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Long Term Care in Japan's Aging Society

Invitation

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How to take care of frail older people is a crucial issue in all advanced nations. The Japanese version of *Pflegeversicherung*, Kaigo Hoken, celebrates its 10th birthday this year. Unlike the German program, which seeks to support family caregiving through cash payments, Japan tries to relieve family members by providing formal services only. Kaigo Hogen is larger than the German program both in enrolling many more people and providing higher benefits. Such differences may be related to social and cultural explanations as well as reasons of politics and administration.

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