

International Comparative Study on Productive Aging and Health Promotion 2012 Research Report

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Research Objectives:

As a society ages dramatically, older people are expected to stay healthy longer and to play more roles in a society. While some health promotion measures are already taken, we still face a pressing issue: these measures need to be implemented more effectively.

More effective health promotion not only prevents illnesses and maintains physical strengths but also is closely associated with realization of productive aging, including active social participation.

Regarding this issue, this study suggests effective measures to promote productive aging and health promotion while describing the current conditions of Japanese elderly through international comparisons. The results should be helpful in finding concrete guidelines to improve the overall QOL of the current and future Japanese elderly.

This study examines the challenges facing the current situation and future prospects by comparing situations in Japan and other countries, including the latest measures in productive aging and health promotion recently developed by the United Nations and European Union.

More specifically, this study, conducted through ILC Global Alliance, includes surveys and interviews with individuals and organizations actively involved in productive aging and health promotion in different countries. The study also includes reanalysis of existing studies within and outside the country as well as literature review. These efforts aim to find ways so that older people can participate in a society more actively.

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