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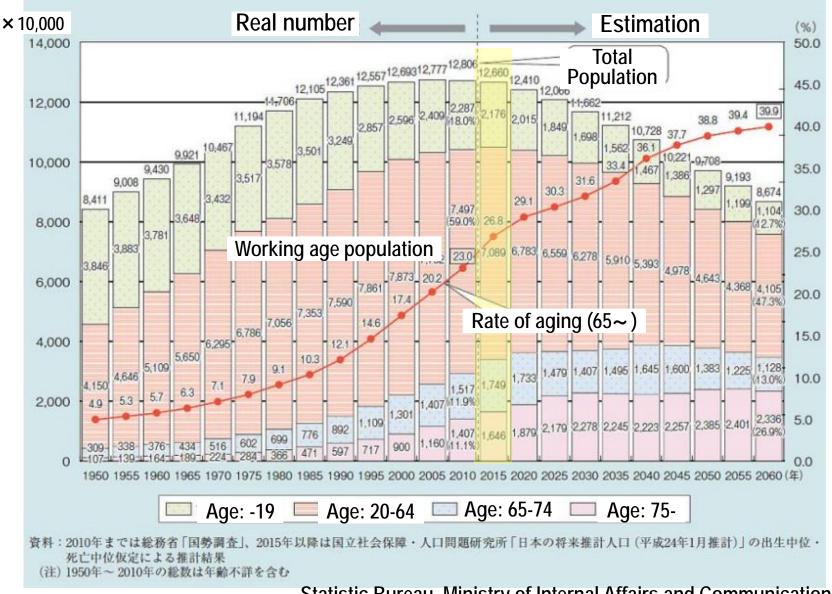
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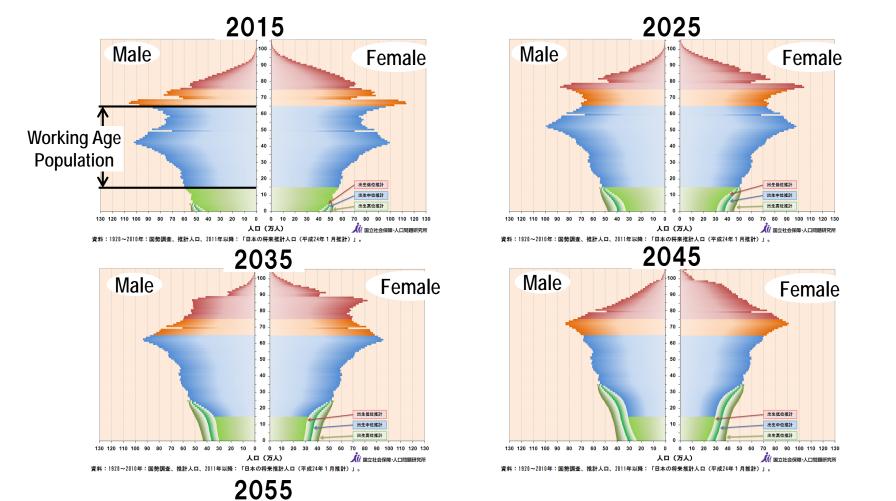
A New Stage of Construction in Japan i-Construction



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Background for Necessity of Innovation in Japanese construction Population Movement and Prediction in Japan



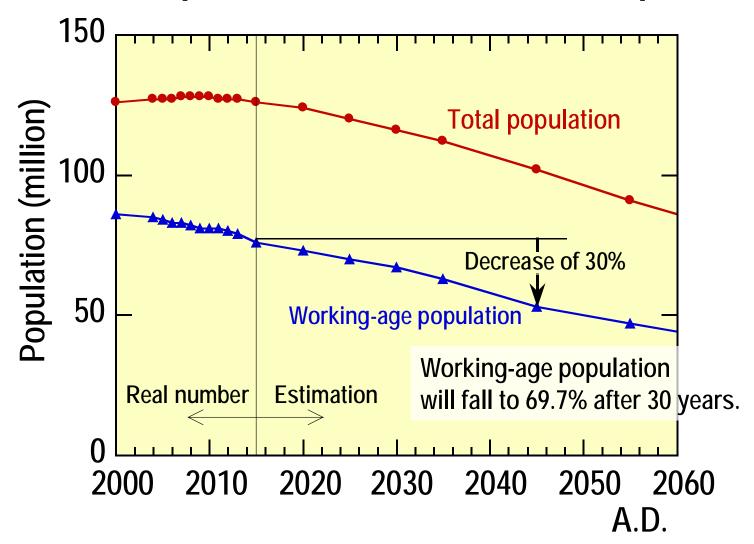




人口 (万人)

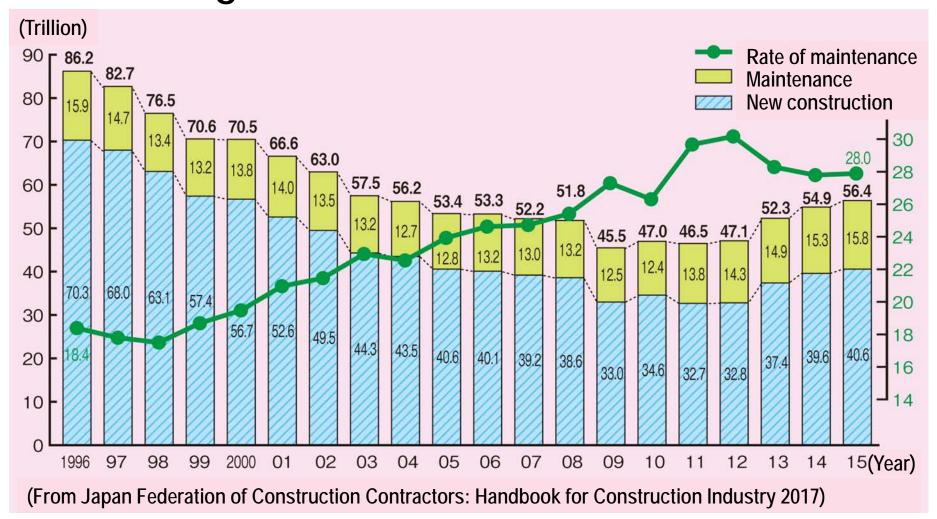
資料:1920~2010年:国勢調査、推計人口、2011年以降:「日本の将来推計人口(平成24年1月推計)」。

Population Prediction in Japan



- The decrease in the number of construction engineers and workers will accelerate.
- Reduction of the tax revenue → Shrinking of budgets for public investment.

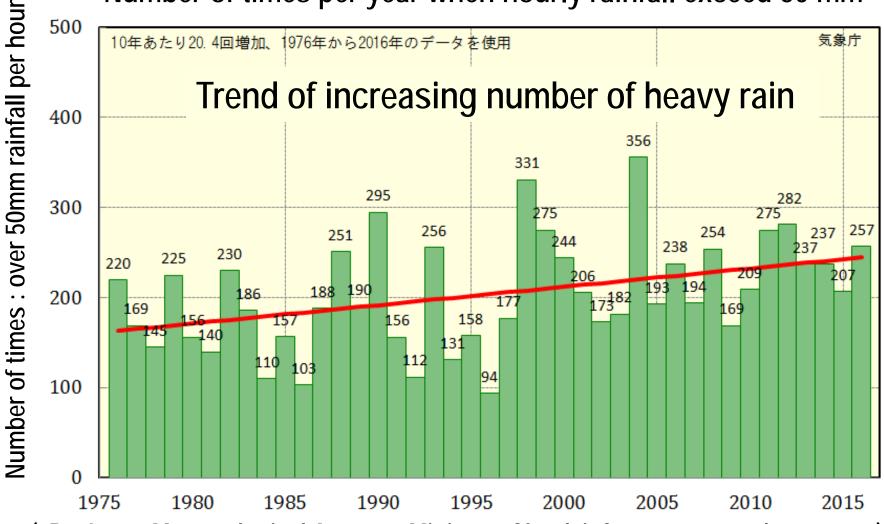
From the point of view of maintenance and management Change of Infrastructural Investment



Compared with the 1990s, although new construction reduces by half, repairs and renewals increase slightly.

From the Point of intensifying Natural Disaster

Number of times per year when hourly rainfall exceed 50 mm



(By Japan Meteorological Agency, Ministry of land, infrastructure and transport)

Natural disasters has been intensifying in Japan.

Reasons that Japanese construction should change

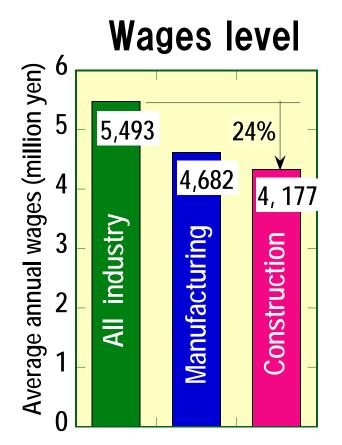
Decrease of working age population will bring

- Lack of engineers, workers in construction
- Reduction of the tax revenue → Shrinking of budgets for public investment.

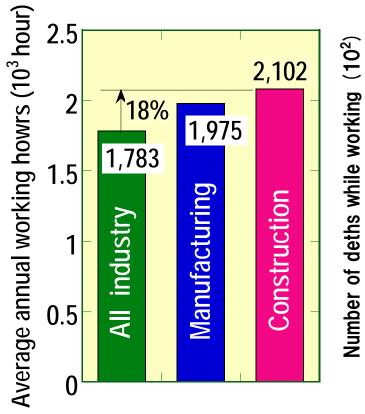
Increase of the complicated and difficult jobs for maintenance and disaster prevention

We cannot complete our social part of providing the infrastructures stably with some extending methods from the current ones.

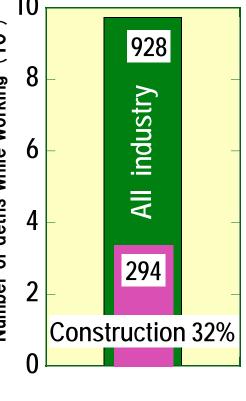
Industrial Potential of Japanese Construction



Working hours



Deaths number



Lower wage level than other industries

(76% of the all-industry average)

Longer working hours than other industries

(118% of all-industry average)

32% death number of all-industry

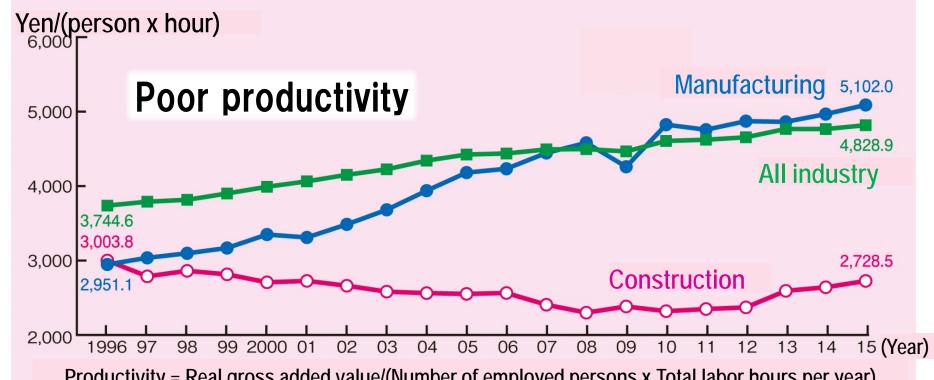
Comparison of Changes in Labor Productivity by Industry

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Kitsui (Hard) Kitanai (Dirty) Kiken (Dangerous)



Productivity = Real gross added value/(Number of employed persons x Total labor hours per year)

(From Japan Federation of Construction Contractors: Handbook for Construction Industry 2017)

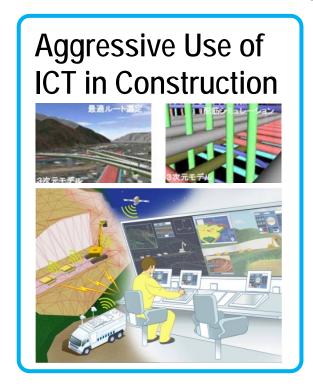


Construction industry has enough potential to increase the productivity. *

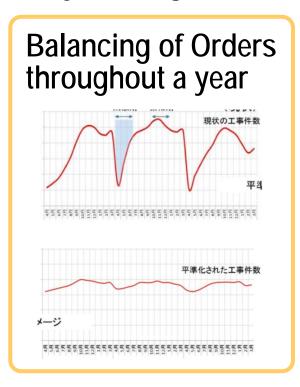
A New Policy of the Ministry of Land, Infrastructure and Transport

i-Construction

Remarkable Improvements in Productivity through







Hard Dirty Dangerous



High wage levels
Sufficient holidays
Safe labor environment



Drastic Development as an industry

Aggressive Use of ICT in Earthwork

Configuration data of structures are grasped and treated with 3D data, and various advanced ICT tools are introduced in i-Construction.



The works are executed with 2D data at each stage in conventional method.

Expansion of Aggressive Use of ICT to

Paving works (2017.4~)



Bridge construction



Dredging works (2017.4~)



Sewage management



Thank you for your kind attention