# **CHILDREN & CHILDREARING**

CHILDREN'S FUTURE STRATEGY (The Cabinet Decision in Dec. 2023)

**Pregnancy** 

Create "ibasho"

(places where one

feels comfortable,

safe and accepted)

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for children and

young people

Offer couseling on any concerns

> "Accompanying consultation support" starts

Also provide financial support worth 100,000 yen

> **Expand after-school** children's clubs

> > **Enroll** in

lower/upper

secondary

school

**Enroll** in elementary school

Extended to cover high

school age children

**☆**Extend child

allowance

From Apr. 2023

420,000 yen ▶ 500,000 yen

for childbirth and

childcare

**Postpartum** 

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**Childbirth** 

care

Expanding

Lump-sum allowance

Eliminate income cap

Amount increased to

30,000 yen for the 3rd

nd subsequent children

Time-off for sick/injured childcare

Accompanying support & household financial support cover childrearing period!

**Learning support** for single-parent children, etc.

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multiple children Enroll in

university

See 6 on the reverse side

Housing support

A Benefits for

reduced

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working hours

Revise the standard number

of nursery teachers assigned;

improve their wages

Secure 300,000 units over the

next 10 years for childrearing

households

See 3 on the reverse side Benefits worth 10% of wages during reduced working

Incentives for childcare leave for SMEs From Jan. 2024

Raising childcare leave benefit rate

Equivalent to 100% of net wages

From FY'25 (scheduled)

From Oct. 2024

allowance

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Expand

childrearing allowance

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Strengthen support

for children with

disabilities, etc. in

the community

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**Expand child** 

Self-employed persons, freelancers, etc. will be exempted from paying National Pension contributions during childcare period.

Even those who do not work

can use daycare service on an ourly basis.

**Promote male** 

childcare leave

→ Connecting All Children to **Early Childhood Education** and Care (ECEC) System.

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Ease the burden of

3.6 trillion yen

medical expenses, etc.

Japan's childrearing support level will rise to approx. 16% (as a % **OECD** countries.

in the indicator, is at 15.4%

of GDP), one of the highest among















Make tuition fees, etc. free

for households with

**Extend support for tuition fee** reduction/exemption for

universities, etc.

master's course students

**Deferred** payment system for tuition fees



Can move into public

housing on a priority

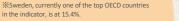
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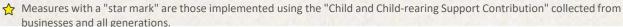
housing stock

Reduce Flat 35 loan

interest rate

From Feb. 2024







### For people with the following concerns Downe



I have no knowledge



This is my first time giving about weaning food. birth and I'm very anxious.



I want to make friends and play with them.

To help bring more smiles to children and childrearing

# **Enhance Childrearing Support**

- Provide seamless childrearing support with the "Accompanying consultation support (also financial support worth ¥100,000), postpartum care and "Connecting All Children to Early Childhood Education and Care (ECEC) System" to raise children with peace of mind
- Support the growth of each and every child







### For people with the following concerns DVVVC



I'm struggling to make ends meet.



I want to go on to higher education, but I'm not sure if it's financially feasible for my family.

To enable single-parent /poverty-facing children to realize their future dreams

# **Enhance learning/life support**

Provide multifaceted support, including expansion of child rearing allowance, enhancement of employment support, etc. for single parents, and expand learning support for single-parent children, etc



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Raising children costs money.

To provide financial support to childrearing households

# Child Allowance

- E.g. Eliminate income cap on child allowance; extend allowance period until high school age; substantially increase the amount for the third and subsequent children (¥30,000 per child); strengthen housing support; expand employment insurance coverage; and exemption from paying **National Pension contribution**
- Support all aspects of childrearing household finances





#### For people with the following concerns Drove







Lam concerned about my child's growth

For children, young people and children with disabilities

# Strengthen community support systems Ease burden of higher education fees

- Establish a system that provides professional support promptly and reliably from "awareness" at various opportunities and locations
- Further enhance a system that enables nursery centers, etc. to accept children with disabilities/medical care
- Promote the creation of "ibasho" (places where one feels comfortable, safe and accepted) for children and young people



# For people with the following concerns





I've never seen anyone taking childcare leave at my company.



My husband always comes home late from work even though I work



To help make paternity leave a social norm!

# Support "Co-childrearing"

- Raise childcare leave benefit rate for cases where both parents take childcare leave within a certain period of time after childbirth (equivalent to 100% of net wages)
- Make it easier to take childcare leave and to choose reduced working hours
- Make it easier to take time-off for sick/injured childcare; applicable to class closings, entrance ceremonies, etc.!





### For people with the following concerns DVVVQ



When my kids enter university, will I be able to pay their tuition fees?

No worries about university tuition fees

- E.g. The eligibility has been expanded to include households with multiple children (those with three or more dependent children) and students of science, engineering, and agriculture (from FY'24); University tuition fees, etc. borne by households with three or more children will be reduced to two or less (from FY'25).
- More children can take on the challenge of going on to universities, etc.

