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Article **Population Aging in Japan, with Reference to China**

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Abstract The problem of population aging is occurring and will occur in the countries where fertility reduction has been most successful, such as China, Japan, the Republic of Korea and Singapore, in Asia. By the year 2000, the elderly population in Asia will be about 48 per cent of the world total and 82 per cent of the total elderly in the less developed countries. Various aspects of population aging are considered in this article, including similarities between Japan and China. The article concludes with a series of policy recommendations which are relevant to countries facing the problem of population aging.

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