

Social Insurance for Everyone!!

What exactly is social insurance to begin with?

- ◆ Risks are what will happen to you as long as you live.



- ◆ Risks are very difficult to predict for individuals. Nobody knows for certain if or when they will become sick or get injured, until how long they will live, or if they will ever suffer from a disability.
- ◆ Additionally, there are some social and economic situations that are impossible to predict. There is a limit for an individual to prepare for all of them, and **social insurance** is a scheme to support and help each other as whole society

Public health insurance and pension insurance

- ◆ By paying insurance contributions through the social insurance system, you can receive benefits in case you actually have unexpected difficulties.
- ◆ For example:
 - When you become sick or get injured, **health insurance** enables you to receive medical services for a low medical fee at any medical institution.
 - Should you suffer from a disability or when you get old and reach a certain age, **pension insurance** enables you to receive pension benefits on a regular basis.

Social insurance is a universal system, and as a general rule, anyone living in Japan, both Japanese and non-Japanese regardless of nationality, shall enroll in it.