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Year	Prime Minister	Ministerof of Health	Ministerof Labour	Background to the Era	Measures, etc.
	Konoe				1937 Health Center Law
- 1938	110	Kido Hirose		1938 Establishment of Ministry of Health and Welfare	1938 National Health Insurance Law
	Hiranuma	Obara, Akita			1939 Employees Health Insurance Law, Seamen's Insurance Law
	Abe Yonai				ADMANUAL DE PORTE DE LA COMPANIA DEL COMPANIA DE LA COMPANIA DEL COMPANIA DE LA C
	Torial	Yoshida Yasui, Kanemitsu			1941 Workers Pension insurance Law
	Konoe	Koizumi (S)		1941 Pacific War	
	Tojo	''''' (')			1944 Employees' Pension Insurance Law
	Koiso	Hirose, Aikawa			, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,
- 1945	Suzuki (K)	Okada		1945 End of War	
	Higashikuni	Matsumura		1040 End of Wal	1945 Repatriation measures
	Shidehara	Ashida			
	Yoshida	Kawai,		1946 Promulgation of Japanese Constitution	1946 Former Public Assistance Law
		Ichimatsu			1946 Labour Relations Adjustment Law
		Katayama	Yonekubo	1947 Establishment of Ministry of Labour	1947 New Health Center Law
	Katayama	Katayama, Ichimatsu	Torickabo	1947 First baby boom	1947 Food Sanitation Law
		Torminatoa			1947 Child Welfare Law 1947 Labour Standards Law
					1947 Labour Standards Law 1947 Workmen's Accident Compensation Insurance Law
					1947 Employment Security Law
					1947 Unemployment Insurance Law
				_	1948 Preventive vaccination Law
	Ashida	Takeda	Katou		1948 Medical Care Law
					1948 Medical Doctor Law, Dentist Law, Law for Public Health Nurses, Midwives and Nurses
		Yoshida	Yoshida	-	and Haroso
	Yoshida	Hayashi (J)	Masuda		1949 Law for the Welfare of People with Physical Disabilities
		i idjaoiii (o)			1949 Trade union Law
			Suzuki (M)		1949 Emergency unemployment Measures Law
				1950 Korean War (Special procurement boom)	1950 Mental Hygiene Law
		., .	Hori		1950 New Public Assistance Law
		Kurokawa	11011		1951 Tuberculosis Prevention Law
		Hashimoto			1951 Social Welfare Service Law
		(Ryugo)	Yoshitake		1951 Children's Charter
		Yoshitake	Totavika	1952 Peace Treaty	1952 Law for the Relief of War victims and Survivors
		Yamagata	Totsuka		
		14	Kosaka		1954 Refuse Law
		Kusaba			1954 Employees' Pension Insurance Law amendment (introduction of a fixed portion
— 1955		Tsurumi	Chiba		and an increase in the pensionable age to the 60)
	Hatoyama	Kawasaki	Nishida		
		Kobayashi	Kuraishi	"Jinmu"economic boom	
		Ishibashi			
	Ishibashi	Kanda	Matsuura		
					1957 Water Supply Law
	Kishi	Horiki	Ishida		1059 National Health Insurance Law amondment
		Hashimoto (Ryugo)	Kuraishi		1958 National Health Insurance Law amendment (insurance coverage for whole population)
					1958 Occupational Training Law
		Sakata	Matsuno	"Iwato" economic boom	1959 National Pension Law (pension coverage for whole Population)
		Watanabe (R)			1960 Law for the Welfare of Mentally Retarded People
	Ikeda	Nakayama Furui	Ishida		1960 Pharmaceutical Affairs Law
	ikeua	I ului		1960 Income doubling plan	
		Nadao	Fukunaga	1	1961 Child Rearing Allowance Law
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		Nishimura	Ohashi		1963 Welfare Law for the Elderly
		Kobayashi (T)			
				1964 Tokyo Olympics "Izanagi" economic boom	1964 Law for Maternal and Child Welfare
4005		Kanda	Ishida		1964 Law concerning Special Child Rearing Allowance 1965 Employees' Pension Insurance Law amendment
— 1965 	Sato				(¥10,000 pension, Employees' Pension Fund)
			IZd-i		1965 Maternal and Child Health Law
		Suzuki (Z)	Kodaira		1965 Mental Hygiene Law amendment (introduction of Public-funded hospital visit medical care)
			Yamate		1966 National Health Insurance Law amendment (70% benefit introduced)
		D-		1	1966 Employment Measures Law
		Во	Hayakawa		1967 Pollution Control Basic Law
		Sonoda	Ogawa		1967 First-Term Basic Employment Measures Plan
		Saito (N)	Hara		
		, ,		1970 Aging rate exceeds 794	1969 Employees'Pension Insurance Law amendment (¥20,000 pension)
				1970 Aging rate exceeds 7%.	1970 Waste Disposal Law
		Uchida	Nohara		1970 Five-Year Plan for the Emergency Provision of Social Welfare Facilities 1970 Industrial Homework Law
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		Saito (N)	Horo	1971 Establishment of Environmental Agency	1971 Child Allowance Law
		.,,	Hara	1971 Dollar shock	1971 Law concerning Stabilization of Employment of Older Persons
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real		and Welfare	Tsukahara	1971 Second baby boom	medautes, etc.
– 1975	Tanaka	Shiomi	Tamura	1972 Sapporo Olympics	
	Tanaka	Saito (K)	Katou	1973 First year of welfare 1973 Oil shock	1973 Welfare Law for the Elderly amendment (free medical care for the elderly) 1973 Health Insurance Law amendment (70%benefit for dependents, and high-cost medical care expenses)
			Hasegawa		1973 Pension system reform (¥50,000 pension, commodity price sliding scale system introduced) 1974 Employment Insurance Law
		Fukunaga	Okubo		
		Tanaka (S)	Hasegawa	1975 Internalional Women's Year	
	Miki	Hayakawa	Urano		
		Watanabe (M)	Ishida		1977 Employment Insurance Law amendment (start of employment security programs)
	Fukuda	Ozawa	Fujii		1978 National health improvement measures 1979 Pharmaceutical Affairs Law amendment (Stricter new drug approval
	Ohira	Hashimoto (Ryutaro)	Fujii		process, adverse drug reaction recoding system, reevaluation, GMP, etc. are stipulated by law.) 1979 Law on the Drug Fund for Adverse Reaction Relief
			Kurihara	1979 International Year of the Child	
		Noro	Fujinami		
		Saito (K)	Fujio	1980 Baby hotel problem	
	Suzuki (Z)	Sonoda		1980 Second Provisional Commission on	
	Suzuki (Z)	Murayama		Administrative Reform(financial reconstruction)	1981 Child Welfare Law amendment, implementation of extended and evening-and
		Morishita	Hatsumura	1981 International Year of Disabled Persons 1981 U.SJapan Trade Friction	night-hour child care 1982 Long-term plan concerning measures for people with disabilities
-	Nakasone	Hayashi (Y)	Oono	1983 United Nation's Decade for Disabled Persons Population concentration in Tokyo	1982 Home helpers (substantial increase, abolition of income restrictions) 1982 Health and Medical Service Law for the Elderly 1983 Treatment Tank Law
		WAtabe (K)	Sakamoto	Population concentration in Tokyo	1983 Comprehensive10-YearStrategyforCancerControl 1984 Health insurance Law amendment (90% benefit for insured persons, and
		WAtabe (K)	Sakamoto		medical care system for the retirees) 1984 Employment Insurance Law amendment (establishment of systems for reemployment allowance and benefits for older job applicants) 1985 Pension system reform (introduction of Basic Pension, etc.)
— 1985 —		Masuoka	Yamaguchi	Appreciation of yen	1985 Medical Service Law amendment (medical care plans) 1985 Human Resources Development Promotion Law 1985 Worker Dispatch Law 1985 Law for Equal Employment Opportunity of Men and Women
		Imai	Hayashi (Y)		1986 Health and Medical Service Law for the Elderly amendment (health services facilities for the elderly) 1986 Law concerning Stabilization of Employment of Older Persons (Employers are obliged to endeavor to introduce the 60-year-old retirement age.)
		Saito (J)	Hirai	Steep rise in land price	1987 Certified Social Workers and Certified Care Workers Law 1987 Mental Hygiene Law amendment (human rights protection, social rehabilitation, change of the law title into the Mental Health Law)
-			Nakamura	Bubble economy	1987 Labour Standards Law amendment (aiming at 40-hour working week) 1988 Second national health improvement measures 1988 National Health Insurance Law amendment (stabilization of the insurance system management for municipalities incurring high medical care expenses) 1989 Law concerning Prevention of Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome
4000	Takeshita	Fujimoto	INAKAITIUTA	1988 Tax reform 1989 Change of era	1989 Pension system reform (completely automatic commodity price sliding scale system, National Pension Fund) 1989 Formulation of Gold Plan
— 1989 —		Koizumi (J)	Niwa (H)	rous Criange of Era	1989 Employment Insurance Law amendment (expansion of scope into part-time workers) 1990 National Health Insurance Law amendment (establishment of an insurance base stabilization system)
	Uno		Horiuchi		1990 Amendment to the eight laws on welfare services for the elderly including Law
		Toida	Fukushima		for the Welfare of he Elderly (clarification of status of in-home welfare service, enhancement of support system for such service; integrated management by
	Kaifu	Tsuahima	Tsukahara	1990 Iraqi invasion into Kuwait 1990 Birth of a united Germany	municipalities of in-home and facility welfare services; formulation of plans on health and welfare service for the elderly; expansion of the scope of facilities for disabled persons, etc.) 1990 Law concerning Stabilization of Employment of older Persons (Employers are obliged to endeavor to assure reemployment up to 65 years old.) 1991 Health and Medical Service Law for the Elderly amendment (home-visit nursing care system)
				1990 Tolal fertility rate marks 1.57.	1991 Child Care Leave Law 1991 Law Concerning the Promotion of Improvement of Employment Management in
		Shimojo	Ozato	1991 Gulf War 1991 Dissolution of the Soviet union and formulation of Russian Federation and others Land price begins to fall.	Smaller Enterpises for Securing Manpower 1992 Health Insurance Law amendment (introduction of mid-term financial management) 1992 Medical Service Law amendment (introduction of the idea of providing medical care)
		Yamashita	Kondo		1992 Law to Promote the Securing of Manpower, Such as Nurses
	Miyazawa	ramasina	Kondo		1993 Pharmaceutical Affairs Law and the Foundation for Drug Research and Adverse Reaction Relief Law amendment (Promotion of research and development for
— 1993		Niwa (Y)	Murakami		pharmaceuticals and medical devices for rarely-occurred diseases) 1993 Law to Promote the Research and Development and the Dissemination of Welfare Devices 1993 Mental Health Law amendment (provision on group homes introduced in law) 1993 New Long-term Program for Government Measures for Disabled Persons 1993 Part-Time Workers Law
		Our!	0.1		1993 Labour Standards Law amendment (introduction of 40-hour working week in principle; introduction of irregular working hour system)
	Hosokawa	Ouchi	Sakaguchi		1993 Employment support total programs 1994 The 21st Century Welfare vision 1994 Community Health Law (reinforcement of functions of health centers) 1994 Health Insurance Law amendment (review of a benefit for inpatient dietary
	Hata		Hatoyama (K)		therapy, discontinuance of nursing offered by nursing attendants)

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		Will Would E		1994 Aging rate exceeds 14%.	1994 Pension system reform (review of the Old-Age Employees' Pension for people
	Mirayama	Ide	Hamamoto	3 3	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 Law concerning Stabilization of Employment of Older
					Persons (mandatory 60-year-old retirement age; obliging employers to endeavor to continue employment up to 65 years old)
					1994 Employment Insurance Law amendment (establishment of continued
					employment benefit for old age and child-care leave benefit)
					1994 Law to promote the implementation of program for water quality conservation
				1995 Great Hanshin/Awaji Earthquake	of raw water for water systems 1995 Law Concerning Support for the Atomic Bomb Exposed
					1995 Enactment of the Container and Package Recycling Law
					1995 Formulation of the Government Action Plan for Persons with Disabilities
		Morii	Aoki		1995 Mental Health Law amendment (establishment of the system to provide a
					health and welfare handbook for people with Mental disorders; change of the title into the Law on Mental Health and Welfare for
					people with Mental Disorders)
					1995 Child Care Leave Law amendment (establishment of family-care leave
					system; change of the title into the Law Concerning the Welfare of Workers Who Take Care of Children and other Family Members, Including Child Care
					Leave and Family Care Leave)
					1995 New comprehensive employment measures
	Hashimoto	Kan	Nagai		1996 Leprosy Prevention Law abolished
	(Ryutaro)				1996 Pharmaceutical Affairs Law amendment (improvement of measures to ensure
	(,)				drug safety) 1997 Waste Management and Public Cleanliness Law amendment (clarification of
		Koizumi (J)	Okano	Social security reform	procedures for establishing facilities; Countermeasures against illegal
		TXOIZUITII (0)			dumping, etc.)
					1997 Mental Health Welfare Professional Law
					1997 Child Welfare Law amendment (child care system reform) 1997 Health Insurance Law amendment (80% benefits for the insured)
				Currency crises in Asia	1997 Organ Transplantation Law
					1997 Long-term Care Insurance Law
					1997 Amendment to the Law for Equal Employment Opportunity of Men and
					Women (to prohibit discrimination against women) 1998 Agreement between Japan and Germany on social security signed (Effective
_ 1000				1	on February 1, 2000)
- 1998			Ibuki	1998 Nagano Olympics	1998 Infectious Disease Prevention Law
					1998 Comprehensive Plans for vitalizing employment
			A:	Sharp rise in total unemployment rate	
	Obuchi	Miyashita	Amari		1999 Emergency employment measures
				1999 International Year of Older Persons	
					1999 Mental Health Welfare Professional Law amendment (to add home help and short stay services to in-home welfare) programs; clarification of
					requirements for involuntary hospitalization for medical care and protection)
					2000 Agreement between Japan and United Kingdom on social security signed
					(Effective on February 1, 2001)
					2000 Repairs avetem reform (adjustment of total banefit amount growth etc.)
					2000 Pension system reform (adjustment of total benefit amount growth, etc.) 2000 Medical Practitioners Law amendment (Clinical training became mandatory.)
		Niwa (Y)	Makino		2000 Social Welfare Law
		1 111112 (1)			2000 Labour Contract Succession Law
	Mori				2000 Child Abuse Prevention Law 2000 Amendment to the Child Allowance Law (extension of benefit period up to
		Tsushima	Yoshikawa		before compulsory education)
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		Sakaguchi	Sakaguchi		
		Garaguerii	Canagaoni	1	2001 Defined Benefits Corporate Pension Law and Defined Contribution Pension Law
		Saka	quehi	2004 Incurrentian of Ministry of Health	2001 Law Concerning the Payment of Compensation to Patients Institutionalized in
		Saka	aguchi	2001 Inauguration of Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare	Hansen's Disease Sanatoriums 2001 Social security system reform outline
				Labou. and Frontier	2001 Law on Promoting the Resolution of Individual Labour Disputes
	Koizumi (J)				2001 Amendment to the Law Concerning the Welfare of Workers Who Take Care of
					Children and other Family Members, Including Child Care Leave and Family
					Care Leave (restriction on overtime work) 2001 Comprehensive employment measures
					2002
					2002 Law on Assistance Dogs for the Disabled
					2002 Amendments to the Pharmaceutical Affairs Law and the Bleeding and Blood Donor Suppl yService Control Law (improvement of post-marketing safety
					measures; drastic overhaul of the Blood Law)
					2002 Health Promotion Law
					2002
					2002 Amendment to the Food Sanitation Law (reinforcement of penalty on imported
					food, etc.) 2002 Law on Special Measures for Self-Sufficiency Support for the Homeless
					2002
					2002 Programs to accelerate reforms
					2002
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					2003 Revision of Food Sanitation Law (Review based on the enactment of Food
					Safety Basic Law) 2003 Law to Promote Measures to Support the Development of the Next Generation
- 2003				2003 Iraq War	2003 Child Welfare Law amendment (child rearing support programs stipulated by
					law)
					2003 Law Concerning Special Measures to Support Employment of Mothers in
					Fatherless Families 2003 Basic Law on Measures for Society with Decreasing Birthrate
					2003 Law Concerning Medical Treatment and observation of Individuals Who Have
					Committed Grave Acts against others
					while in a State of Insanity
					2003 Employment Insurance Law amendment (promotion of early reemployment) 2003 New Government Action Plan for Persons with Disabilities
					2003 Labour Standards Law amendment (development of rules on dismissal, review
					on terminable contracts and free time systems)
					2003 Infectious Disease Prevention Law and Quarantine Law amendment
					(improvement and reinforcement of measures against infectious diseases)

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				2004 Agreement between Japan and Republic of Korea on social security signed
				(Effective on April 1, 2005) 2004 Agreement between Japan and the United States of America on social security
				signed (Effective on October 1, 2005)
		Otsuji		2004 Law for Special Disability Benefits for Specified Persons with Disabilities 2004 Amendment to the Child Abuse Prevention Law (Review of the definition of
				child abuse, revision of responsibilities of national and local governments, etc.) 2004 Outline of countermeasures to society with declining birthrate
				2004 Amendment to the Child Allowance Law (expanding the eligibility to children
				who have not completed the third grade of elementary school) 2004 Amendment to the Child Welfare Law (Enhancement of child guidance
				systems) 2004 Amendment to the Law Concerning the Welfare are of Workers Who Take Care
				of Children and Other Family Members, Including Child Care Leave and
				Family Care Leave (Expansion of the scope of workers eligible for leave) 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) 2004 Water service vision
				2004 Pension system reform (introduction of mechanisms of fixing upper limit of premiums and of automatic adjustment of benefit levels; establishment of the
_2005				Pension Reserve Fund Administration and Investment Agency, etc.)
_2003				2005 Agreement between Japan and Belgium on social security signed (Effective on January 1, 2007)
				2005 Agreement between Japan and France on social security signed
				(Effective on June 1, 2007) 2005 Basic law on nutritional education
				2005 Amendment to the Trade Union Law (Improvement of unfair labour practice
				review process and system) 2005 Amendment to the Long-term Care Insurance Law (shift to a system with an
				emphasis placed on preventive measures, etc.) 2005 Enactment of Services and Supports for Persons with Disabilities Act (
_2006				Creation of a structure which provides services in an integrated manner
		Kawasaki		regardless of the type of disabilities) 2006 Act on Asbestos Health Damage Relief
				2006 Agreement between Japan and Canada on social security signed (Effective on March 1, 2008)
				2006 Act on Advancement of Comprehensive Service Related to Education, Child
				Care, etc. of Preschool Children (Institutionalization of authorized daycare centers)
				2006 Amendments to the Pharmaceutical Affairs Act (revision of sales system,
				enhancement of illegal drugs countermeasures) 2006 Amendments to the Equal Employment Opportunity Act for Men and Women
				(expansion of prohibition of sexual discrimination) 2006 Amendments to the Medical Service Act (establishment of the system to
2007	Abe			provide good quality medical services)
		Yanagisawa		2006 Amendments to the Health Insurance Act 2007 Agreement between Japan and Australia on social security signed (Effective on
		C C		January 1, 2009)
				2007 Amendments to the Employment Insurance Act (review of eligibility requirements)
				2007 Amendments to the Act on Improvement, etc. of Employment Management for Part-Time Workers ensuring balanced compensation for part-time workers)
				2007 Amendments to the Employment Measures Act and the Act on Promotion of
				Job Opportunities in Certain Regions (mandatory prohibition of age discrimination when accepting applications or hiring)
				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) 2007 Japan Pension Organization Act
				2007 Law to partially amend the National Pension Act to improve operations of
				public pension businesses 2007 Act on Special Provisions concerning Prescription for Insurance Benefit of
	Fukuda			Employees' Pension Insurance and Benefit of National Pension (special provisions on prescription of entitlement concerning pension record
	Fukuda			correction)
		Masuzoe		2007 Act on Special Provisions for the Employees' Pension (special provisions concerning 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) 2007 Amendments to the Child Abuse Prevention Law (Reinforcement of on-site
_2008				inspections confirming the safety of children) 2008 Agreement between Japan and the Netherlands on social security signed
				(Effective on March 1, 2009)
				2008 Agreement between Japan and Czech Republic on social security signed (Effective on June 1, 2009)
	Asou			2008 New employment strategies
				2008 Agreement between Japan and Spain on social security signed 2008 Amendments to the Labor Standards Act (expansion of pay rate for overtime
2000				work) 2009 Agreement between Japan and Italy on social security signed
_2009				2009 Government-Labor-Management Agreement toward realizing stabilization and
				creation of employment 2009 Amendments to the Act on Child or Nursing Care Leave (mandatory system for
				short-time working) 2009 Law concerning addition to benefits for delayed 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)
				2009 Act for partial revision of the Act, etc. for partial revision of the National Pension
				Act, etc. (the basic pension national treasury imposition rate as from FY2009 shall be 1/2)
	Hatovomo			2009 Act for partial revision of the Organ Transplant Law (revision of brain death diagnosis and requirements for organ harvesting, etc.)
_2010	Hatoyama	Nagazuma		2009 Agreement between Japan and Ireland on social security signed
_2010				2010 Formulation of the Child and Child-Rearing Vision
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