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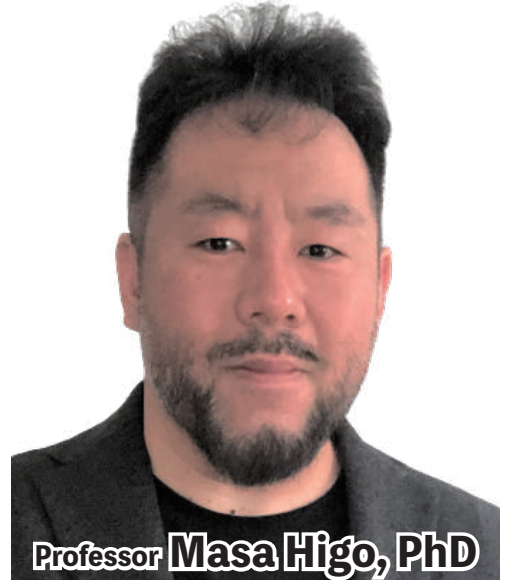
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12:10 12:10-12:15 **Introduction**
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12:40-12:50 **Q&A**

The Coming of a 'Death Laden' Society': Main Challenges to Medicine and Healthcare of a 'Hyper-Aged' Japan

Chair: Prof. Scott Valentine (Research Promotion Coordinator of Q-AOS)

Since the late 1990s, Japan has been the world's most advanced ageing society. What comes next then? Preceding the rest of the world, in a decade Japan will phase into what may be referred to as a 'death-laden' society, when a ballooning number of deaths, due primarily to the prospective mortality of the baby boomers and their juniors, continues to burden Japanese society well into the second half of the twenty-first century. The coming of a 'death-laden' society will require a paradigm shift particularly in the country's long-established medical and healthcare practices. While continuing to serve as the guardian of the citizens' 'quality of life' through nurturing their healthy long life, medical and healthcare professionals will need to address and promote, more extensively than ever before, the 'quality of dying' of a mounting number of the elderly by advancing end-of-life care and a variety of supports associated with it, a long-avoided area of service in modern society as a whole.




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Masa Higo, Ph.D. enjoys delivering global education as Professor at Kyushu University International Student Center (ISC) and leading international research as Head Researcher of the Module Ageing and Later Life, a member module of the Medicine and Health Cluster of Kyushu University Institute of Asian and Oceanian Studies (Q-AOS). Dr. Higo's area of specialization includes policy aspects of ageing society with a special focus on retirement, social security, and elderly care. During and after earning a master's degree in sociology from The University of Central Missouri and a doctoral degree in the same field from Boston College, he had engaged in teaching and research at universities and research institutes in various states of the United States including Massachusetts, Missouri, Kansas, and South Carolina. Dr. Higo is a formal professional member of world-class academic associations including the International Association of Gerontology and Geriatrics (IAGG), the Gerontological Society of America (GSA), the International Sociological Association (ISA), among others.

Key Words

- "Death-Laden Society"
- "Ageing Society"
- "Mortality"
- "End-of-Life Care"
- "Social Change"

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