Preparing for an ageing society

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Population profile: size and growth
Population profile: changes in age structure
Population profile: changes in age 65+ dependency ratio

The graph shows the trends in dependency ratios from 1950 to 2050 for different age groups. The x-axis represents the years, while the y-axis represents the dependency ratio. The graph includes lines for total dependency ratio, 0-14 dependency ratio, and 65+ dependency ratio. The data indicates an increase in the 65+ dependency ratio over time, while the 0-14 dependency ratio shows a decrease and then stabilization.
Challenges brought by rapid demographic change

- Ageing under unfavorable social welfare system
- The changes in family structure and weak social support
- Fast urbanization and large flow of migration
- Impact of migration on ageing: Shanghai population in 2010
Regional difference:

proportion of 65+ population by province, 2010
The society is not ready

• Income insecurity of elder persons
• Survey result and findings from the field: most respondents expect the government will take care of older age support
• However, both institution and community has limited capacity and facility
• Impact of ageing within family: major care provider is female family member
• Traditional opinion about roles of elderly
• Saving and consuming behavior
• Elder persons two decades later will be different from today in many facets
Response to the challenges and to get prepared

• Responses to population ageing by the government
  – Related laws and amendments
  – Development Plan 2011-15, focuses: medical insurance and pension system reform, NCD prevention, policy support to family old age care, community capacity development, promote social participation of elderly
  – Plan of social service on elderly care 2011-15
  – Related data collection and analysis, researches, national strategic research

• China could learn experiences and lessons from countries that already “old,”

• Experience sharing with other developing countries
THANKS

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