Promotion Measures for Maternal and Child Health

| | Municipalities (Health centers) | | Prefectures (Health centers) |
|-------------------------|--|-------------------------|--|
| | Basic Maternal and Child Health Services | | Specialized Maternal and Child Health Services |
| Health checkups | Health checkups for pregnant and lactating Women, infants and toddlers, 18-month-old children, and 3-year-old children | | Screening for congenital dysbolism, etc. |
| Health care guidance | Issuance of the Maternal and Child Health (MCH)Handbook Pre-marital class, mothers' class, child-rearing class, etc. | Technical assistance | Infertility counseling, health care education for women, etc. |
| Home-visit guidance | Home-visit guidance for pregnant and lactating women and newborns | | Home-visit guidance for premature babies |
| Medical aid | | | Medical care for premature babies, medical aid program for specific chronic pediatric diseases, etc. |

Detailed Date 1 Changes in the Indices of Maternal and Child Health

| Year | Live birth rates (per1,000 population) | Infant mortality rates (per1,000 live births) | Neonatal mortality rates (per1,000 live births) | Perinatal death rates (per1,000 birth 1)) | Maternal mortality rates(per100,000 births ²⁾) | Foetal death rates (per1,000 births ²⁾) |
|------|--|---|---|---|--|---|
| 1965 | 18.6 | 18.5 | 11.7 | ••• | 80.4 | 81.4 |
| 75 | 17.1 | 10.0 | 6.8 | | 27.3 | 50.8 |
| 85 | 11.9 | 5.5 | 3.4 | 15.4 | 15.1 | 46.0 |
| 95 | 9.6 | 4.3 | 2.2 | 7.0 | 6.9 | 32.1 |
| 97 | 9.5 | 3.7 | 1.9 | 6.4 | 6.3 | 32.1 |
| 98 | 9.6 | 3.6 | 2.0 | 6.2 | 6.9 | 31.4 |
| 99 | 9.4 | 3.4 | 1.8 | 6.0 | 5.9 | 31.6 |
| 2000 | 9.5 | 3.2 | 1.8 | 5.8 | 6.3 | 31.2 |
| 01 | 9.3 | 3.1 | 1.6 | 5.5 | 6.3 | 31.0 |
| 02 | 9.2 | 3.0 | 1.7 | 5.5 | 7.1 | 31.1 |
| 03 | 8.9 | 3.0 | 1.7 | 5.3 | 6.0 | 30.5 |
| 04 | 8.8 | 2.8 | 1.5 | 5.0 | 4.3 | 30.0 |
| 05 | 8.4 | 2.8 | 1.4 | 4.8 | 5.7 | 29.1 |
| 06 | 8.7 | 2.6 | 1.3 | 4.7 | 4.8 | 27.5 |
| 07 | 8.6 | 2.6 | 1.3 | 4.5 | 3.1 | 26.2 |
| 08 | 8.7 | 2.6 | 1.2 | 4.3 | 3.5 | 25.2 |
| 09 | 8.5 | 2.4 | 1.2 | 4.2 | ••• | 24.6 |

Source: "Vital Statistics," Statistics and Information Department, Minister's Secretariat, MHLW

Notes: 1. The figures represent the sum of the number of live births and that of foetal deaths at 22 completed weeks and over of gestation.

- 2. The figures represent the sum of the number of live births and that of foetal deaths.
- 3. 2009 is preliminary numbers.

Detailed Date 2 The Status on Screenings for Congenital Dysbolism, etc. (FY 2008)

| No. of births (A) (person) | Screening for congenital dysbolism | | | | |
|-------------------------------|--|--------------------------|---|--------------------------|--|
| | NO. of those screened (B) (person) | Screening rate (B/A) (%) | NO.of those screened (B) (person) | Screening rate (B/A) (%) | |
| 1,081,383 | 1,163,190 | 107.6 | 1,154,185 | 106.7 | |

Source: Equal Employment, children and The Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare research.

Note: The screening rates may exceed 100% because rescreened low-weight children with 2,000 g or less are included in the number of those screened.

Detailed Date 3 The Annual Results of Number of Cases of Medical Care Benefits for Premature Babies

| Home-visit guidance | | No. of cases where provision of medical care benefits for premature babies was decided |
|---------------------|----------------|--|
| Actual No. | Cumulative No. | care benefits for premature babies was decided |
| 53,627 | 68,351 | 31,164 |

Sources: "Report on Regional Public Helth Services and Health Promotion Services ," Statistics and Information Department, Minister's Secretariat, MHLW (in 2008)

"No. of cases where provision of medical care benefits for premature babies was decided" is based on the "Statistical Report on Social Welfare Administration and Services (Statistical Report on Welfare Administration), "Statistics and Information Department, Minister's Secretariat, MHLW in FY 2008.