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Government of Mexico in cooperation with the Government of Japan in February. Let me briefly introduce Japan's policies towards some of them.

First on migrant workers. Prior to and for a short period after World War II, many Japanese migrated overseas, particularly to Central and South America. Today, however, Japan, like many developed countries, has become a recipient of migrants. They arrive amidst the background of a declining birthrate and an aging society. In 2000 Japan's population was approximately 127 million, 17.4% of which were over age 65. By 2050, the population is expected to decline to around 100 million, with 41% of the population over age 65.

