



Aging Policies in China: From “Rights Protection” to “Integrated Development”

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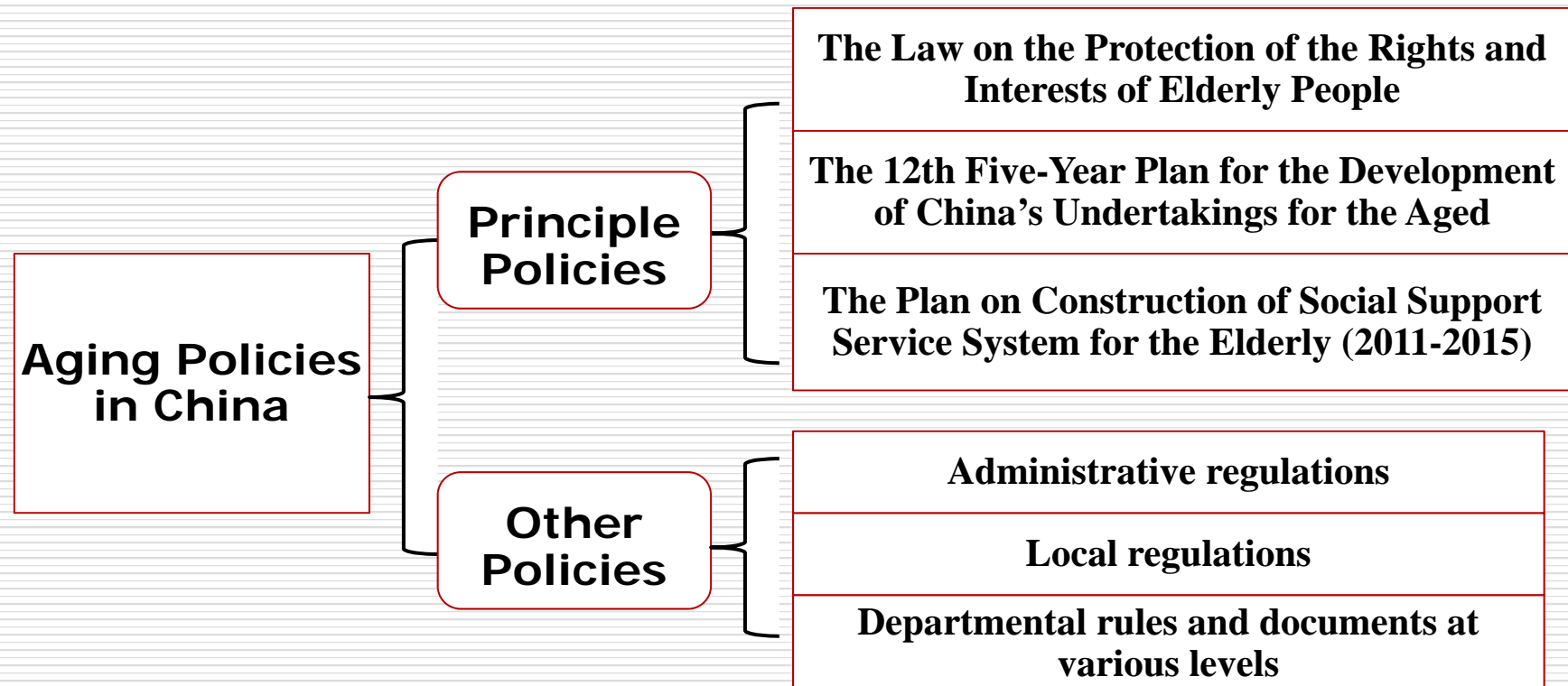
Active Aging

- allows people **to realize their potential** for physical, social, and mental wellbeing throughout the life course and **to participate in society** according to their needs, desires and capacities,
- while **providing them with adequate protection, security and care** when they require assistance.

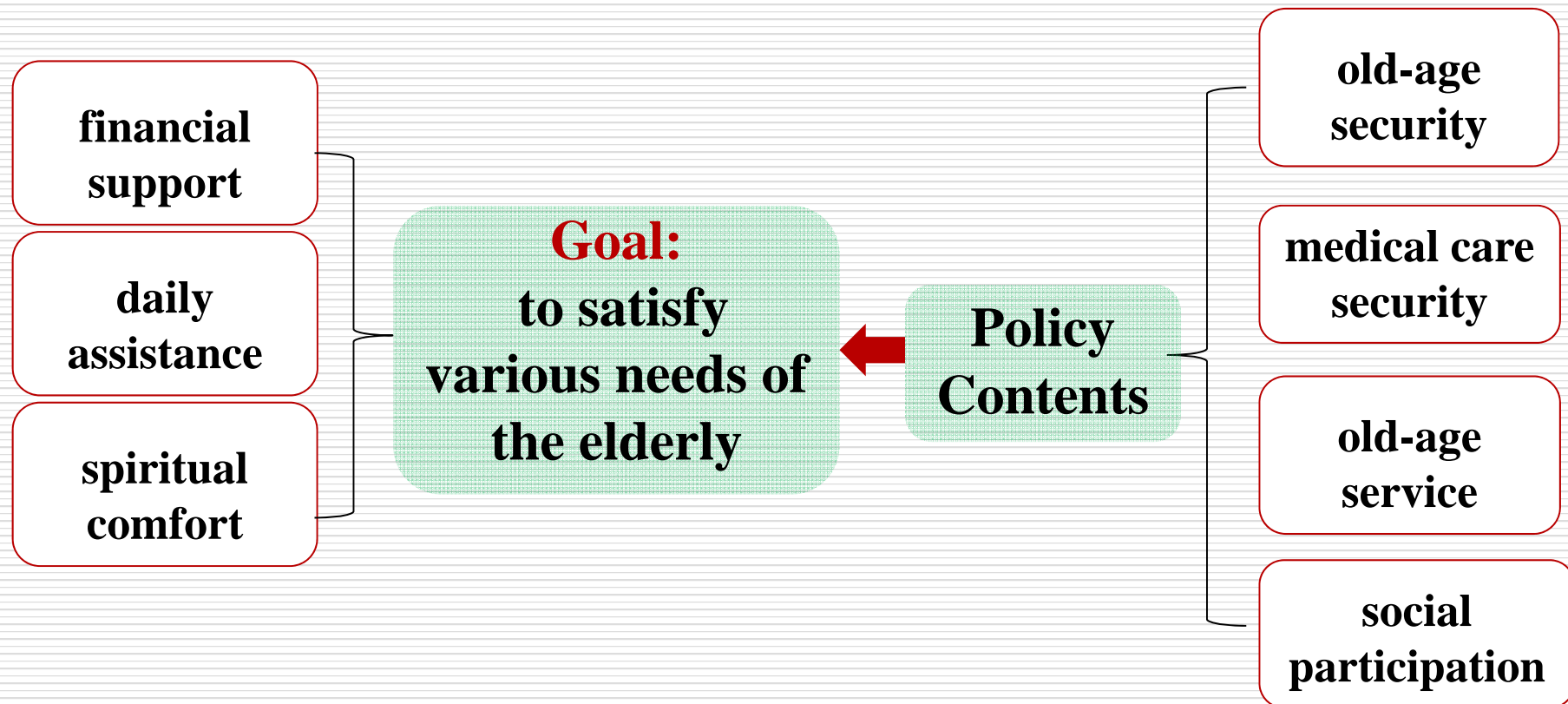
Active Aging Policies

- To respect the natural law of human beings with the advancement of age and help people of all ages to live in a free and comfortable condition that fits them most;**
- To survey the whole process of human development over the life course and help people to deter or reduce side effects of aging.**

Preliminary Policy and Legal Framework in China



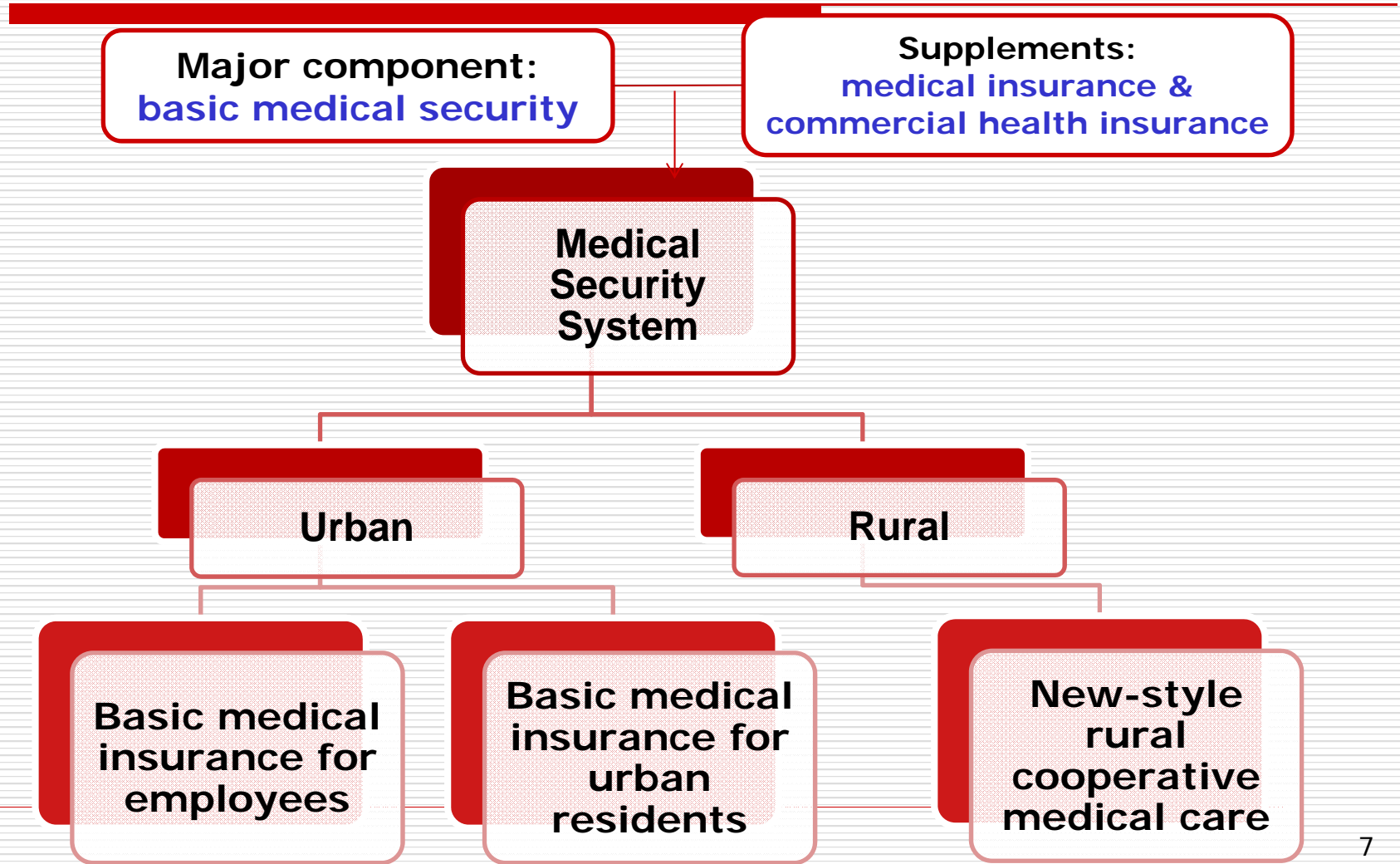
Goal and Contents of Aging Policies in China



Basic Old-age Security System

- Institutionally achieved full coverage of all population groups and helped to lessen the families' financial burden.
 - **Basic pensions of enterprise retirees** on continuous rise;
 - **Minimum living-standard security system** established for the poor;
 - **“The five guarantees** (food, clothing, medical care, housing and burial expenses)” for eligible rural seniors;
 - **Special subsidies** for the seniors of family-planning families.

Medical Care Security System



Medical Care Security System (cont.)

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Effective safeguard of the elderly's rights to basic medical and health services despite his/her locality;

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Steady quality improvement of professional services from concerned institutions at all levels;

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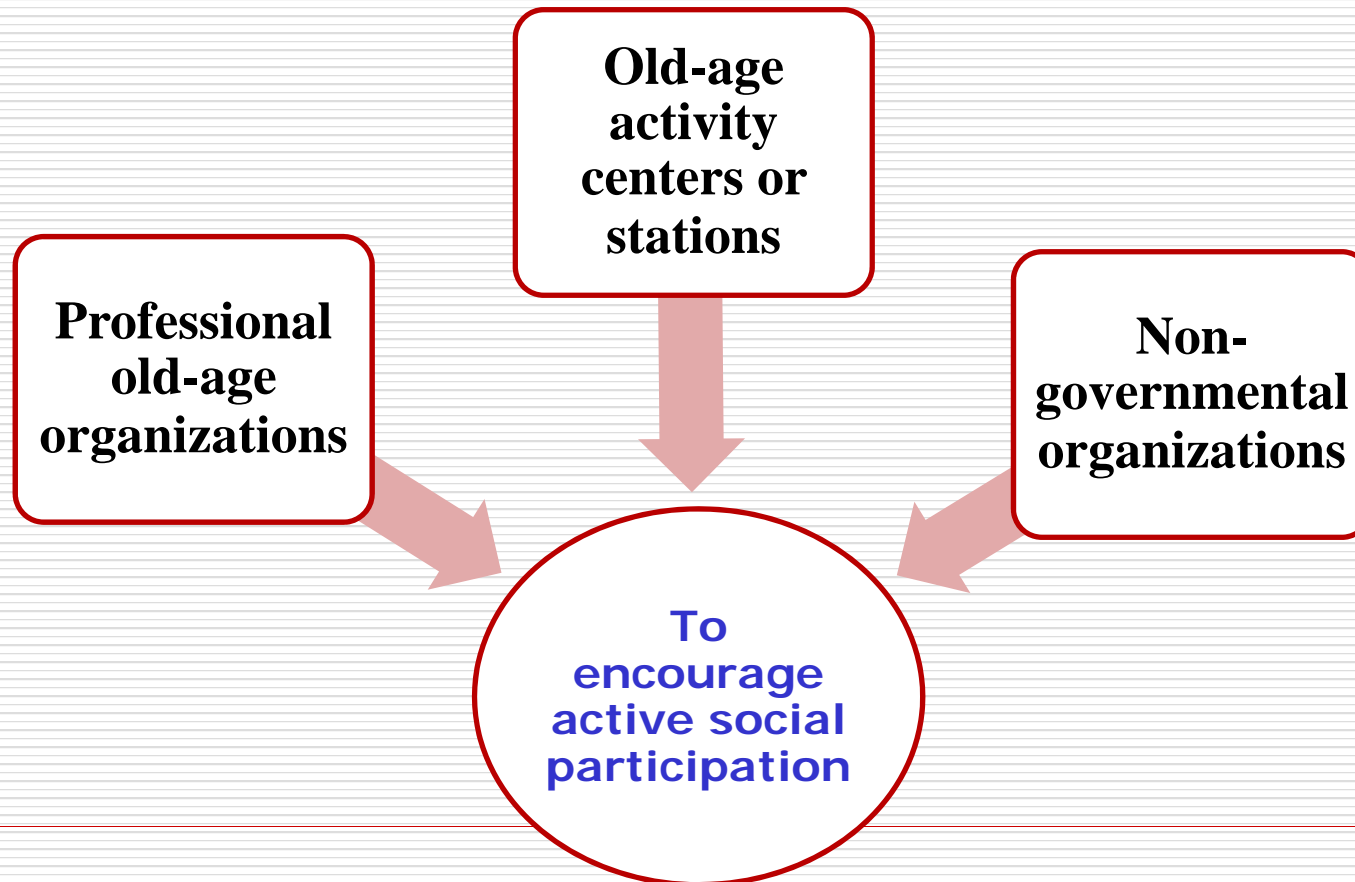
Prevention and control of chronic diseases, medical and health care for disabled seniors and mental health of the elderly.

Old-age Service System

- **To enhance self-reliance of seniors and promote their life quality;**
- **Based on aging at home, supplemented by community services and supported by social organizations.**
 - **construction of public and home environments : taking physiological features of the elderly into account;**
 - **construction of old-age service system: beds for old-age support, professional old-age nursing institutions, old-age service teams.**

Social Participation of the Elderly

- **To create conditions to fully utilize expertise of the elderly.**



Conclusion

- ❑ Aging policies in China are putting more emphasis on integrated development of the elderly, in addition to their rights protection.
- ❑ For different **cohorts** of older people, dynamic policy design are needed.
- ❑ Among present-day older people:
 - the **younger old** are encouraged to participate in the society and spend their third age actively and happily;
 - the **older old** are able to live longer time independently in their own house.

THANK YOU!
