efficient, safe, and high quality medical services from the point of view of users
3-1	Promotion of development of information-oriented medical care systems
3-2	Promotion of medical safety security measures
Grand Measure Goal 4	Promotion of medical services that need to be implemented by the government based on medical policies (policy based medical services)
4-1	Improvement and even distribution of policy based medical services
Grand Measure Goal 5	Prevention/avoidance of diseases that are threaten human health such as infectious diseases and securing the necessary medical care for infected patients, etc.
5-1	Prevention of the occurrence and spread of infectious diseases
5-2	Improvement of preventive measures/treatment of particular diseases with no established treatment, etc.
5-3	Promotion of appropriate transplantation therapy
5-4	Help for the atomic bomb survivors, etc.
Grand Measure Goal 6	Enabling the people to appropriately use high quality, effective, and safe drugs/medical devices
6-1	Enabling the prompt provision of highly effective and safe drugs/medical devices
6-2	Strict drug, etc. quality measures and the promotion of safety measures for drugs, etc.
6-3	Promotion of the appropriate use of drugs
Grand Measure Goal 7	Stable provision of safe blood products
7-1	Securing healthy blood donors and improving the safety of blood products through promotion of domestic self-support and appropriate use
Grand Measure Goal 8	Promotion of the development of new drugs/medical devices and the pharmaceutical industry, etc.
8-1	Promotion of the development of new drugs/medical devices and the pharmaceutical industry, etc.
Grand Measure Goal 9	Establishment of stable/efficient health care insurance systems that ensure the provision of necessary medical care for everyone
9-1	Establishment of stable/efficient health care insurance systems
9-2	Putting the effort into reducing medical fees over the medium- to long-term through implementing life style disease measures and eliminating unnecessary long-term hospitalization
Grand Measure Goal 10	Promotion of health promotion efforts of the people across a wide range of age groups from pregnant/parturient women and children through to the elderly at various places, including local communities and workplaces, etc.
10-1	Maintenance/improvement of health of local residents and securing local health care systems that enable local residents to live without any undue worries
10-2	Extension of healthy years of life through improving lifestyles, etc. and decreasing the number of deaths from cancer
10-3	Promotion of safe and secure workplace creation (refer to Measure Goal 2-1 of Fundamental Goal III)
10-4	Enhancement of maternal and child health measures (refer to Measure Goal 5-1 of Fundamental Goal VI)

- 10-5 Promotion of long-term care prevention and health promotion efforts of the elderly, and promoting their activeness and social participation (refer to Measure Goal 3-1 of Fundamental Goal IX)

Grand Measure Goal 11	Promotion of health crisis management
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- 11-1 Development of a system that can provide rapid and appropriate responses to health risks

Fundamental Goal II Promotion of development of safe and comfortable living environments from the point of view of public health

Grand Measure Goal 1	Securing the safety of food, etc.
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- 1-1 Prevention of the occurrence of harm to public health resulting from eating/drinking food, etc.

Grand Measure Goal 2	Securing safe, high quality, and disaster resilient water supply systems
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- 2-1 Securing safe, high quality, and disaster resilient water supply systems

Grand Measure Goal 3	Prevention of abuse of narcotics/stimulants, etc.
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- 3-1 Promotion of the elimination of illegal distribution and abuse prevention of controlled drugs

Grand Measure Goal 4	Prevention of health damage caused by chemical substances surrounding people's lives
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- 4-1 Securing safety through promotion of appropriate evaluation/management of chemical substances

Grand Measure Goal 5	Improvement/promotion of environmental health
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- 5-1 Improvement/promotion of environmental health through securing and promoting the health level of environmental health industries

Fundamental Goal III Development of environments in which workers can comfortably work without any undue worries toward realization of decent work

Grand Measure Goal 1	Securing/improving working conditions
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- 1-1 Securing/improving working conditions

- 1-2 Promotion of support for small- and medium-sized enterprises toward raising the minimum wage

Grand Measure Goal 2	Promotion of safe and secure workplace creation
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- 2-1 Promotion of workplace creation that ensures the safety and health of workers and where they can work without any undue worries

Grand Measure Goal 3	Fair protection of workers who have suffered industrial accidents and promotion of their social reintegration
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- 3-1 Protection of workers who have suffered industrial accidents through rapid and appropriate provision of Industrial Compensation Insurance benefits

- 3-2 Promotion and assistance of the social reintegration of workers who have suffered industrial accidents

Grand Measure Goal 4	Improved work lives
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- 4-1 Promotion of a better work-life balance through facilitating improved work hour setting, etc.

- 4-2 Realization of affluent and stable work lives

Grand Measure Goal 5	Promotion of securing the equal/balanced treatment of part-timer workers and development of appropriate work environments for working at home and home work (refer to Measure Goal 1-1 of Fundamental Goal VI)
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Grand Measure Goal 6	Promotion of creation of stable labour-management relations
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- 6-1 Establishment and dissemination of collective labour-management rules for maintaining stable labour-management relations in the future, and rapid and appropriate resolution of collective labour-management disputes

Grand Measure Goal 7	Promotion of resolution of individual labour-related disputes
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- 7-1 Promotion of resolution of individual labour-related disputes

Grand Measure Goal 8	Appropriate and smooth implementation of collection/application work involved with Labour Insurance
8-1	Promotion of appropriate application of Labour Insurance and appropriate collection of Labour Insurance premiums, etc.

Fundamental Goal IV Stabilization of employment for workers in a labour market that enables everyone who is willing to work to do so

Grand Measure Goal 1	Strengthening of the demand adjustment functions in thereby eliminating any mismatches in labour force supply and demand
1-1	Reinforcement of the demand adjustment functions of public employment security institutions, etc. and securing appropriate operation of worker dispatch businesses, etc.

Grand Measure Goal 2	Creation of employment opportunities and stabilization of employment
2-1	Creation and stabilization of employment according to the characteristics of regions, small- and medium-size enterprises, and industries

Grand Measure Goal 3	Stabilization/promotion of employment according to the characteristics of workers, etc.
3-1	Stabilization/promotion of employment of the elderly, persons with disabilities, and young people, etc.

Grand Measure Goal 4	Securing daily lives during job-seeking activities and the provision of unemployment benefits, etc.
4-1	Stable and appropriate operation of employment insurance system and securing easier job-seeking activities through stable and appropriate operation of the employment insurance system

Grand Measure Goal 5	Support for employment of job seekers who are unable to receive employment insurance through utilization of support system for job seekers
5-1	Support for employment of job seekers who are unable to receive employment insurance through implementation of job seeker support training and payment of allowances to receive vocational training, etc.

Fundamental Goal V Development and improvement of workers' vocational abilities and development of environments in which workers can fully display their abilities

Grand Measure Goal 1	Securing various vocational development opportunities
1-1	Securing various vocational development opportunities

Grand Measure Goal 2	Support for continuous vocational career development of workers throughout their careers
2-1	Provision of vocational career support according to the respective stage of young people, etc.
2-2	Provision of vocational career development support, etc. in ensuring the move from welfare to independence

Grand Measure Goal 3	Reinforcement of "on-site capabilities" and succession/promotion of skills
3-1	Promotion of measures for skills succession/promotion

Fundamental Goal VI Promotion of social developments that enable both males and females to display their abilities, and have children and raise them without any undue worries

Grand Measure Goal 1	Promotion of measures that secure equal opportunity and treatment between male and female workers, work-life balance support, and equal and balanced treatment between part-time workers and regular workers
1-1	Promotion of measures that secure equal opportunity and treatment between male and female workers, a better work-life balance support, and equal and balanced treatment between part-time workers and regular workers

Grand Measure Goal 2	Realization of society that supports the sound development of children through the provision of childcare support projects, including various day care services which fit users' needs, etc.
2-1	Promotion of measures for community-based childcare support, etc.
2-2	Provision of the necessary services for the sound development of children and improving their capacity
2-3	Expansion of the number of children accepted at day care centers and securing day care services that suit various needs

Grand Measure Goal 3	Support for children and childcare families
3-1	Support for children and childcare families
Grand Measure Goal 4	Development of seamless support systems from the prevention of the occurrence of child abuse and spousal violence, etc. as protection/independence support
4-1	Enhancement of support systems for child abuse prevention and spousal violence victims, etc.
Grand Measure Goal 5	Enhancement of maternal and child health measures
5-1	Enhancement of maternal and child health measures
Grand Measure Goal 6	Promotion of the independence of single parent families
6-1	Fundamental Goal VII Securing national minimum and provision of high quality welfare services from the users' points of view, etc.

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Grand Measure Goal 1	Appropriate provision of welfare services for the indigent
1-1	Appropriate provision of welfare services for the indigent
Grand Measure Goal 2	Improved welfare services for people requiring support through reinforcement of safety net functions of local communities
2-1	Improved welfare services for people requiring support through reinforcement of safety net functions of local communities
Grand Measure Goal 3	Appropriate provision of welfare services for the disaster victims, etc.
3-1	Implementation of emergency support after disasters
Grand Measure Goal 4	Establishment of foundations for developing human resources that can support welfare services and protect users, etc.
4-1	Provision of higher quality welfare services through promotion of the development/securement of human resources who can then engage in social welfare-related businesses, etc.
Grand Measure Goal 5	Help for wounded/sick retired soldiers and war bereaved, etc., support for the Japanese that remained behind in China after the war, etc., and ending the remaining businesses of the former Japanese Army-Navy
5-1	Provision of wounded/sick retired soldiers and war bereaved, etc. with relief pensions and medical treatment benefits, etc.
5-2	Consolation for the war bereaved through recovering the remains of the war dead, etc.
5-3	Promotion of the smooth return of any Japanese remaining in China and providing returnees with permanent residences and independence support
5-4	Appropriate organization/storage of personnel documents of the former Japanese Army-Navy, and appropriate provision of invoices for Public Officers Pensions for former members of the former Japanese Army-Navy

Fundamental Goal VIII Promotion of social developments in which persons with or without disabilities can live and engage in life activities together in local communities

Grand Measure Goal 1	Development of a system in which the necessary health/welfare services appropriately support the community lives of persons with disabilities
1-1	Development of support systems for persons with disabilities so they live, work, and in communities and thus receive support for community life
1-2	Promotion of employment of persons with disabilities (refer to Measure Goal 3-1 of Fundamental Goal IV)

Fundamental Goal IX Promotion of social developments in which the elderly can live independently to the fullest extent possible and actively without any undue worries

Grand Measure Goal 1	Enhancement of income protection that will be the basis for financial independence in post-retirement life
1-1	Paving the way for pension system reform and establishing a sustainable public pension system that people will trust

- 1-2 Appropriate business operation of the public pension system in thereby securing the people's trust in it
- 1-3 Sound development of Employees' Pensions, etc.
- 1-4 Appropriate operation of Employees' Pensions, etc.

Grand Measure Goal 2	Promotion of employment of persons with disabilities (refer to Measure Goal 3-1 of Fundamental Goal IV)
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Grand Measure Goal 3	Promotion of health promotion efforts and activeness of the elderly, and provision of support for elderly requiring long-term care through appropriate operation of the Long-Term Care Insurance system
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3-1 Promotion of long-term care prevention/health promotion efforts of the elderly in thus promoting their activeness and social participation

3-2 Appropriate operation of the Long-Tem Care Insurance system, and increase both the quality and quantitative of the long-term care service infrastructure

Fundamental Goal X Promotion of health, labour, and welfare administration that is appropriate to this age of internationalization

Grand Measure Goal 1	Participation in and contribution to the international society
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1-1 Contributing to international society through participating/cooperating in the activities of international organizations and overseas publicity work

1-2 Promotion of international cooperation such as bilateral cooperation, etc. in thereby strengthening it

Grand Measure Goal 2	Promotion of measures adapted for use in internationalization (repeat)
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2-1 Prevention of the occurrence/spread, etc. of infectious diseases (refer to Measure Goal 5-1 of Fundamental Goal I)

2-2 Prevention of the occurrence of harm to public health resulting from eating/drinking food, etc. (refer to Measure Goal 1-1 of Fundamental Goal II)

2-3 Paving the way for pension system reform and establishing a sustainable public pension system that the people can trust (refer to Measure Goal 1-1 of Fundamental Goal IX)

2-4 Promotion of measures for foreign workers (refer to Measure Goal 3-1 of Fundamental Goal IV)

Fundamental Goal XI Promotion of science and technology advances that contribute to improving people's daily lives

Grand Measure Goal 1	Securing appropriate and effective operation of national research institutes
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1-1 Securing appropriate and effective operation of national research institutes

Grand Measure Goal 2	Development of a system that supports research
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2-1 Securing appropriate and effective implementation of health and labour science research projects

Grand Measure Goal 3	Promotion of research/development in the areas of labour, health, and welfare (*repeat)
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3-1 Promotion of research/developments that prevents the occurrence/spread, etc. of infectious diseases (refer to Measure Goal 5-1 of Fundamental Goal I)

3-2 Promotion of research/development of prevention/treatment of particular diseases with no established treatment, etc. (refer to Measure Goal 5-2 of Fundamental Goal I)

3-3 Promotion of research/development of innovative drugs and medical devices, etc. through utilizing advanced technologies such as biotechnology and nanotechnology, etc. (refer to Measure Goal 8-1 of Fundamental Goal I)

3-4 Promotion of research/development that extends healthy years of life through improving lifestyles, etc. (refer to Measure Goal 10-2 of Fundamental Goal I)

3-5 Promotion of research/development on preventing the occurrence of harm to public health resulting from eating/drinking food, etc. (refer to Measure Goal 1-1 of Fundamental Goal II)

* Repeat: Measure Goals 3-1 through to 3-5 of Fundamental Goal XI list major research/development items

Fundamental Goal XII Promotion of IT utilization that relates to improving the convenience of people's daily lives

Grand Measure Goal 1	Promotion of basic policies on e-government promotion
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- 1-1 Improved usability for the people and simplification and optimization of administrative operations through utilization of IT (information and communication technologies) in the areas of administration and review of the duties and systems related to it

Grand Measure Goal 2	Promotion of IT utilization in the areas of medical care/health/long-term care/welfare (repeat)
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- 2-1 Promotion of efforts to disseminate IT being utilized in the medical care infrastructure (refer to Measure Goal 3-1 of Fundamental Goal I)
- 2-2 Promotion of efforts to establish online receipt systems (refer to Measure Goal 9-1 of Fundamental Goal I)

Grand Measure Goal 3	Promotion of IT utilization in other policy areas (repeat)
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- 3-1 Promotion of efforts to utilize IT in facilitating a better work-life balance (refer to Measure Goal 4-1 of Fundamental Goal III)
- 3-2 Promotion of efforts to utilize IT in facilitating smoother access to job offer/job seeker information (refer to Measure Goal 1-1 of Fundamental Goal IV)
- 3-3 Promotion of efforts to utilize IT in supporting reemployment/reentry into employment of females (refer to Measure Goal 1-1 of Fundamental Goal VI)

Fundamental Goal XIII Establishment of a system that is trusted by the people and in which individuals can work with a sense of satisfaction

Grand Measure Goal 1	Information provision, information disclosure, and efficient/effective business management
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- 1-1 Provision of information to the public in an easily understandable manner and with the “voice of the public” taken into account when making improvements
- 1-2 Thorough implementation of cost reductions/elimination of waste through budget screening within the Ministry, etc.

Grand Measure Goal 2	Development of personnel and improved workplace environments
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- 2-1 Promotion of appropriate personnel evaluations in the light of the image of those personnel being the future leaders of the health, labour, and welfare administration and personnel affairs based on appropriate assignment of the right personnel rather than just following a precedent
- 2-2 Promotion of the development of personnel that are both motivated and capable through improving abilities that the Ministry lacks
- 2-3 Promotion of improved workplace environments in thereby enable all the personnel to work with a sense of satisfaction
- 2-4 Promotion of work improvement/optimization in thereby establishing a system that enables time to be secured for planning/formulating policies

2. Major Laws Enacted in FY2012

Title: Act on Partial Revision of the National Health Insurance Act	
Promulgation Date: April 6, 2012	Effective Date: April 1, 2012 (However, (1) and (2) below shall come into effect on April 1, 2015)
Act No.: 28	Responsible Division: National Health Insurance Division of Health Insurance Bureau
<p>1. Purpose of the law In helping to ensure stable operation of the National Health Insurance system, measures to improve the financial basis of National Health Insurance shall be made permanent, and any necessary measures taken to promote changing the unit of operation of National Health Insurance to the prefectural level and raising the percentage of prefectural adjustment subsidies, etc.</p> <p>2. Details of revision</p> <p>(1) Making measures being used to improve the financial basis of National Health Insurance permanent Measures being used to improve the financial basis of National Health Insurance operated by municipalities (insurer support system and collaborative projects by the individual prefectures (joint project on high medical care and joint project on insurance finance stabilization)), which are Provisional measures for the period of between FY2010 and FY2013, shall be made permanent.</p> <p>(2) Promotion of changing the unit of operation of National Health Insurance to the prefectural level The subjects of collaborative projects by the individual prefectures regarding National Health Insurance operated by municipalities (joint projects on insurance finance stabilization) shall be expanded to cover all medical fees.</p> <p>(3) Raising the percentage of prefectural adjustment subsidies In order to promote the smooth enhancement of the financial adjustment functions of prefectures and expansion of joint projects with regard to the financial basis of National Health Insurance operated by municipalities, the percentage of prefectural adjustment subsidies shall be raised from 7% to 9% of benefit expenditure, etc.</p> <p>(4) Others All necessary measures shall be taken until the measures become permanent, including extending the period of measures used to improve the financial basis (provisional measures) for a further year (until FY2014), etc.</p>	

Title: Act on Promotion of Procurement of Goods and Services from Vocational Facilities for Persons with Disabilities by the State and Other Entities

Promulgation Date: June 27, 2012

Effective Date: April 1, 2013

Act No.: 50

Responsible Division: Welfare Division for Persons with Disabilities of
Department of Health and Welfare for Persons with Disabilities of
Social Welfare and War Victims' Relief Bureau

<Purpose>

The Act aims to promote an increase in demand for the goods and services provided by vocational facilities for persons with disabilities, etc., with the state and independent administrative agencies (hereinafter referred to the "state and other entities"), local governments, and local independent administrative agencies stipulating matters necessary in securing opportunities for orders to be provided to vocational facilities for persons with disabilities, etc., thereby contributing to the promotion of the independence of persons with disabilities working at home.

<Outline>

1. Definition of vocational facilities for persons with disabilities, etc.

[1] "Vocational facilities for persons with disabilities, etc."

- Vocational facilities for persons with disabilities, persons with disabilities working at home/working-at-home support organizations stipulated in the Act on Employment Promotion etc. of Persons with Disabilities

[2] "Vocational facilities for persons with disabilities"

- Support facilities for persons with disabilities, local activity support centers, facilities implementing welfare services for persons with disabilities (limited to daily life care, employment transfer support, or continuous employment services).
- So-called small-scale workplaces
- Workplaces that employ a large number of people with severe disabilities (special subsidiaries stipulated in the Act on Employment Promotion etc. of Persons with Disabilities)

2. Responsibilities of the state and other entities and promotion of procurement

[1] The state and other entities shall make the effort to procure goods, etc. preferentially from vocational facilities for persons with disabilities, etc.

[2] The state shall stipulate basic policies on promoting the procurement of goods, etc. from vocational facilities for persons with disabilities, etc.

[3] The directors of the respective ministries and agencies and the directors of independent administrative agencies, etc. shall formulate policies regarding procuring goods, etc. from vocational facilities for persons with disabilities, etc. that conform to the basic policies of the state every fiscal year, and then publish the results after the end of the fiscal year.

[4] Prefectures, municipalities, and local independent administrative agencies shall formulate policies regarding procuring goods, etc. from vocational facilities for persons with disabilities, etc., and then publish the results of procurement after the end of the fiscal year.

3. Provision of information on goods, etc. supplied by vocational facilities for persons with disabilities, etc.

Vocational facilities for persons with disabilities, etc. shall independently, in mutual cooperation, or jointly make the effort to provide information on their goods, etc., as well as to improve the quality of and smoothly supply their goods, etc.

Title: Act on Arrangement of Relevant Acts to Take New Health and Welfare Measures for Persons with Disabilities toward the Realization of Coexistence in Local Communities

Promulgation Date: June 27, 2012

Effective Date: Refer to below

Act No.: 51

Responsible Division: Policy Planning Division of Department of Health and Welfare for Persons with Disabilities of Social Welfare and War Victims' Relief Bureau

<Purpose>

Based on discussions held at the Headquarters to Promote Reform of the System for Persons with Disabilities, etc., new health and welfare measures for persons with disabilities shall be taken in comprehensive support of the daily and social lives of persons with disabilities, including enhancement of welfare services for persons with disabilities, etc., and toward the realization of coexistence in local communities.

<Outline>

1. Title

The title "Services and Supports for Persons with Disabilities Act" shall be the "Act on Comprehensive Support for Daily and Social Lives of Persons with Disabilities (Comprehensive Support for Persons with Disabilities Act)".

2. Basic principle

Implementing daily and social life support according to the law in a comprehensive and systematic manner in thereby contributing to ensuring opportunities for social participation, coexistence in local communities, and elimination of social barriers and in realizing a harmonious society shall be newly provided for as a basic principle of the law.

3. Scope of persons with disabilities (scope of children with disabilities shall be treated in a similar manner)

In order to fill any "gaps in the system" intractable diseases, etc. shall be included within the scope of persons with disabilities.

4. Creation of support categories for persons with disabilities

"Disability categories for persons with disabilities" shall be changed to "support categories for persons with disabilities" that will provide the necessary standard support levels in a comprehensive manner and according to the subject's various disability characteristics and other physical/mental conditions.

* Appropriate consideration, etc. shall be given when establishing the categories to ensuring that the support categories for persons with disabilities are provided according to the characteristics of persons with mental retardation/disorders.

5. Support for persons with disabilities

[1] Expansion of the subjects to care visits for persons with severe disabilities (persons with severe physical disabilities, etc. that are stipulated as persons with disabilities and who require regular long-term care in Ordinances of the Ministry of Health, Labor and Welfare)

[2] Unification of group homes that provide care (care homes) into groups home with aid (group homes)

[3] Expansion of the subjects of community transfer support (those requiring focused support in transfer to community lives that are stipulated in Ordinances of the Ministry of Health, Labor and Welfare shall be included)

[4] Inclusion of community life support services (services that provide training and enlightenment activities for deepening understanding of persons with disabilities, services to train persons engaging in mutual understanding support, etc.)

6. Systematic development of service infrastructures

[1] Formulation of welfare plans for persons with disabilities with regard to matters concerning goals regarding securing systems that provide welfare services for persons with disabilities, etc. and matters concerning implementation of community life support services.

[2] Legal establishment of regular verification and review of basic policies/welfare plans for persons with disabilities

[3] Obligation for the needs of persons with disabilities, etc. to be identified by municipalities when formulating welfare plans for persons with disabilities

[4] Allowing the title of the Independence Support Council to be more flexibly determined according to the actual situation of local communities and clarifying participation of the persons concerned and their families

<Effective Date>

April 1, 2013 (However, 4. and 5.[1]-[3] shall come into effect on April 1, 2014)

Title: Act on Partial Revision of the National Pension Act, etc. in Order to Strengthen the Financial Grounds and Minimum Guarantee Function of the Public Pension System	
Promulgation Date: August 22, 2012	Effective Date: Refer to below
Act No.: 62	Responsible Division: Pension Division of Pension Bureau
<p>1. Purpose 50 years have passed since the creation of the National Pension system and hence necessary measures will need to be taken in thereby responding to significant changes in both the social and economic situation of the National Pension system.</p> <p>2. Outline</p> <p>(1) The period required before receiving pension benefits shall be shortened from the point of view of preventing future non-pensioners by benefits being provided according to the premiums paid. (To come into effect in October 2015 in thereby matching the enforcement period of the fundamental tax system reform)</p> <p>(2) The specific fiscal year (stipulated in the revised Act in 2004 as “fiscal year specified separately by law”) for the permanent setting of the state subsidy for the Basic Pension of 50% (1/2) shall be set to be FY2014. (To come into effect in April 2014 in thereby matching the enforcement period of the fundamental tax system reform)</p> <p>(3) Subjects of Employees’ Pension/Health Insurance shall be expanded to include part-time workers. (To come into effect in October 2016)</p> <p>(4) The payment of Employees’ Pension/Health Insurance premiums shall be exempt during child care leave in thereby aiding the development of next generations. (To come into effect in April 2014)</p> <p>(5) Survivors’ basic pension benefits shall be paid to motherless families. (To come into effect in April 2014 in thereby matching the enforcement period of the fundamental tax system reform)</p>	

Title: Act on Partial Revision of the Employees' Pension Insurance Act, etc. for Unifying Employees' Pension Insurance Systems	
Promulgation Date: August 22, 2012	Effective Date: October 1, 2015 (However, (6) of the Outline below shall come into effect on a day specified by Cabinet Order within 1 year of the date of promulgation)
Act No.: 63	Responsible Division: Pension Division of Pension Bureau
<p>1. Purpose The necessary matters to improve the stability of the system by expanding the scope of pension finance and ensuring greater fairness between private employees and public officers, etc. shall be taken mainly by unifying the respective employees’ pension systems, which are divided into Employees’ Pension and three Mutual Aid Association Pensions, into the Employees’ Pension Insurance system.</p> <p>2. Outline</p> <p>(1) Public officers and private school personnel shall be included as subjects of Employees’ Pensions and the 2nd floor portion of pension systems unified into the Employees’ Pension Insurance system.</p> <p>(2) The systematic difference between Mutual Aid Association Pensions and Employees’ Pensions shall be eliminated by basically being aligned as Employees’ Pensions.</p> <p>(3) The 1st and 2nd portions of Mutual Aid Association Pension premiums shall be raised and unified into the premium rate of Employees’ Pensions (upper limit of 18.3%).</p> <p>(4) Mutual Aid associations and Mutual Aid corporations for private schools shall be utilized in the operation of Employees’ Pension businesses from the point of view of more efficiently conducting business affairs and private schools. In addition, the situation with benefits and burden of the entire system shall be appropriated into a national account.</p> <p>(5) The 3rd floor portion (job area portion) as a public pension of Mutual Aid Pensions shall be abolished. A new pension scheme following the abolishment of the 3rd floor portion (job area portion) as a public pension shall then be separately stipulated by law.</p> <p>(6) In order to reduce any additional expenses, benefits for the period of public officer pensions shall be reduced by 27% because of a focus on the difference to insured persons concerned. However, certain consideration measures shall be taken.</p>	

Title: Act on Partial Revision of the Act on Stabilization of Employment of Elderly Persons	
Promulgation Date: September 5, 2012	Effective Date: April 1, 2013
Act No.: 78	Responsible Division: Employment Measures for the Elderly Division of Employment Measures for the Elderly and Persons with Disabilities Department of Employment Security Bureau
<p>1. Purpose Because of the need for the realization of a society that includes the participation of all people who can then help support society through promoting employment of all people that can work, including young people, females, elderly, and persons with disabilities, and due to a rapid progress in the birth rate decline and aging, necessary revisions shall be made, including enhancement of employment security measures for the elderly, etc. by removing provisions regarding standards set by business operators concerning the elderly that are the subjects of the continued employment system, and which will be part of the employment promotion of the elderly.</p> <p>2. Outline</p> <p>(1) Abolishment of the system for limiting the subjects of the continued employment system Systems that can limit the employment of the elderly, who are subjects of the continued employment system, because of the standards that business operators can set through labour-management agreements shall be abolished and all people that wish to be employed after compulsory retirement shall be included as subjects of the continued employment system.</p> <p>(2) Expansion of the scope of enterprises that employ subjects of the continued employment system A system shall be established that expands the scope of enterprises employing elderly that are the subjects of the continued employment system to include group enterprises.</p> <p>(3) Introduction of a provision to disclose any enterprises that have not fulfilled their obligations A provision to disclose enterprises that have not complies with recommendations regarding obligations to take employment security measures for elderly shall be established.</p> <p>(4) Formulation of guidelines on the implementation and operation of employment security measures for elderly Grounds for guidelines on the implementation and operation of employment security measures for elderly that business operators should take shall be established.</p> <p>(5) Others Transitional measures for the period of 12 years shall be established to enable those that have reached the pensionable age for Employees' Pensions (earning-related portion) to continue to use the standards and the necessary provisions established.</p>	

Title: Act on Comprehensive Promotion of Measures for Kanemi Rice Oil Disease Patients	
Promulgation Date: September 5, 2012	Effective Date: September 5, 2012
Act No.: 82	Responsible Division: Policy Planning and Communication Division of Department of Food Safety (and other relevant ministries and agencies)
<p>In consideration of the situation with Kanemi rice oil disease patients, measures for Kanemi rice oil disease patients, the Act aims to comprehensively promote measures for Kanemi rice oil disease patients through [1] providing basic principles, [2] clarifying the responsibilities of the state and other entities, [3] providing for the formulation of basic principles, and [4] providing matters that will be the bases of the measures.</p>	

Title: Act on Partial Revision of the Act on Partial Revision of the National Pension Act, etc. in order to maintain the 50 percent share of the government contribution to the Basic Pension Benefit in 2012 and 2013, etc.	
Promulgation Date: November 26, 2012	Effective Date: Refer to below
Act No.: 99	Responsible Division: Pension Division of Pension Bureau
<p>1. Purpose Ensuring the pension system remains sustainable in the future makes maintaining the state subsidy rate of the basic pension at 50% (1/2) necessary. In addition, adjusting the levels of the amount of pensions, which have remained unchanged despite a fall in consumer prices, via use of a special measure to a more normal level is necessary in achieving greater intergenerational fairness with respect to the public pension system and various other benefit systems. The necessary measures shall therefore be taken.</p> <p>2. Outline (1) Matters concerning the state subsidy rate of the basic pension of 50% (1/2) [1] For FY2012 and FY2013, the difference between the state subsidy rate of the basic pension of 50% (1/2) and 36.5% shall be covered by a state subsidy using special bonds for covering public pension funding (stop-gap public bonds), and which the financial resources used for the repayment of shall consist of revenue from the consumption tax being raised. [2] The pension amount for the exemption period of National Pension insurance premiums in FY2012 and FY2013 shall be calculated on the assumption of a state subsidy rate of the basic pension of 50%.</p> <p>(2) Matters concerning exceptional levels using a special measure [1] From the point of view of intergenerational fairness the exceptional level of the amount of old-age basic pensions (2.5%) shall be eliminated over the three years of from FY2013 to FY2015. [2] The exceptional level of allowances for single parent families and persons with disabilities, etc., for which the same measure as with pensions was taken, shall also be eliminated over the three years of from FY2013 to FY2015.</p> <p>3. Effective date (1) Promulgation date (2) October 1, 2013</p>	

Title: Act on the Payment of Supplementation Allowance for Pensioners	
Promulgation Date: November 26, 2012	Effective Date: October 1, 2015 in thereby matching the enforcement period of the fundamental tax system reform
Act No.: 102	Responsible Division: Pension Division of Pension Bureau
<p>1. Purpose The necessary measures shall be taken to support the lives of the elderly and persons with disabilities who receive pensions but have low incomes, including pensions, and therefore require financial assistance.</p> <p>2. Outline (1) A supplementary allowance for old-age pensioners shall be paid to those receiving old-age basic pensions and with an income not exceeding a certain standard stipulated in Cabinet Order based on the payment period of National Pension premiums and the period of premium exemption.</p> <p>(2) A supplementary allowance for old-age pensioners shall be paid to certain people with an income not exceeding the above standard in thereby avoiding reversal in their income.</p> <p>(3) A supplementary allowance for disability pensioners or supplementary allowance for survivors' pensioners shall be paid to certain people receiving disability or survivors' pensions.</p>	

3. Chronological Table

Year	Prime Minister	Minister of Health and Welfare	Minister of Labour	Background to the Era	Measures, etc.		
1938	Konoe	Kido		1938 Establishment of Ministry of Health and Welfare	1937 Health Center Act		
	Hiranuma	Hirose			1938 National Health Insurance Act		
	Abe	Obara, Akita			1939 Employees Health Insurance Act, Mariners Insurance Act		
	Yonai	Yoshida			1941 Workers Pension insurance Act		
	Konoe	Yasui, Kanemitsu			Koizumi (S)	1941 Pacific War	1944 Employees' Pension Insurance Act
		Tojo					
	Koiso	Hirose, Aikawa			Yonekubo	1945 End of War	1945 Repatriation measures
	Suzuki (K)	Okada					
	Higashikuni	Matsumura					
	Shidehara	Ashida					
Yoshida	Kawai, Ichimatsu						
Katayama	Katayama, Ichimatsu	Katou	1946 Promulgation of Japanese Constitution	1946 Former Public Assistance Act 1946 Labour Relations Adjustment Act 1947 New Health Center Act 1947 Food Sanitation Act 1947 Child Welfare Act 1947 Labour Standards Act 1947 Industrial Accident Compensation Insurance Act 1947 Employment Security Act 1947 Unemployment Insurance Act 1948 Preventive Vaccinations Act 1948 Medical Care Act 1948 Medical Practitioners Act, Dental Practitioners Act, Act on Public Health Nurses, Midwives and Nurses			
Yoshida	Yoshida	Yoshida	1947 Establishment of Ministry of Labour 1947 First baby boom	1947 Establishment of Ministry of Labour 1947 First baby boom			
	Hayashi (J)	Masuda					
	Kurokawa	Hori					
					Hashimoto (Ryugo)	Yoshitake	
	Yoshitake	Totsuka			1950 Korean War (Special procurement boom)	1952 Peace Treaty	
	Yamagata						Kosaka
	Kusaba						
	Hatoyama	Tsurumi			Chiba	"Jinmu" economic boom	1954 Public Cleansing Act 1954 Amendment to the Employees' Pension Insurance Act (introduction of a fixed portion and an increase in the pensionable age to the 60)
Kawasaki		Nishida					
Kobayashi		Kuraishi					
Ishibashi		Kanda	Matsuura				
Kishi	Horiki	Ishida	"Iwato" economic boom	1957 Water Supply Act 1958 Amendment to the National Health Insurance Act (insurance coverage for whole population) 1958 Vocational Training Act 1959 National Pension Act (universal pension coverage) 1960 Act on Welfare of Mentally Retarded Persons 1960 Pharmaceutical Affairs Act			
	Hashimoto (Ryugo)	Kuraishi					
	Sakata	Matsuno					
	Watanabe (R)						
Ikeda	Nakayama	Ishida	1960 Income doubling plan	1961 Child Rearing Allowance Act 1963 Act on Social Welfare Service for Elderly 1964 Maternal and Child Welfare Act 1964 Act on Special Child Rearing Allowance 1965 Amendment to the Employees' Pension Insurance Act (¥10,000 pension, Employees' Pension Fund) 1965 Maternal and Child Health Act 1965 Amendment to the Mental Hygiene Act (introduction of public-funded hospital visit medical care) 1966 Amendment to the National Health Insurance Act (70% benefit introduced) 1966 Employment Countermeasures Act 1967 Basic Act on Pollution Control Measures 1967 First-Term Basic Employment Measures Plan			
	Furui	Fukunaga					
	Nadao						
	Nishimura						
	Kobayashi (T)						
Sato	Kanda	Ishida	1964 Tokyo Olympics "Izanagi" economic boom	1969 Amendment to the Employees' Pension Insurance Act (¥20,000 pension) 1970 Waste Management Act 1970 Five-Year Plan for the Emergency Provision of Social Welfare Facilities 1970 Home Work Act 1971 Child Allowance Act 1971 Act on Stabilization of Employment of Elderly Persons			
	Suzuki (Z)	Kodaira					
					Yamate		
	Bo	Hayakawa					
	Sonoda	Ogawa					
	Saito (N)	Hara			1970 Aging rate exceeds 7%		
	Uchida	Nohara					
	Saito (N)	Hara			1971 Establishment of Environmental Agency 1971 Dollar shock		

Year	Prime Minister	Minister of Health and Welfare	Minister of Labour	Background to the Era	Measures, etc.
1975	Tanaka		Tsukahara	1971 Second baby boom	1973 Amendment to the Act on Social Welfare Service for Elderly (free medical care for the elderly) 1973 Amendment to the Health Insurance Act (70% benefit for dependents, and high-cost medical care expenses) 1973 Pension system reform (¥50,000 pension, commodity price sliding scale system introduced) 1974 Employment Insurance Act
		Shiomi	Tamura	1972 Sapporo Olympics	
		K. Saito	Katou	1973 First year of welfare	
			Hasegawa	1973 Oil shock	
		Fukunaga	Okubo		
	Miki	S. Tanaka	Hasegawa	1975 International Women's Year	
		Hayakawa	Urano		
	Fukuda	M. Watanabe	Ishida		
		Ozawa	Fujii		
	Ohira	Hashimoto (Ryutaro)	Fujii		
			Kurihara	1979 International Year of the Child	
			Noro	Fujinami	
Z. Suzuki	K. Saito	Fujio	1980 Baby hotel problem		
		Sonoda	1980 Second Provisional Commission on Administrative Reform(financial reconstruction)		
		Murayama			
Nakasone	Y. Hayashi	Oono	1981 International Year of Disabled Persons		
			1981 U.S.-Japan Trade Friction		
	K. WAtabe	Sakamoto	1983 United Nation's Decade for Disabled Persons Population concentration in Tokyo		
			Population concentration in Tokyo		
	Masuoka	Yamaguchi	Appreciation of yen		
Imai	Y. Hayashi				
J. Saito	Hirai	Steep rise in land price			
1989	Takeshita	Fujimoto	Nakamura	Bubble economy	
				J. Koizumi	H. Niwa
	Uno		Horiuchi		
	Kaifu	Toida	Fukushima		
		Tsuahima	Tsukahara	1990 Iraqi invasion into Kuwait 1990 Birth of a united Germany	
	Shimojo	Ozato	1990 Total fertility rate marks 1.57.		
1993	Miyazawa	Yamashita	Kondo	1991 Gulf War 1991 Dissolution of the Soviet union and formulation of Russian Federation and others	
				Land price begins to fall.	
	Hosokawa	Ouchi	Sakaguchi		
Hata		K. Hatoyama			

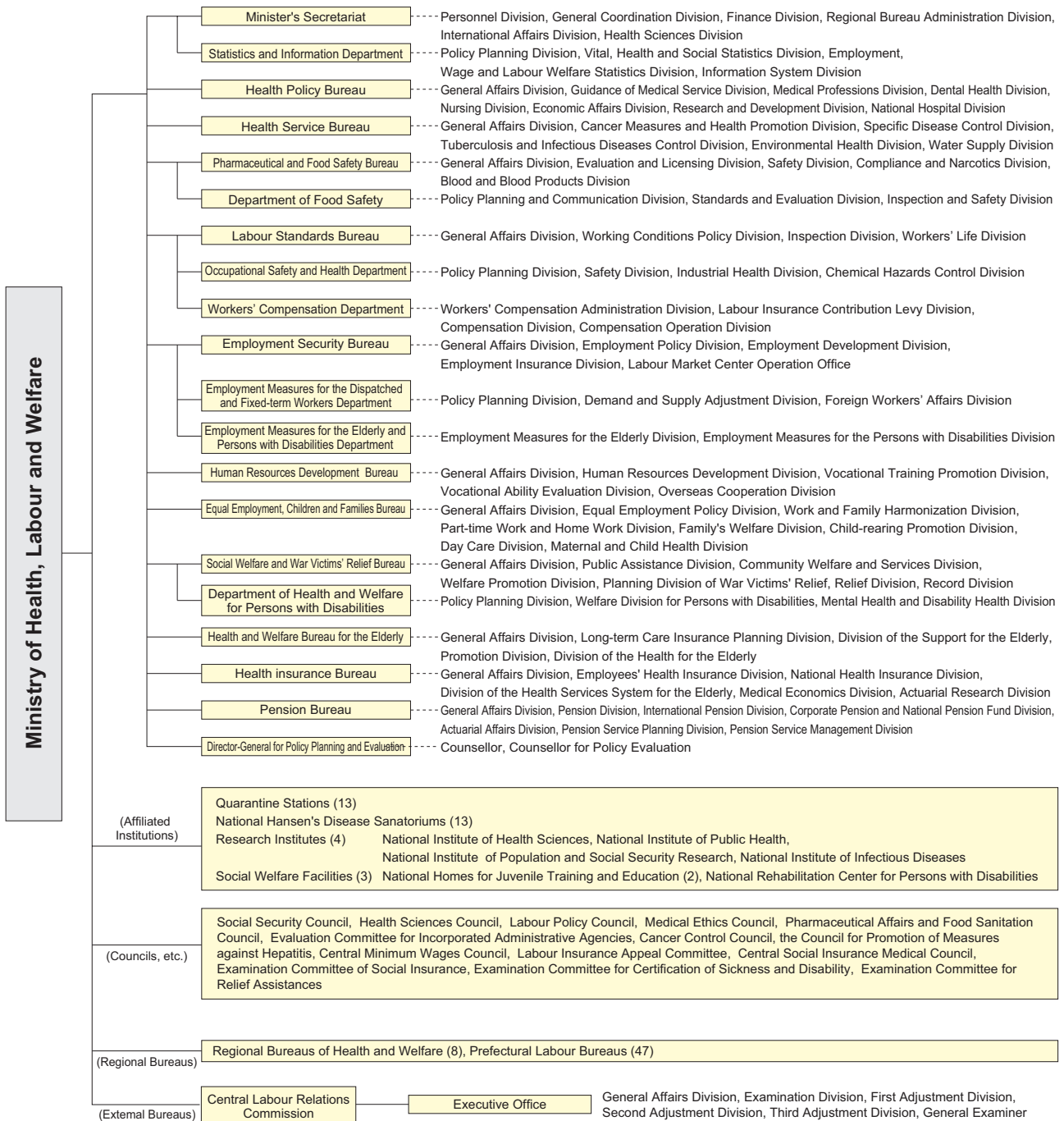
Year	Prime Minister	Minister of Health and Welfare	Minister of Labour	Background to the Era	Measures, etc.
1998	Mirayama	Ide	Hamamoto	1994 Aging rate exceeds 14%	1994 Pension system reform (review of the Old-Age Employees' Pension for people in their early 60s) 1994 Formulation of the Angel Plan 1994 Formulation of the New Gold Plan 1994 New 10-Year Strategy to overcome Cancer 1994 Amendment to the Act on Stabilization of Employment of Elderly Persons (mandatory 60-year-old retirement age; obliging employers to endeavor to continue employment up to 65 years old) 1994 Amendment to the Employment Insurance Act (establishment of continued employment benefit for old age and child-care leave benefit) 1994 Act on Advancement of Project for Quality Management of Raw Water 1995 Act on Support for the Atomic Bomb Victims 1995 Act on the Promotion of Sorted Collection and Recycling of Containers and Packaging
		Morii	Aoki	1995 Great Hanshin/Awaji Earthquake	1995 Formulation of the Government Action Plan for Persons with Disabilities 1995 Amendment to the Mental Health Act (establishment of the system to provide a health and welfare handbook for people with mental disorders; change of the title into the Act on Mental Health and Welfare for the Mentally Disabled) 1995 Amendment to the Child Care Leave Act (establishment of family-care leave system; change of the title into the Child Care and Family Care Leave Act) 1995 New comprehensive employment measures
	Hashimoto (Ryutaro)	Kan	Nagai	Social security reform	1996 Abolishment of the Leprosy Prevention Act 1996 Amendment to the Pharmaceutical Affairs Act (improvement of measures to ensure drug safety)
		Koizumi (J)	Okano		1997 Amendment to the Waste Management Act (clarification of procedures for establishing facilities; Countermeasures against illegal dumping, etc.) 1997 Psychiatric Social Workers Act 1997 Amendment to the Child Welfare Act (child care system reform) 1997 Amendment to the Health Insurance Act (80% benefits for the insured) 1997 Organ Transplantation Act 1997 Long-Term Care Insurance Act 1997 Amendment to the Act on Equal Employment Opportunity and Treatment between Men and Women (to prohibit discrimination against women)
	Obuchi	Miyashita	Amari	Currency crises in Asia	1998 Agreement between Japan and Germany on social security signed (Effective on February 1, 2000) 1998 Infectious Disease Prevention Act 1998 Comprehensive Plans for vitalizing employment
				Ibuki	1998 Nagano Olympics
	Mori	Niwa (Y)	Makino	Sharp rise in total unemployment rate	2000 Agreement between Japan and United Kingdom on social security signed (Effective on February 1, 2001) 2000 Pension system reform (adjustment of total benefit amount growth, etc.) 2000 Amendment to the Medical Practitioners Act (clinical training became mandatory) 2000 Social Welfare Act 2000 Act on the Succession to Labour Contracts 2000 Child Abuse Prevention Act 2000 Amendment to the Child Allowance Act (extension of benefit period up to before compulsory education)
				Tsushima	Yoshikawa
		Sakaguchi	Sakaguchi	2001 Inauguration of Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare	2001 Defined-Benefit Corporate Pension Act and the Defined Contribution Pension Act 2001 Act on Payment of Compensation to Inmates of Hansen's Disease Sanatorium
	Koizumi (J)	Sakaguchi		2001 Inauguration of Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare	2001 Social security system reform outline 2001 Act on Promoting the Resolution of Individual Labour-Related Disputes 2001 Amendment to the Child Care and Family Care Leave Act (restriction on overtime work)
Sakaguchi		2001 Comprehensive employment measures 2002 Government-Labour-Management Agreement on work sharing 2002 Act on Assistance Dogs for Physically Disabled Persons 2002 Amendments to the Pharmaceutical Affairs Act and the Blood Donation Brokerage Control Act (improvement of post-marketing safety measures; drastic overhaul of the Blood Act) 2002 Health Promotion Act 2002 Amendment to the Health Insurance Act, etc. 2002 Amendment to the Food Sanitation Act (reinforcement of penalty on imported food, etc.) 2002 Act on Special Measures concerning Assistance in Self-Support of Homeless 2002 Government-Labour-Management Agreement on employment issues 2002 Programs to accelerate reforms 2002 Government-Labour-Management Agreement on diverse working styles and work sharing			
2003				2003 Iraq War	2003 Amendment to the Food Sanitation Act, etc. (Review based on the enactment of the Food Safety Basic Act) 2003 Act on Advancement of Measures to Support Raising Next-Generation Children 2003 Amendment to the Child Welfare Act (child rearing support programs stipulated by law) 2003 Act on Special Measures concerning Support for Employment of Mothers of Fatherless Household 2003 Basic Act for Measures to Cope with Society with Declining Birthrate 2003 Act on Medical Care and Treatment for Persons Who Have Caused Serious Cases Under the Condition of Insanity 2003 Amendment to the Employment Insurance Act (promotion of early reemployment) 2003 New Government Action Plan for Persons with Disabilities 2003 Amendment to the Labour Standards Act (development of rules on dismissal, review on terminable contracts and free time systems) 2003 Amendment to the Infectious Disease Prevention Act and the Quarantine Act (improvement and reinforcement of measures against infectious diseases)

Year	Prime Minister	Minister of Health, Labour and Welfare	Background to the Era	Measures, etc.
2005		Otsuji		<p>2004 Third-term Comprehensive 10-year Strategy for Cancer Control</p> <p>2004 Agreement between Japan and Republic of Korea on social security signed (Effective on April 1, 2005)</p> <p>2004 Agreement between Japan and the United States of America on social security signed (Effective on October 1, 2005)</p> <p>2004 Act on Provision of Special Disability Benefit to Specified Persons with Disabilities</p> <p>2004 Amendment to the Child Abuse Prevention Act (review of the definition of child abuse, revision of responsibilities of national and local governments, etc.)</p> <p>2004 Outline of countermeasures to society with declining birthrate</p> <p>2004 Amendment to the Child Allowance Act (expanding the eligibility to children who have not completed the third grade of elementary school)</p> <p>2004 Amendment to the Child Welfare Act (enhancement of child guidance systems)</p> <p>2004 Amendment to the Child Care and Family Care Leave Act (expansion of the scope of workers eligible for leave)</p> <p>2004 Development of specific plans for the implementation of priority measures based on the outline of countermeasures to society with declining birthrate (support plans for children and child-rearing)</p> <p>2004 Water service vision</p> <p>2004 Pension system reform (introduction of mechanisms of fixing upper limit of premiums and of automatic adjustment of benefit levels; establishment of the Pension Reserve Fund Administration and Investment Agency, etc.)</p> <p>2005 Agreement between Japan and Belgium on social security signed (Effective on January 1, 2007)</p> <p>2005 Agreement between Japan and France on social security signed (Effective on June 1, 2007)</p> <p>2005 Basic Act on Food Education</p> <p>2005 Amendment to the Labour Union Act (Improvement of unfair labour practice review process and system)</p> <p>2005 Amendment to the Long-Term Care Insurance Act (shift to a system with an emphasis placed on preventive measures, etc.)</p> <p>2005 Enactment of Services and Supports for Persons with Disabilities Act (creation of a structure which provides services in an integrated manner regardless of the type of disabilities)</p>
		Kawasaki		<p>2006 Act on Asbestos Health Damage Relief</p> <p>2006 Agreement between Japan and Canada on social security signed (Effective on March 1, 2008)</p> <p>2006 Act on Advancement of Comprehensive Service Related to Education, Child Care, etc. of Preschool Children</p> <p>2006 Amendment to the Pharmaceutical Affairs Act (revision of sales system, enhancement of illegal drugs countermeasures)</p> <p>2006 Amendment to the Act on Equal Employment Opportunity and Treatment between Men and Women (expansion of prohibition of sexual discrimination)</p> <p>2006 Amendment to the Medical Care Act (establishment of the system to provide good quality medical services)</p> <p>2006 Amendment to the Health Insurance Act</p>
2007	Abe	Yanagisawa		<p>2007 Agreement between Japan and Australia on social security signed (Effective on January 1, 2009)</p> <p>2007 Amendment to the Employment Insurance Act (review of eligibility requirements)</p> <p>2007 Amendment to the Part-Time Workers Act (improved employment management for part-time workers ensuring balanced compensation for part-time workers)</p> <p>2007 Amendment to the Employment Countermeasures Act and the Act on Promotion of Job Opportunities in Certain Regions (mandatory prohibition of age discrimination when accepting applications or hiring)</p> <p>2007 Act on Special Provisions for the Employees' Pension Insurance Act, etc. Incidental to Enforcement of International Social Security Agreements (establishment of a blanket provision in place of special implementation provisions enacted with each country-specific agreement)</p> <p>2007 Japan Pension Organization Act</p> <p>2007 Act on Partial Revision of the National Pension Act, etc. for the Improvement of Public Pension Business Operations, etc.</p> <p>2007 Special Measures Act on Prescription for Pension Benefit (special measures on prescription of entitlement concerning pension record correction, etc.)</p> <p>2007 Special Measures Act on Employees' Pension (special measures on employees' pension insurance benefits if it is unclear that the business owner's obligation to pay the withheld insurance premium has not been carried out)</p> <p>2007 Amendment to the Child Abuse Prevention Act (reinforcement of on-site inspections confirming the safety of children)</p>
	Fukuda	Masuzoe		<p>2008 Agreement between Japan and the Netherlands on social security signed (Effective on March 1, 2009)</p> <p>2008 Agreement between Japan and Czech Republic on social security signed (Effective on June 1, 2009)</p> <p>2008 New employment strategies</p> <p>2008 Agreement between Japan and Spain on social security signed (Effective on December 1, 2010)</p> <p>2008 Amendment to the Labour Standards Act (expansion of pay rate for overtime work)</p> <p>2009 Agreement between Japan and Italy on social security signed</p> <p>2009 Government-Labour-Management Agreement toward realizing stabilization and creation of employment</p> <p>2009 Amendment to the Child Care and Family Care Leave Act (mandatory system for short-time working)</p> <p>2009 Act on Reduction of Delinquency Charges (reduction of delinquency charges for social security insurance premiums, etc.)</p> <p>2009 Act on Additional Benefit for Late Payment (in case that pension records are corrected and decision on the right of receiving benefit is made, the special interest shall be paid on the benefit, whose payment is delayed long, to meet the present value)</p> <p>2009 Act on Partial Revision of the National Pension Act, etc. (the basic pension national treasury imposition rate as from FY2009 shall be 1/2)</p> <p>2009 Act on Partial Revision of the Organ Transplant Act (revision of brain death diagnosis and requirements for organ harvesting, etc.)</p> <p>2009 Agreement between Japan and Ireland on social security signed (Effective on December 1, 2010)</p>
2008	Asou			<p>2008 Agreement between Japan and the Netherlands on social security signed (Effective on March 1, 2009)</p> <p>2008 Agreement between Japan and Czech Republic on social security signed (Effective on June 1, 2009)</p> <p>2008 New employment strategies</p> <p>2008 Agreement between Japan and Spain on social security signed (Effective on December 1, 2010)</p> <p>2008 Amendment to the Labour Standards Act (expansion of pay rate for overtime work)</p> <p>2009 Agreement between Japan and Italy on social security signed</p> <p>2009 Government-Labour-Management Agreement toward realizing stabilization and creation of employment</p> <p>2009 Amendment to the Child Care and Family Care Leave Act (mandatory system for short-time working)</p> <p>2009 Act on Reduction of Delinquency Charges (reduction of delinquency charges for social security insurance premiums, etc.)</p> <p>2009 Act on Additional Benefit for Late Payment (in case that pension records are corrected and decision on the right of receiving benefit is made, the special interest shall be paid on the benefit, whose payment is delayed long, to meet the present value)</p> <p>2009 Act on Partial Revision of the National Pension Act, etc. (the basic pension national treasury imposition rate as from FY2009 shall be 1/2)</p> <p>2009 Act on Partial Revision of the Organ Transplant Act (revision of brain death diagnosis and requirements for organ harvesting, etc.)</p> <p>2009 Agreement between Japan and Ireland on social security signed (Effective on December 1, 2010)</p>
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2010	Hatoyama	Nagatsuma		<p>2010 Formulation of the Child and Child-Rearing Vision</p> <p>2010 Amendment to the Employment Insurance Act (expanded scope of direct employment, etc.)</p>

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2011	Kan	Hosokawa (from September)		2010 Act on Partial Revision of the National Health Insurance Act, etc. in Ensuring Stable Operation of the Health Care Insurance System (financial support measures necessary to restrain the level of increase in premiums, etc.)
				2010 Agreement between Japan and Brazil on social security signed (Effective on March 1, 2012)
2012	Noda	Komiya (from September)		2010 Agreement between Japan and Switzerland on social security signed (Effective on March 1, 2012)
				2010 Act on Payment of Child Allowance for Fiscal 2010
				2010 Act on Arrangement of Relevant Acts to Support Community Life of Persons with Disabilities, etc. until Health and Welfare Measures for Persons with Disabilities are Reviewed based on the Discussions at Headquarters to Promote Reform of the System for Persons with Disabilities
				2011 Act on Partial Revision of the Employment Insurance Act, etc. (raising the daily amount of wages, etc.)
				2011 Act on Support for Employment of Specified Job Seekers through the Provision of Vocational Training, etc.
				2011 Act on Partial Revision of the Long-Term Care Insurance Act, etc. for Strengthening Long-Term Care Service Infrastructures
				2011 Act on Special Measures concerning Payment of Child Allowance for Fiscal 2012
2012	Noda	Komiya (from September)		2012 Amendment to the Employment Insurance Act, etc. (extension of measures to extend the duration of benefits, etc.)
				2012 Amendment to the Child Allowance Act (a new child allowance system with raised eligible age to until before junior high school graduation and increased benefit with consideration given to the subjects of the child allowance system, etc.)
				2012 Act on Partial Revision of the Act for Securing the Proper Operation of Worker Dispatch Undertakings and Improved Working Conditions for Dispatched Workers
				2012 Amendment to the National Health Insurance Act (making measures to improve the financial basis of National Health Insurance operated by municipalities permanent, promotion of changing the unit of operation of National Health Insurance to the prefectural level, etc.)
				2012 Act on Partial Revision of the National Pension Act, etc. in Order to Strengthen the Financial Ground and Minimum Guarantee Function of the Public Pension System (shortening the period required for receipt, etc.)
				2012 Act on Partial Revision of the Employees' Pension Insurance Act, etc. for Unifying Employees' Pension Insurance Systems
				2012 Amendment to the Act on Stabilization of Employment of Elderly Persons (abolishment of the system for limiting the subjects of the continued employment system, etc.)
2012	Noda	Mitsui (from October)		2012 Act on Partial Revision of the Act on Partial Revision of the National Pension Act, etc. (setting the FY2012 and FY2013 state subsidy rate of the basic pension at 50%, etc.)
				2012 Act on the Payment of Supplementing Allowance for Pensioners
				2012 Agreement between Japan and India on social security signed
				2013 New Waterworks Vision
				2013 Act on Partial Revision of the Employees' Pension Insurance Act, etc. for Securing the Soundness and Reliability of Public Pension Insurance Systems (review of employees' pension fund systems, response to the issues concerning conflicts of pension records of category-3 insured persons)
				2013 Act on Partial Revision of the Employees' Pension Insurance Act, etc. for Securing the Soundness and Reliability of Public Pension Insurance Systems (review of employees' pension fund systems, response to the issues concerning conflicts of pension records of category-3 insured persons)
				2013 Act on Partial Revision of the Employees' Pension Insurance Act, etc. for Securing the Soundness and Reliability of Public Pension Insurance Systems (review of employees' pension fund systems, response to the issues concerning conflicts of pension records of category-3 insured persons)

4. Structure of the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare

Organizational Chart of the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare (as of April 1, 2013)



5. List of Major Health, Labour and Welfare Statistical Surveys

1. Population, Health and Welfare in General

Name of Survey	Objectives	Contents	Target	Frequency	Time of Release
Vital Statistics (Fundamental statistical survey) Vital, Health and Social Statistics Division, Statistics and Information Department, Minister's Secretariat	Collect basic information about vital statistical data and obtain basic information for the measures related to health, labour and welfare administration	Matters related to live births, deaths, foetal deaths, marriages and divorces	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Live births, deaths, marriages and divorces notified to municipalities and wards, including ones for those Japanese who reside overseas Foetal deaths notified to municipalities and wards 	Monthly	Prompt reports: Two months after the survey month Monthly reports: About five months after the survey month Annual estimates: January 1 of the year after the survey year Preliminary annual reports: June of the year after the survey year Vital Statistics of Japan (Final): September of the year after the survey year
Comprehensive Survey of Living Conditions (Fundamental statistical survey) Household Statistics Office, Vital, Health and Social Statistics Division, Statistics and Information Department, Minister's Secretariat	Understand basic matters of people's life including health, medical care, welfare, pension, income, and obtain principal information necessary for planning health, labour and welfare measures	Household occupation/structure/type, household expenses, enrollment in medical insurance, conditions of people requiring long-term care, conditions of main caregivers, use of in-home services, employment status, enrollment in and receipt of public pension, receipt of inpatient/outpatient care, perceived health, conditions of injuries and diseases, income amount by source, taxation, daily living awareness, current savings, current debts, etc.	Households and household members nationwide (Approximately 280,000 households and 730,000 people are sampled for the every-three-year large-scale survey and about 60,000 households and 140,000 people for other years' surveys)	Annual (The most recent large-scale survey was conducted in 2010)	Released immediately after compilation
Longitudinal Survey of Newborns in the 21st Century (General statistical survey) Household Statistics Office, Vital, Health and Social Statistics Division, Statistics and Information Department, Minister's Secretariat	Collect basic information for planning and executing health, labour and welfare measures such as measures to reverse birthrate decline by conducting survey on babies born in 2001 and 2010 and continuous observation of such babies	Composition of the family, employment, child-rearing attitude, housework for the couple, sharing of child rearing, how the couple solve problems related to child rearing, eating habits, types of plays, injuries and diseases, etc.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Babies born in 2001: All babies who were born during the two 17-day periods starting from January 10, 2001, and from July 10, 2001 Babies born in 2010: All babies who were born during the 24-day period starting from May 10, 2010 	Annual	Released immediately after compilation
Longitudinal Survey of Adults in the 21st Century (continuous survey on living conditions) (General statistical survey) Household Statistics Office, Vital, Health and Social Statistics Division, Statistics and Information Department, Minister's Secretariat	Aim at collecting basic information for planning and executing health, labour and welfare measures such as measures to reverse birthrate declining by conducting survey on male and female samples and continuous observation of their awareness	Composition of the family, status of household economy, employment, health conditions, use of work and child rearing harmonization support systems, etc.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Men and women and their spouses of ages 20 to 34 as of the end of October 2002 Men and women and their spouses of ages 20 to 29 as of the end of October 2012 	Annual	Released immediately after compilation
Longitudinal Survey of Middle-aged and Elderly Persons (continuous survey on living conditions of middle-aged and elderly persons) (General statistical survey) Household Statistics Office, Vital, Health and Social Statistics Division, Statistics and Information Department, Minister's Secretariat	Conducted on middle-aged and elderly men and women from the age 50 to 59 including baby-boom generations to collect basic information for planning and executing health, labour and welfare measures. Examples include measures for the elderly through continuous study of the process of change in the mental aspects and facts on their health, work, and social activities as well as identifying changes in behavior or association between events	family status, health conditions, employment conditions, social activities, housing and family income and expenditure status	Men and women who were aged from 50 to 59 as of the end of October 2005	Annual	Released immediately after compilation
Survey on the Redistribution of Income (General statistical survey) Counsellor Office for Policy Evaluation, Director-General for Policy Planning and Evaluation	Identify what impact benefits and burdens under the social security system and burdens under the taxation system have on income redistribution and determine the degree of penetration and effect of social security measures	Gender, birth year and month, contributions (life insurance or nonlife insurance premiums, taxes), benefits received (life insurance or nonlife insurance payments), receipt of inpatient/outpatient care, means for payment of medical bills, receipt of child care and long-term care	Households and household members nationwide (approximately 15,000 households were sampled)	Every three years (The most recent survey was conducted in 2011)	Released immediately after compilation
Survey on Public Pension Enrollment (General statistical survey) Research Office, Work Planning Division, Pension Bureau	This survey aims to collect basic information for use in the administration of the National Pension and discussing new pension systems through revealing the participatory status in public pensions, household status, employment status, and level of public knowledge on public pension, etc. of household members aged 15 or older.	Employment conditions, schooling conditions, participation in public pension, reason for not participating in public pension, participation in medical insurance, life planning after retirement, knowledge on public pension system	200,000 household members aged 15 and over as of the end of November 2010 (approximately 90,000 households were sampled)	Every three years (The most recent survey was conducted in 2010)	Released immediately after compilation
Survey on the Insured of National Pension (General statistical survey/ business statistics) Research Office, Work Planning Division, Pension Bureau	This survey aims to identify the actual status of the category-1 insured persons of the National Pension by condition of payment of pension premium and collect necessary information for discussing the future pension system and administration of the National Pension such as income of the insured persons, awareness of the insured persons toward the National Pension system, and reason for not paying premiums.	Occupational and educational status, household status (consumer expenditure, life insurance expenditure, etc.), payment status of the National Pension premiums, awareness of the National Pension system, income status of the insured and the household	60,000 primary insured by the National Pension (120,000 primary insured for the income status of the insured and the household)	Every three years (The most recent survey was conducted in 2011)	Released immediately after compilation

2. Social Welfare Statistics

Name of Survey	Objectives	Contents	Target	Frequency	Time of Release
Report on Social Welfare Administration and Services (General statistical survey) Administrative Report Statistics Office, Vital, Health and Social Statistics Division, Statistics and Information Department, Minister's Secretariat	Quantitatively identify the actual situation of social welfare administration in the prefectures, designated cities and core cities, and obtain basic information for the operation of the administration pursuant to enforcement of social welfare-related laws and regulations	Data on social welfare administration services conducted in individual prefectures, designated cities and core cities	Prefectures, designated cities and core cities	Monthly and annual	(Annual) October
Survey of Social Welfare Institutions (General statistical survey) Social Statistics Office, Vital, Health and Social Statistics Division, Statistics and Information Department, Minister's Secretariat	Collect data on the number of social welfare institutions across the country to obtain basic information for promotion of social welfare administration	Administrative bodies, capacity, residents and employees of the institutions	All social welfare facilities, etc. nationwide	Annual	Late September
Survey of Regional Child Welfare Services (General statistical survey) General Affairs Division, Equal Employment, Children and Families Bureau	Collect data on actual situations with municipal governments (including special wards) such as their efforts toward child welfare focused on child-care to obtain basic information to promote child welfare measures which accurately respond to diversified demand	Questionnaire on municipal projects flexibility status of day-care center capacity, introduction status of nursery teachers working on a short-time basis, status of outsourcing the administrative work related to child-care fee reception to private individuals	Municipal governments, special wards	Annual	Late September
Survey of Institutions and Establishments for Long-term Care (General statistical survey) Social Statistics Office, Vital, Health and Social Statistics Division, Statistics and Information Department, Minister's Secretariat	Collect data on nationwide long-term care services provision systems and types of services to obtain basic information about long-term care services infrastructure with an emphasis on the provision system	(1) Facilities covered by long-term care insurance Establishing/administrative bodies, capacity, number of residents, number of workers, and quality status, etc. (2) In-home service establishments, etc. Establishing/administrative bodies, number of users, number of workers, etc.	All facilities and establishments covered by long-term care insurance nationwide	Annual	Late September
Survey of Medical Care Activities in Public Health Insurance (General statistical survey) Social Statistics Office, Vital, Health and Social Statistics Division, Statistics and Information Department, Minister's Secretariat	Clarifying the contents of treatment, status of injury and illness, contents of dispensing, and status of using drugs, etc. for recipients of medical benefits of health care insurance systems to collect basic information to be used for health care insurance administration.	Medical fee bill Age, name of injuries and diseases, actual number of days receiving medical treatment, points for treatment, number of courses of treatment, and medication use (name and doses of drugs, etc.), etc. Dispensing fee bill Age, number of prescriptions accepted, points for dispensing, number of courses of dispensing, and medication use (name and doses of drugs, etc.), etc.	Medical fee bills and dispensing fee bills that are submitted from medical care facilities and pharmacies providing insured services nationwide to branch offices of Social Insurance Medical Fee Payment Fund and National Health Insurance Organizations in respective prefectures for examination and decision to make the payments made in June	Annual	Late June
Survey of Long-term Care Benefit Expenditures (General statistical survey) Social Statistics Office, Vital, Health and Social Statistics Division, Statistics and Information Department, Minister's Secretariat	Identify the status of benefit expenditure relating to receiving long-term care services to obtain basic information necessary for smooth operation of the long-term care insurance system including the revision of long-term care service remuneration	Long-term care benefit statements Number of beneficiaries by type of long-term care service, number of cases, number of times, number of units and expense by service content	All long-term care benefit statement and main registers of various types for which review and payment have been completed by the Federation of National Health Insurance Associations in each prefecture	Monthly	Monthly reports: Two months after the survey month Annual reports: August
Briefing Survey on Economic Conditions in Long-term Care (General statistical survey) Division of the Health for the Elderly, Health and Welfare Bureau for the Elderly	Since the long-term care fees are supposed to be set in consideration of the average fee of each long-term care service under the Long-Term Care Act, necessary basic data required for a revision of the long-term care fees shall be obtained by clarifying the fee of each long-term care service.	The situation of implementation of the long-term care insurance service and the situation of revenue and expenditure, etc.	Designated facilities and business operators of long-term care insurance services (tiered according to each area classification and administrative body designated by Japanese Health Minister in accordance with Long-Term Care Insurance Act and randomly selected at approximately 1/30)	Every three years (The most recent survey was conducted in 2010)	Publicized by the Subcommittee for Examination, the Committee on Long-Term Care Service Fee in the Social Security Council
Fact-finding Survey on Economic Conditions in Long-term Care (General statistical survey) Division of the Health for the Elderly, Health and Welfare Bureau for the Elderly	Since the long-term care fees are supposed to be set in consideration of the average fee of each long-term care service under the Long-Term Care Act, necessary basic data required for a revision of the long-term care fees shall be obtained by clarifying the fee of each long-term care service.	The situation of implementation of the long-term care insurance service, the situation of revenue and expenditure, assets and liabilities, etc.	Designated facilities and business operators of long-term care insurance services (tiered according to each area classification and administrative body designated by the Minister of Health, Labour and Welfare in accordance with the Long-Term Care Insurance Act and randomly selected at 1/1 to 1/60)	Every three years (The most recent survey was conducted in 2011)	Publicized by the Subcommittee for Examination, the Committee on Long-Term Care Service Fee in the Social Security Council
Survey on Working Conditions of Long-term Care Workers (General statistical survey) Division of the Health for the Elderly, Health and Welfare Bureau for the Elderly	It is aimed at obtaining basic data to verify that the FY2009 Long-term care fee revision has been reflected in improvement of treatment of care workers.	(1) Survey on facilities and service businesses The situation of pay raise, treatment of care workers, revenue and expenditure, acquisition of addition, the number of users, the number of staff members, etc. (2) Survey on employees Sex, age, length of service, form of service, working hours, acquisition of qualifications, the situation of concurrent posts, basic wages, lump-sum payment, etc.	Designated facilities and business operators of long-term care insurance services (tiered according to each area classification and administrative body designated by the Minister of Health, Labour and Welfare in accordance with the Long-Term Care Insurance Act and randomly selected at 1/1 to 1/60)	The most recent survey was conducted in 2010	Publicized by the Subcommittee for Examination, the Committee on Long-Term Care Service Fee in the Social Security Council

3. Health Statistics

Name of Survey	Objectives	Contents	Target	Frequency	Time of Release
Report on Public Health Administration and Services (General statistical survey) Administrative Report Statistics Office, Vital, Health and Social Statistics Division, Statistics and Information Department, Minister's Secretariat	Quantitatively identify the actual situation of public health administration in the prefectures, designated cities and core cities, and obtain basic information for the operation of the administration pursuant to enforcement of public health-related laws and regulations	Results of public health administration services in the prefectures, designated cities and core cities	Prefectures, designated cities and core cities	Every fiscal year, every other year (The most recent survey was conducted in 2010)	Annual report : late October Biennial report: mid July
Report on Regional Public Health Services and Health Promotion Services (General statistical survey) Administrative Report Statistics Office, Vital, Health and Social Statistics Division, Statistics and Information Department, Minister's Secretariat	Identify the development of health measures suitable for localities, for every health center and municipality, aiming at maintenance and promotion of health of local residents, and obtain basic information for efficient and effective promotion of local health measures by the national and local governments.	Conditions of maternal and child care service implementation, vaccination, conditions situations of communication and coordination among health centers, deployment of personnel, health center personnel assistance to municipalities, conditions of implementation of health service programs for the elderly	Health centers, municipal authorities	Every fiscal year	Mid March
Survey of Medical Institutions (Fundamental statistical survey) Health Statistics Office, Vital, Health and Social Statistics Division, Statistics and Information Department, Minister's Secretariat	Gather data on actual conditions regarding the distribution and development of hospitals and clinics, recognize clinical function of medical institutions, and obtain basic information for medical administration	Static Survey: Name of facility, administrative body, number of beds approved, clinical specialties, number of staff, medical care and examination Dynamic Survey: Name of facilities, location, Name of administrative body, types of administrative disposition, number of beds approved	Static survey: Hospitals and clinics prescribed in the Medical Service Law Dynamic survey: Medical institutions that made notification and disposals based on the Medical Service Law	Static survey: Every three years (The most recent survey was conducted in 2011) Dynamic survey: Monthly and annual	Late October Monthly (Preliminary)
Hospital Report (General statistical survey) Health Statistics Office, Vital, Health and Social Statistics Division, Statistics and Information Department, Minister's Secretariat	Gather information about the usage of and staff for hospitals and clinics with beds for sanatorium-type care nationwide and thus obtain basic information for medical administration	Patient questionnaire Number of inpatients, admitted patients, discharged patients, and outpatients Staff questionnaire Number of physicians, dentists, pharmacists, nurses	Hospitals and Clinics with beds for long term care nationwide	Patient questionnaire: Monthly Staff questionnaire: Annual	Monthly (Preliminary) Late October
Survey of Physicians, Dentists and Pharmacists (General statistical survey) Health Statistics Office, Vital, Health and Social Statistics Division, Statistics and Information Department, Minister's Secretariat	Identify the distribution for physicians, dentists, and pharmacists, by sex, age, business category, place of work and department (not applicable for pharmacists) and obtain basic information for health, labour and welfare administration	Address, sex, birth date, business category, department (not applicable for pharmacists), place of work, etc.	Physicians, dentists and pharmacists nationwide	Every two years (The most recent survey was conducted in 2010)	Early December
Patient Survey (Fundamental statistical survey) Health Statistics Office, Vital, Health and Social Statistics Division, Statistics and Information Department, Minister's Secretariat	Gather information on the actual situation of injuries/diseases, etc. of patients who use medical facilities (hospitals and general and dental clinics) and thus obtain basic information for medical administration	Patients' sex, situation of medical care rendered, medical fee, etc. payment method, distinction of inpatient/outpatient, referrals, types of beds, status of inpatient care	All patients receiving medical services are sampled out of all medical care institutions nationwide. (About 6,600 hospitals, about 6,000 clinics and about 1,300 dental clinics)	Every three years (The most recent survey was conducted in 2011)	Late October
National Health and Nutrition Survey (General statistical survey) Life-style Related Diseases Control General Affairs Division, Health Service Bureau	Gather information about the actual conditions of people's bodies, dietary and nutritional intake and their life styles and thus obtain basic information for promoting comprehensive measures for people's health promotion	Meals eaten (including no meals, and eating out), names and quantity of food eaten, height, weight, blood pressure, blood tests, passometer, smoking, drinking, exercise habits, information on life styles, etc.	Households and household members nationwide (About 6,000 households and 18,000 people are sampled)	Annual	Released immediately after compilation
Statistics of Production by Pharmaceutical Industry (Fundamental statistical survey) Economic Affairs Division, Health Policy Bureau	Determine the actual condition surrounding production and import/export of drugs, sanitary supplies, medical devices and quasi-drugs and thus obtain basic information for pharmaceutical administration	Production, shipment, monetary value and volume of end-of-the-month inventory by drug effect classification and usage, etc	Manufacturing sites and manufacturing sales offices of drugs, quasi-drug and medical devices	Monthly and annual	Prompt reports: Two months after the survey month Monthly report: Approx. four months later after the survey month Annual report: Late June
Survey on Economic Conditions in Health Care (Survey on Health Care Facilities) (General statistical survey) Central Social Insurance Medical Council (Medical Economics Division, Health Insurance Bureau)	Unfold the actual condition of medical service operation at hospitals, general clinics, dental clinics and insurance pharmacies and prepare basic information on social insurance medical fee	(Hospitals) Profit and loss, wages of regular employees by job type, etc. (General clinics) Profit and loss, wages of regular employees by job type, etc. (Dental clinics) Profit and loss, wages of regular employees by job type, etc.. (Pharmacies providing insured services) Profit and loss	Medical institution nationwide providing social insurance medical care etc. Sampling rate (Hospitals: 1/3 General clinics: 1/20 Dental clinics: 1/50 Insurance pharmacies: 1/25)	Every two years (The most recent survey was conducted in 2011)	Late October

Name of Survey	Objectives	Contents	Target	Frequency	Time of Release
Survey on Economic Conditions in Health Care (Survey on Health Insurers) (General statistical survey) Central Social Insurance Medical Council (Medical Economics Division, Health Insurance Bureau)	Correctly perceive the financial condition of medical insurance insures and prepare basic information on social insurance medical fees	Correctly perceive the financial condition of medical insurance insures and prepare basic information on social insurance medical fees	All health insurance societies and mutual aid societies nationwide	Every two years (The most recent survey was conducted in 2011)	Late October
Patient's Behavior Survey (General statistical survey) Health Statistics Office, Vital, Health and Social Statistics Division, Statistics and Information Department, Minister's Secretariat	Survey patients who are users of medical institutions nationwide on the situations of medical care rendered and their satisfaction levels with care they received to identify patients' perception of medical services and their behaviors and thus obtain basic information for future medical administration	Reasons why they chose the hospital, information source when selecting the hospital, wishes with future treatment/medical care, waiting time and duration of treatment or consultation, second opinions, the amount charged by the hospital and the sense of burden, quality of medical care provider's explanations, satisfaction level, etc.	Patients who used general hospitals nationwide (Approx. 500 facilities)	Every three years (The most recent survey was conducted in 2011)	Late September
Survey on Businesses related to Environmental Health Environmental Health Division, Health Service Bureau	Investigate performance, and economic and social conditions of businesses related to environmental health to get basic information for preparing management guidelines indicating approaches necessary for sound management	Matters related to status of stores, management conditions, employees, facilities, equipment, managers' responsibilities	Matters related to status of stores, management conditions, employees, facilities, equipment, managers' responsibilities	Annual	Approximately one year after the survey

4. Employment Statistics

Name of Survey	Objectives	Contents	Target	Frequency	Time of Release
Monthly Labour Survey (Fundamental statistical survey) National Survey Prefectural Survey Special Survey Employment, Wage and Labour Welfare Statistics Division, Statistics and Information Department, Minister's Secretariat	Clarify changes on national level in employment, earnings and hours worked at establishments with 5 or more regular employees Clarify changes on prefectural level in employment, earnings and hours worked at establishments with 5 or more regular employees Clarify changes in employment, earnings and hours worked at small establishments with 1-4 regular employees	Earnings, hours worked, No. of regular employees, types of regular employees Same as the national survey Earnings, hours worked, No. of regular employees, length of service	16 major industries according to the Japan Standard Industrial Classification (JSIC) (revised in November 2007), establishments of 5 or more employees Same as the national survey 16 major industries, establishments with 1-4 employees	Monthly Same as the national survey Annual	Provisional Report: The end of the following month to the beginning of the next month after the survey month Final Report: Two months after the survey month Provisional Report: Two months after the survey month December
Survey on Employment Trends (General statistical survey) Employment, Wage and Labour Welfare Statistics Division, Statistics and Information Department, Minister's Secretariat	Investigate attributes of workers that have entered or left the labour force, conditions related to entering and leaving the labour force, and recruitment at establishments within principal industries, etc. in order to obtain information on labour force mobility and status with unfulfilled job openings, etc.	Establishments: Mobility of regular employees, unfilled job openings Hired employees: How they entered, whether they had previous jobs or not, how long they left the labour force, wage fluctuation Separated employees: Occupation, length of service, reasons for leaving	16 major industries according to JSIC (revised in November 2007), establishments with 5 or more employees, and workers entered and left the labour force at the establishments surveyed during the survey year	Biannually	August for annual results December for the first half-year results
Surveys on Employment Structure (General statistical survey) 2012: Survey on Dispatched Workers Employment, Wage and Labour Welfare Statistics Division, Statistics and Information Department, Minister's Secretariat	This survey aims to contribute to the preparation of measures that can be used to appropriately respond to various issues arising from the worker dispatch system, etc. by identifying the actual conditions of dispatch workers, etc. from both the sides of establishments and the dispatched workers themselves and also enabling changes in the actual conditions before and after revision of the Worker Dispatch Act and the financial crisis that followed the collapse of Lehman to be identified.	(Survey on establishments) Attributes of the establishments, main reasons for employing dispatched workers, main reasons for not accepting dispatched workers, duties of dispatched workers, number of worker dispatch contracts (by worker dispatch period and total dispatch period), changes in the number of dispatched workers from 3 years ago, number of responsible persons acting for client establishments, implementation status and contents of educational training/ability development over the last year, existence of mid-term termination of dispatched workers contracts and reasons over the last year, complaints from dispatch workers over the last year, matters concerning system for promoting dispatched workers to regular employee status, matters concerning employment placement dispatching, matters concerning contract workers, and future policies on the percentage of employment types (Survey on dispatched workers) Attributes of the individuals, conditions of dispatch work in the past, conditions of dispatch work at present, requests made to dispatch business operators and client establishments, matters concerning employment placement dispatching, and wishes for future employment status	(Survey on establishments) 16 major industries based on the Japan Standard Industrial Classification (November 2007 Rev.), establishments with 5 or more regular workers (Survey on dispatched workers) Dispatched workers work at the above business establishments	Irregularity	Scheduled for August 2013

Name of Survey	Objectives	Contents	Target	Frequency	Time of Release
Survey on Labour Economy Trend (General statistical survey) Employment, Wage and Labour Welfare Statistics Division, Statistics and Information Department, Minister's Secretariat	Study the influence of business trends and changes in the labour market on employment, working hours and wages, and understand business prospects and measures responding to such influence	Trends in output, sales, employment, and working hours, number of regular workers, excess and deficiency of workers, number of unfulfilled job openings, employment adjustment, etc.	12 major industries according to the Japan Standard Industry Classification (revised in November 2007), private establishments with 30 or more regular employees	Quarterly	Early March, June, September, December
General Survey on Labour Relations (General statistical survey) [1] Basic Survey on Labour Unions [2] Status Survey on Labour Unions Employment, Wage and Labour Welfare Statistics Division, Statistics and Information Department, Minister's Secretariat	Investigating the number of all labour unions throughout the country and their members and affiliation unions, to identify actual conditions of organization of labour unions, such as the distribution of industry distinction, area distinction, and affiliation with upper-part unions Get a clear picture of labour-management relations including actual situation of labour unions, group negotiations, labour disputes, communications between labour and management, labour union activities, and contents of labour agreements (surveys are conducted on five themes in rotation for five years)	Type of labour union, applicable laws and ordinances, number of labour union members, status of affiliation with upper-part unions (2012 Survey: Survey on Collective Bargainings and Labour Disputes) Matters concerning collective bargainings, matters concerning labour disputes, matters concerning methods of resolving various labour-management issues, understanding of labour-management relations, etc.	All labour unions nationwide covering all industries Local unions (labour unions that are not federations) of private establishments in 16 major industries with 30 or more members	Annual Annual	December June
Survey on Labour Disputes (General statistical survey) Employment, Wage and Labour Welfare Statistics Division, Statistics and Information Department, Minister's Secretariat	Investigate labour dispute situation in Japan	Total number of workers involved in disputes, duration of action by type of action participated in by members, number of members that participated in actions, and number of non-work days	All disputes	Monthly	August
Fact-finding Survey on Home Work (General statistical survey) Part-time Work and Home Work Division, Equal Employment, Children and Families Bureau	Obtain basic information for carrying out measures for home work	Consignment conditions, etc. from consignors Working conditions, etc. of home-workers Actual situations of working at home, etc.	Extracted in certain methods from consignors, home-workers and order placing and accepting entities of in-home works	Every three years (The most recent survey was conducted in 2011)	Scheduled for March of the survey fiscal year
Basic Survey of Gender Equality in Employment Management (name changed from "Basic Survey on Employment Management of Women" in 2007) (General statistical survey) Equal Employment Policy Division, Equal Employment, Children and Families Bureau	Study the actual situations of employment management related to equal employment issues between men and women in major industries	Matters concerning employment conditions such as acceptance and placement of females by enterprises in accordance with the Equal Employment Opportunity Act and status of provision/operation of child care/family care leave system, etc.	Private establishments with 10 or more regular workers, engaged in the 16 major industries Private establishments with 10 or more regular workers, engaged in the 16 major industries	Annual	Scheduled for July
Basic Survey of Human Resources Development (General statistical survey) General Affairs Division, Human Resource Development Bureau	Collect data separately between permanent employees and non-permanent employees on human resources development of enterprises, places of business and workers in order to improve human resources development measures	(Survey on enterprises) Company profile, expenses for OFF-JT and self-development support (Survey on establishments) Profile of establishment, implementation of education and training, human resource development, career building support, inheritance of skills (Survey on individual workers) Workers' attributes, participation in education and training, participation in self-development, working life planning	(Survey on enterprises) Private enterprises with single or main establishment with 30 or more regular workers, engaged in the 15 major industries defined in the Japan Standard Industry Classification (Survey on establishments) Private establishments with 30 or more regular workers, engaged in the 15 major industries defined in the Japan Standard Industry Classification (Survey on individual workers) Workers employed at the establishments which are the targets of the survey on establishments	Annual	Scheduled for March

5. Wage and Labour Welfare Statistics

Name of Survey	Objectives	Contents	Target	Frequency	Time of Release
Basic Survey on Wage Structure (General statistical survey) Wage and Labour Welfare Statistics Office, Employment, Wage and Labour Welfare Statistics Division, Statistics and Information Department, Minister's Secretariat	Clarify wage structure for regular employees in major industries, in terms of type of worker, type of occupation, sex, age, educational background, length of service and experience, etc.	Amounts of cash salary based on contract, overtime salary, annual bonuses, and other special salary; type of worker, type of occupation, position, sex, age educational background, length of service, starting salary of university graduates, etc.	Private establishments hiring 5 or more regular workers (establishments with 5 to 9 personnel are limited for companies with 5 to 9 of personnel) and public establishments hiring 10 or more regular workers	Annual	November (Starting salary) January (Prompt report by prefecture) February (Nationwide)

Name of Survey	Objectives	Contents	Target	Frequency	Time of Release
Focused Survey on Industrial Accident Prevention Measures, etc. (General statistical survey) Wage and Labour Welfare Statistics Office, Employment, Wage and Labour Welfare Statistics Division, Statistics and Information Department, Minister's Secretariat	The survey aims to contribute to review of mental health measures, preventive measures against workers' health problems, and measures to facilitate implementation of surveys on danger and risk, etc., while also promoting industrial safety and health administration in the future through identifying the actual situation with new industrial safety and health management methods	(Survey on establishments) Matters concerning enterprises and establishments, safety and health activities, measures for workers working long hours, mental health care, implementation of regular health checkups, smoking measures, industrial accidents, safety and health management utilizing IT, and MSDS (Material Safety Data Sheet) (Survey on workers) Attributes of workers, etc. and matters concerning situation with work, regular health checkups, and smoking	(Survey on establishments) Private establishments with 10 or more regular workers in agriculture, forestry (limited to forestry), mining and quarrying of stone and gravel, construction, manufacturing, electricity, gas, heat supply, water, information and communications, transport, postal, wholesale, retail trade, finance, insurance, real estate, goods rental and leasing, scientific research, professional and technical services, accommodations, eating and drinking services, living-related and personal services, amusement services, education, learning support, medical health care, welfare, compound services, and service (not elsewhere classified) industries (Survey on workers) Workers employed at the above establishments	Every five years (The most recent survey was conducted in 2011)	September
General Survey on the Prevention of Industrial Accidents in the Construction Industry (General statistical survey) Wage and Labour Welfare Statistics Office, Employment, Wage and Labour Welfare Statistics Division, Statistics and Information Department, Minister's Secretariat	To contribute to promotion of the future industrial safety and health administration by understanding such as the actual situation of the industrial safety and health management system, safety and health activities, the construction execution system, education and instruction on safety and health at construction sites and workers' awareness of safety and health in the construction industry, especially, by clarifying the situation of implementation of guidelines for the each prior construction method, the industrial safety and health management system and the risk assessment as key measures for specified accidents prevention and industries with frequent occurrence of accidents in the 11th Industrial Accidents Prevention Plan	(Survey on establishments) Matters concerning establishments, matters concerning industrial safety and health management system, and matters concerning safety and health activities, etc. (Survey on construction sites) Matters concerning construction sites, matters concerning industrial safety and health management system, and matters concerning safety and health activities, etc. (Survey on workers) Matters concerning attributes of workers, matters concerning near-miss experiences during work and countermeasures, etc.	(Survey on establishments) Private establishments of construction business with 5-99 regular employees (Survey on construction sites) Construction sites whose premium of workmen's accident compensation insurance is over ¥1.6 million, or whose contract price is over ¥190 million (Survey on workers) Workers engaged in construction work at the above sites	Every five years (The most recent survey was conducted in 2009)	September
Survey on Technological Innovation and Labour (General statistical survey) Wage and Labour Welfare Statistics Office, Employment, Wage and Labour Welfare Statistics Division, Statistics and Information Department, Minister's Secretariat	Study effects of technological development on labour, such as workers' adaptation status, working environment, and safety and health management of workers in order to improve industrial safety and health measures	(Survey on establishments) Items regarding establishments' attributes, items regarding the use of computers, items regarding health management for VDT workers, etc. (Survey on employees) Items regarding workers' attributes, items regarding computer operation	(Survey on establishments) Private establishment of 16major industries with 10 or more regular employees (Survey on employees) Workers employed at the above establishments	Every five years (The most recent survey was conducted in 2008)	September
Survey on State of Employees' Health (General statistical survey) Wage and Labour Welfare Statistics Office, Employment, Wage and Labour Welfare Statistics Division, Statistics and Information Department, Minister's Secretariat	Study employees' health conditions, implementation of health management measures and effects on workers' health in relation to occupational diseases	(Survey on establishments) Items regarding establishment's attributes, items regarding implementation of health management measures, etc. (Survey on employees) Items regarding worker's attributes, items regarding worker's performance, items regarding worker's health and voluntary health management, etc.	(Survey on establishments) Private establishments with 10 or more regular workers in agriculture, forestry (limited to forestry), mining and quarrying of stone and gravel, construction, manufacturing, electricity, gas, heat supply, water, information and communications, transport, postal, wholesale, retail trade, finance, insurance, real estate, goods rental and leasing, scientific research, professional and technical services, accommodations, eating and drinking services, living-related and personal services, amusement services, education, learning support, medical health care, welfare, compound services, and service (not elsewhere classified) industries (Survey on workers) Workers employed at the above establishments	Every five years (The most recent survey was conducted in 2012)	September

Name of Survey	Objectives	Contents	Target	Frequency	Time of Release
<p>Survey on Labour Environment (General statistical survey)</p> <p>Wage and Labour Welfare Statistics Office, Employment, Wage and Labour Welfare Statistics Division, Statistics and Information Department, Minister's Secretariat</p>	Investigate the effects on workers of the increase of dangerous and harmful operations, changes in working procedure and environment, in order to carry out more effective safety and health measures such as creation of comfortable working environment	<p>(Survey on establishments) Items regarding establishments, items regarding working environment, items regarding working environment of hazardous operations, etc.</p> <p>(Survey on employees) Items regarding worker's attributes, items regarding working environment items regarding hazardous operations, items regarding organic solvent, etc.</p> <p>(Survey on tunnel and subway construction sites) Items regarding construction sites, items regarding working environment at construction sites, items regarding measures against dust</p>	<p>(Survey on establishments) Establishments with 10 or more regular employees in the industries including mining, manufacturing, transport (limited to land transport), services (limited to automobile repairing, machine and furniture repairing)</p> <p>(Survey on employees) Site workers employed at the above establishments</p> <p>(Survey on tunnel and subway construction sites) Construction companies (limited to tunnel and subway constructions) which pay roughly ¥1.6 million premium of workmen's accident compensation insurance, or whose contract price for the construction site exceeds ¥190 million</p>	<p>Every five years</p> <p>(The most recent survey was conducted in 2006)</p>	September
<p>Comprehensive Survey on Wages</p> <p>Central Labour Relations Commission</p>	Reference data used to settle labour disputes	<p>[1] Survey on wages (wage Structure, contents of allowances, wage increase and distribution, wage level by age group, etc.)</p> <p>[2] Survey on retirement allowance, pension, and retirement system (contents of retirement allowance and retirement allowance level by age group)</p> <p>[3] Survey on working hours, holiday, and vacation (annual scheduled working hours, annual working days, annual holidays, reduction of annual scheduled working hours, paid annual leave, special holiday, flextime system, etc.)</p>	Enterprises selected by the secretariat of the Central Labour Relations Commission for the settlement of labour disputes from among those which have capital exceeding ¥500 million and 1,000 or more employees	<p>Annual for [1]</p> <p>Every two years for [2] and [3]</p>	<p>Immediately after compilation</p> <p>(January for prompt survey report, next April for survey results)</p>
<p>Fact-finding Survey on Minimum Wages (General statistical survey)</p> <p>Working Conditions Policy Division, Labour Standards Bureau</p>	Investigate wages and wage revision of workers at small-and medium-sized enterprises or establishments to obtain basic information for deliberations to fix or revise minimum wages at both Central and Local Minimum Wages Councils	Percentage of establishments which revised wages by the extent of wage increase, average wage revision rate, wage increase rate of ordinary workers and part-timers	For survey on wage revision, targets are establishments with less than 30 workers in manufacturing, wholesale, retail, lodging, restaurant services, medical care and welfare, academic research, professional or technical services, services related to daily life, entertainment, and other services (that cannot be classified otherwise) (For basic survey on minimum wages, establishment size in manufacturing was changed to less than 100 workers, and in information-communication industry, establishments engaged in newspaper and publishing with less than 100 workers were added)	Annual	<p>July or later</p> <p>Published as reference materials for Minimum Wage Councils</p>
<p>Survey on Potential Recruits Among Graduating Students at Universities, Junior Colleges, Technical Colleges, and Vocational Schools (General statistical survey)</p> <p>Office of Employment Measures for Youth, Policy Planning Division, Labour Standards Bureau</p>	Investigate every March how many students receive informal job offers among graduating students at universities, junior colleges, technical colleges, and vocational schools to gather information useful to appropriately respond employment issues	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Population of students subject to the survey at surveyed school No. of surveyed students at surveyed school (no. of samples) What courses the surveyed students want Majors of job seeking students When the students received informal job offers 	6,250 students selected by a fixed method from among graduating students at universities (62 universities, among which 21 national universities, 3 public universities, 38 private universities), junior colleges (20), technical colleges (10), and vocational schools (20), selected from among all universities, colleges, and schools nationwide by the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology and the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare with consideration given to school's administrative body and location	<p>Quarterly</p> <p>(October, December, February, April)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mid November For October Survey Mid January for December Survey Mid March for February Survey Mid May for April Survey
<p>Survey on Labour Cost Rate (General statistical survey)</p> <p>Workers' Compensation Administration Division, Worker's Compensation Department, Labour Standards Bureau</p>	Collect data on the actual situations of wages in contracted construction businesses, in order to obtain basic information for revision of the existing labour cost rate which are used to calculate workers' compensation insurance	Contract amount, insurance cost, amount of wages paid, etc	Construction businesses	Every three years in principle	Published as reference materials for Division of Workers' Compensation Insurance, Committee of Labour Conditions, Labour Policy Council

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<p>Survey on the Employment Situation of Persons with Disabilities (General statistical survey)</p> <p>Employment Measures for Persons with Disabilities Division, Employment Measures for the Elderly and Persons with Disabilities Department, Labour Standards Bureau</p>	<p>Investigate the effects on workers of the increase of dangerous and harmful operations, changes in working procedure and environment, in order to carry out more effective safety and health measures such as creation of comfortable working environment</p>	<p>(Survey on establishments) Items regarding establishments, items regarding working environment, items regarding working environment of hazardous operations, etc. (Survey on employees) Items regarding worker's attributes, items regarding working environment, items regarding hazardous operations, items regarding organic solvent, etc. (Survey on tunnel and subway construction sites) Items regarding construction sites, items regarding working environment at construction sites, items regarding measures against dust</p>	<p>(Survey on establishments) Establishments with 10 or more regular employees in the industries including mining, manufacturing, transport (limited to land transport), services (limited to automobile repairing, machine and furniture repairing) (Survey on employees) Site workers employed at the above establishments (Survey on tunnel and subway construction sites) Construction companies (limited to tunnel and subway constructions) which pay roughly ¥1.6 million premium of workmen's accident compensation insurance, or whose contract price for the construction site exceeds ¥190 million</p>	<p>Every five years (The most recent survey was conducted in 2008)</p>	<p>Scheduled to be published roughly within 10 months from the survey</p>