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Creating a society of longevity

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Creation of a society of longevity is one of the major undertakings in the human experience, and Japan, with the world's highest longevity, is at the forefront of that movement. At times in the past Japan has dealt with problems by imitating developed countries, but now the world looks fervently at the choices Japan has made, and we bear the responsibility of creating our future ourselves. Here I would like to look to the future from such new perspectives as the advances in medicine and the introduction of a nursing care insurance system in Japan. At the same time, I would like to consider the points of interface between advanced technology and human age in a future society of longevity.