Political framework of the measure against declining birthrate

Outline of Measures against the Declining Birthrate
(The exhibit council was established in June 2004)

(The cabinet council was established in June, 2004) Establishment of four important matters which must be wrestled with so as to change the trend in declining birthrate

①Independence of young people and growth of sturdy children ②Review of the supports for balancing work and family and working styles ③Understanding of importance of life and a role in family ④New supports for child raising and cooperation

Plan for supporting children and childcare (The Meeting to Cope with Society with Declining Birthrate was established)

Showing contents of concrete plans and objects that shall be planed in five years between 2005 and 2009 along with the important matters of the outline

Act on Advancement of Measures to Support Raising Next-Generation Children (enforced in April 1, 2005) Administrative divisions and municipalities: Establishment of the five-year plan on supports for child raising in regions Enterprises: Maintenance of employment environment for supports to balance work and child raising and establishment of plans in two years to five years on review of working style (entrepreneurs who employ 301 workers and more are obligated)

The new measure against declining birthrate

(The government and the ruling party agreed to it in June, 2006,

the Meeting to Cope with Society with Declining Birthrate was established)
Reform of measures to support general child raising and working styles according to growth of children, such as the supports which they can take when they are pregnant and give birth and until when they become high school students and college, in according to steady promotion of "Plan for supporting children and childcare"

"Japan to support children and families" important strategy
(the Meeting to Cope with Society with Declining Birthrate was established in December, 2007)

Background of declining birthrate • • • "Alternative" system where we must choose "work" or "marriage, birth, child raising"

Necessity to forward two efforts as two wheels of a car

①Realization of "balancing work and life" through review of working styles

©Balancing work and child raising and establishment of a framework to support comprehensively child raising in families

Promotion of efforts on the basis of "the charter" and "the guidelines" on balancing work and life

With enforcing immediate matters in 2008 (systematize supporting business for child raising), examination on establishment of the concrete system shall be undertaken immediately for the comprehensive framework of Support Raising Next-Generation Children and shall advance rapidly on the basis of a trend in a tax reform.