

Deutsches Institut für Japanstudien

# DIJ Forum

In its series of public lectures, the German Institute for Japanese Studies will present on

**Thursday, 15 May 2008, 18.30 h**

**John C. Campbell**

**Professor Emeritus, University of Michigan**

## **Policy for the Elderly in Japan**

Policy for old people has been unusually contentious recently. The pension records debacle is one of the most-covered issues for a year or so, and fundamental pension reform remains high on the policy agenda (with the LDP and the DPJ taking quite different positions). A substantial reform of Long-Term Care Insurance (Kaigo Hoken) was implemented in 2006 without too much fuss, but introduction of a new system for medical care of the old-old in April brought sharp protests. Is all this a blip, or will old-age policy be a contentious arena in national politics and the grassroots?

John Creighton Campbell is Professor Emeritus of Political Science at the University of Michigan and Visiting Professor in Health Policy and Administration at the Keio University Medical School. He is the author of *Contemporary Japanese Budget Politics*, *How Policies Change: The Japanese Government and the Aging Society*, and (with Naoki Ikegami), *The Art of Balance in Health Policy: Maintaining Japan's Low-Cost, Egalitarian System* (all also available in Japanese).

The lecture will be given in English. It will take place on **Thursday, 15 May 2008** at 6.30 p.m. at the DIJ. Admission is free, registration is necessary.

Deutsches Institut für Japanstudien

Jochi Kioizaka Bld. 2F, 7-1 Kioicho, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo 102-0094

Tel: 03 - 3222 5198, Fax: 03 - 3222 5420, e-mail: [forum@dijtokyo.org](mailto:forum@dijtokyo.org)