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The Permanent Mission of Japan to the United Nations and Other International Organizations in Geneva presents its compliments to the United Nations Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights and, with reference to the latter's note verbal Reference: POVERTY 2009 ER dated 20 November 2009, has the honour to transmit herewith the information and materials in response from the Government of Japan to the questionnaire on social protection of older persons addressed by the Independent Expert on the question of human rights and extreme poverty following the Resolution No. 8/11 of 18 June 2008.

The Permanent Mission of Japan to the United Nations and Other International Organizations in Geneva avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the United Nations Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights the assurances of its highest consideration.

Geneva, 18 January 2010

Enclosure mentioned.



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Reply to the Secretary-General on the issue of "Human rights and extreme poverty")

(The Government of Japan)

(i) The legal and institutional framework

1. Provide details of the legal framework by which the programme(s) is established:

(a) Please indicate the retirement age/eligibility age for the pension and if it takes into account the nature of the occupation (e.g. formal or informal employment) of the potential beneficiaries.

(Answer)

"The Old-Age Basic Pension"

- In principle, 65 years old.
- The insured can receive this benefit when he/she becomes 60 years old, but, in this case, the amount of pension benefit is reduced.
- The insured can delay the receipt of this benefit until he/she becomes 70 years old, and, in this case, the amount of pension benefit is increased.

"The Old-Age Employees' Pension"

- At present, the insured can receive the benefit of the "Specially Provided Old-Age Employees' Pension", composed of the remuneration-based and fixed-amount portions, when he or she becomes 60 years old, and of the "Old-Age Employees' Pension", which is remuneration-based, from 65 years old.
- The Amendment of 1994 has specified that the pensionable age for the fixed amount portion of the "Specially Provided Old-Age Employees' Pension" shall be upward to 65 years old according to the date of birth-based formula. This step is to be carried out from year 2001 till 2013 (for women, five years later).
- The Amendment of 2000 presents to propose that, after 2013, the pensionable age for the remuneration-based portion of the "Specially Provided Old-Age Employees' Pension" should be gradually raised to 65 years old from year 2013 till 2025 (for women, five years later.).

(b) Are there any restrictions, including a qualification period for receiving the pensions?

(Answer)

Qualifying condition for pension benefit: In principle, those with a participation period of 25 years or more in the National Pension are qualified for receiving Old-Age pension benefits.

(c) Please indicate whether it is a contributory or a non-contributory programme.