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Pension age to 70 years old. We define that this system is for [inaudible] people. For some elder people who have serious sick or having serious injury, we establish other system to support those people. We have two points. The first point-- Point of information. Yes, thank you. Is it true that we can solve the problem if you focus on only helping elderly people? Yes. Why? Pardon? Why can you say that healthy elderlies peoples restriction is [inaudible]? Because there are many older people, and those people are serious problem now in Japan. Thank you. We have two points. The first point is other problems we have to solve beforehand. The second point is increase of the average lifespan.

I will explain the first point; other problems we have to solve beforehand. We believe that the pension for aging people is serious burden for Japanese government. In Japan, there are so many elder people and the length of those old people is increasing. Then the burden for Japan's government is keep on going. But now in Japan, government is in financial difficulty so we have to save much money. So we have to save money somewhere to use somewhere. Now, Japan has many problems. I have two example. First, child on the waiting list for daycare. It's severe problem for those working parents that those children have no place to wait their parents. It's serious. The second example is fulfilling of education. Now in Japan, government try to make money for college free but-- [inaudible]. Yes, please? Why can you say that school is prioritize the elderly people's life? I'm sorry. Pardon? Good. Why can you say school is prioritize elderly people's life? Because they have future longer than the elder people. Fulfilling of education. Those many children who have no money to go to college, now, they give up going through college because of money cost a lot. Saving money is most important in Japanese government. Raising [inaudible] good slow down to this severe problem because rate of aging people is very high. Raising the pension age is good way to make Japanese society comfortable for everyone, and it cost too much. Japanese government should spend more money to those young people who have long future and dream. To spend money to young people is good outwork. Thank you.

Yes, we also think saving financial problem is important. But actually, this motion is no more than a threat to social weaker element, elderly people, and elderly people are not slave of society. So we should solve these problems with all generation. So we are very proud to oppose this motion. Our stance is that almost all elderly people cannot work because of some difficulties, so their definition is unacceptable. POI. No, thank you. Possible [inaudible]. They focus on only healthy elderly people. However, this point is very unclear. Every person has some disease and elderly people especially have some serious disease. So this point is very unclear. POI. Yes, please. You say we are only focusing on healthy elderly people. However in fact, there's many of population who are healthy elderly people. So now, the government is only focusing on healthy people as we defined, but you think about the rate of healthy people is so large in Japan. Thank you. But actually as I said, every person has some disease or difficulties of [inaudible] because I injure my fingers and so on, and so these problems are very serious in elderly people. So the late year is very serious, so that no elderly people can develop a target of their [inaudible]. Okay. And also, their second point, second [inaudible], they said children should be prioritized, but it means they will sacrifice elderly for young people. And they also said that future is important but future shouldn't evaluate the value of life, right? So we should not agree with that. Okay.

Moving to our points. First, government role to protect citizens, and second, what is the [inaudible]? First, government's role. As I said, social weakers should be protected, and elderly peoples apply to them because they have low physical and mental abilities. On the other hand, we should require all generation to solve this problem with [inaudible]. For example, rich people or weak, young and strong people to work as a manual labor themself. But with the status quo, most of those elderly people go bankrupt or some difficulties. They have some difficulties. But actually, pension is the only or last way for these people to be saved. So this is last way. Furthermore, elderly has taken their responsibility to pay tax or something for the society, so government should also take responsibility equally to save elderly people. Okay. And actually, the elderly people's difficulty is very serious because without money or pension, they will live in fear of unable to eat or fear of unable to pay otoshidama for their children. So we are very proud to oppose.

Hello everyone. I'm Nadine Hatori from Nara High School. We believe that Japan should raise the pension age to 70 years old. Let me rebut opposition's first point. They said social worker should protected. However, I think making protect other law for social weakers. Therefore, Japan should raise age to 70 years old.

Next, let me reconstruct government first point. They said solve by with all generation. However, I think students work in the future for Japan. Point of information. No, thank you. So I think government spend for students more. Therefore, Japan should raise the-- Point of information. No, thank you. Japan should raise the pension age to 70 years old.

Then, let me explain our second point; increase of the average lifespan. We believe that recently, Japanese raise the average lifespan because of developing medical. I think medical will go on developing because most of Japanese have good idea and intelligent in the world. Also, most of school teachers who retire want to work again, so now, there's a re-employment system. Actually, my English teacher use this system because of she think this work is worth and fun to communication with students. So I think the elderly people who can work should work more. Therefore, Japan should raise the pension age to 70 years old. Thank you.

Government should help each other. That mean young or rich people help elderly or weak people. And in actual, life is more precious thing. To protect elderly people precious life, we strongly oppose this motion. First refutation about this point. The rebuttal about we should prioritize the future generations. However, why you ignore elderly people's life? As I said, life is most important thing. Government should treat everyone life equality, so this point is very [inaudible]. You talked about-- POI.No, thank you. --another system to protect elderly. However, it create also another money, so in end, government have to pay a lot.

Okay. I'll introduce our second point, our second point. How are we help them? How are we help them? POI. Very well, thank you. Elderly people are suffering from lack of money. For example now, pension is decline. The [inaudible] before 10 years ago. And elderly uniquely cannot work because of lack of physical power or lack of knowledge of today's information technology and so on. After taking this motion, they are have to wait for about 10 years or five years to get pension. They have to live their life with their savings or [inaudible]. However now, a lot of old people don't have savings now. And some employers reject their job because of their are old. It is high risk to go bankrupt and a lot of elderly people face serious situation because of they have to sell their house or they cannot get food and so on. In addition, today, aging society, the number of elderly will increase, so the number of victims will increase and increase. In end, government has to pay so much about the public assistance for elderly people. So the money it need introduce this motion, government have to pay a lot of money.

Okay. I will expand our first point. Our first point about government role. Government role is to provide people with service, and elderly people should get this service especially. We have [inaudible], plus elderly people are social weak people. Government should save more these things. For example now, pay for children support or disabled people is okay, so we should protect these elderly people also. Okay. And I move to second character. They perform to pay money for pension. They perform to pay money for pension. In the working age, they paid a lot of money for the future. However after taking this motion, the amount of pension will decrease. It is very awful for their effort, so it is very bad for elderly. For this reason, we strongly oppose this motion. Thank you.

We talking about the government have to save money for children or young people. And yes of course, we think to save money is very important. However, the older generation have to support to save money. And also, next year, the tax will be increased to 10%, so those tax can cover those kind of insurance [crosstalk]. POI. Sorry. No, thanks. So it is not a problem. And also, we think government should not ignore social weak people, for this case, elderly people. Why they are social weak people? Because as we said, those elderly people are in the physically or mentally, they have seriously weak for physical and so on, so they have difficult to get money by themself, so we have to support. Next, today, we have one crash point; how can we guarantee the life of elderly people? All of us, all people will be elderly of course. And please imagine when you will be the 70 years old or elderly. You will have blank for five years because the 65 years retirement of job. And by this motion, we can get the pension after the 70 years old, so they have five years blank. So during that five years, they have risk to be disease or they have a risk to be lack of money. They have risk to be lack of money. And seriously, they have a risk to be die because of their lack of money or food. And it is difficult and it is very serious situation for elderly people. And also, increase of bankrupt. If the elderly people go bankrupt, government have to support. So that case is more big financial burden for government. So not only elderly people, but also government that this motion is not necessary and this motion make harm to government. And also, we strongly believe that to protect elderly people, we strongly oppose this motion. Thank you.

Can I start? Hello everyone, ladies and gentlemen. We believe that Japan should raise the pension age to 70 years old. First, let me rebut opposition's second point. They said some people are suffering from lack of money. However, we think those elderly people used to work in their younger age so they still have some savings.

And I will explain the reason why we don't believe [inaudible], and then I will summarize today's debate. The most important point is to realize a society where older citizens can perform their own roles vividly, and to contribute to our own society and made it better place for everyone. On this point, their idea is we should protect elderly people, but why do we have to protect only elderly people? Is there like social worker is only elderly people? How about us, our young population? Why the government have to neglect those younger people who's going to be the future workers? Point of information. No, thank you. However, our argument is superior. It is because some people may say that senior citizens are too old that they cannot do work enough. And however, since they are seniors to us on the point of life, they are excel in knowledge and they can correspond toward everything in the society. In fact, many elderly people are willing to have jobs after retirement. As my experience, I have a grandmother who is over 70 years old, but she is still active working woman and she have not wrong with her body. Point of information. No, thank you. Thanks to development of medical care in Japan. And not always, but she goes to her office twice a month and when I asking about her job, she answer me with a smiling face. Do you know why? It is because she could feel that she is still-- Point of information. No, thank you. She is still being needed by other people and there is still wonderful place where she can still spark in the society. And it is not the serious problems among aging population. In fact, there are some financial care system for aging population. However, as young population is left behind by our society, now is time to stand up to argue to change the biases, only elderly people are not the weakers in the society but also us young people, younger population. So to realize the society where everyone can spark, Japan should raise the pension age to 70 years old. Thank you.