

“ DECREASE & AGING of JOA MEMBERS ”

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Organization and Activities

Annual General Assembly

---Board of Directors (15)----Auditors(2)

----Board of Executive Directors (9)

-----52 Local Branches

Activities

Local Education and Training of
Ostomates, Public Relations,
& International Cooperation

Ostomates in JAPAN are still **increasing**, while total population is decreasing

•	Ostomates	Population(10 ³)	Os.Ratio
• 2003	136,594	127,694	0.11%
• 2008		128,080(peak)	
• 2009	179,718	128,032	0.14%
• 2015	204,053	127,094	0.16%
• 2017	210,761	124,648	0.17%
• 2022	227,770↑	122,423↓	0.18 %↑

① But, members of JOA are declining

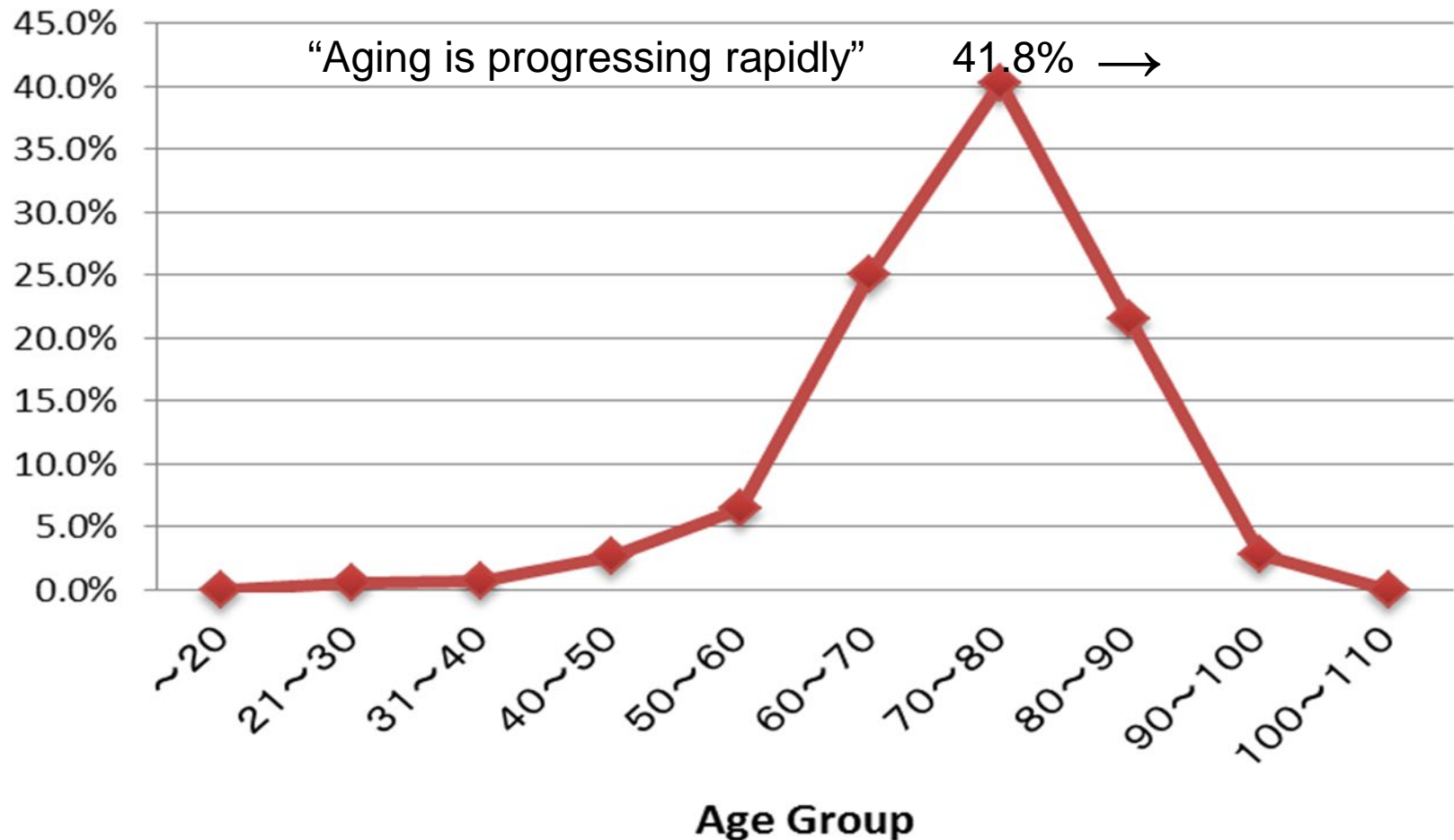
- 1995~2000 : maximal era of over 12,000

N. of members

Ratio to total
ostomates in Japan

- 2008: 10,227 5.9%
- 2011: 9,640 5.1%
- 2015: 8,567 4.3%
- 2019: 7,112 3.4%
- 2023: 5,384↓ 2.4%↓

② Age Group of Ostomates in Japan



Average life expectancy of Japanese M:81.3Ys., F:87.3Ys

IWATE MIYAKO



TSUNAMI

More than 22,000 victims!

IWATE KAMAISHI



Evacuation Place

And ostomates suffered from shortage of stoma appliances. So...,

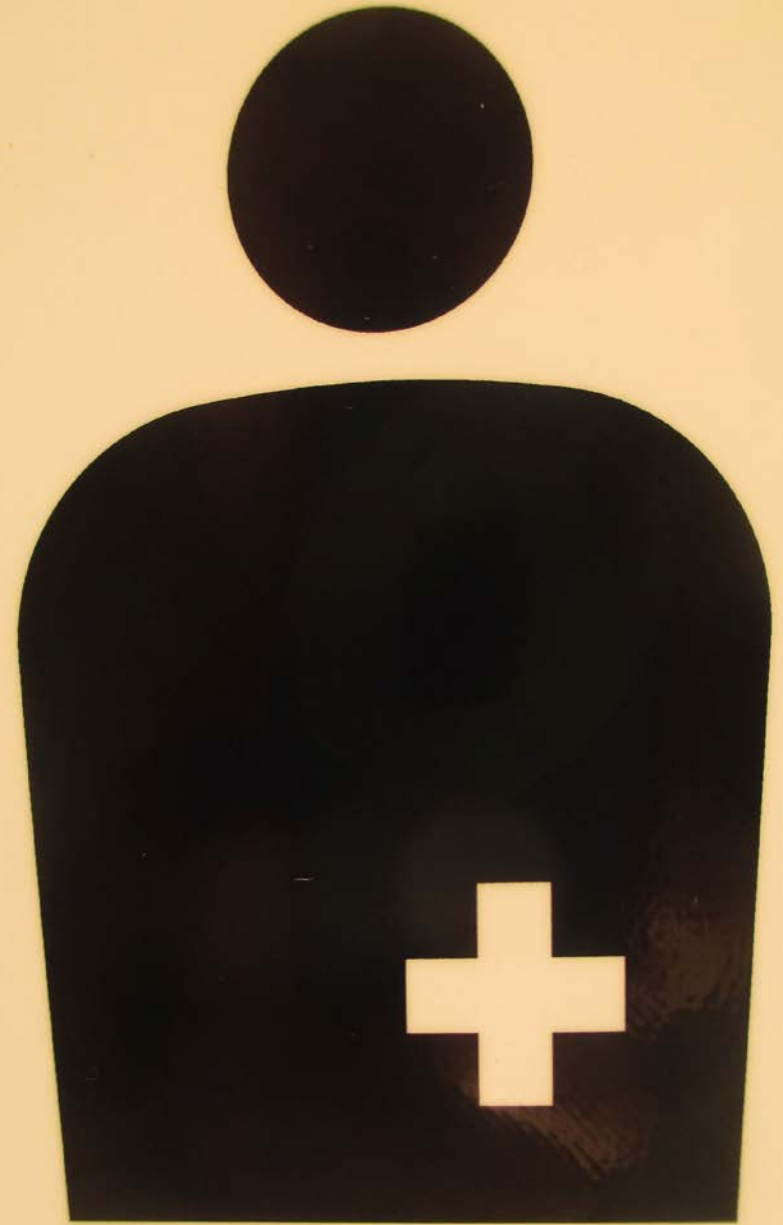
Disastrous scenes of Great East Japan Earthquake: March 11, 2011

③ Ostomates Relief Measures at the time of Big Disaster

- **Self Help:** JOA stresses importance of self help to survive big disasters, by preparing a month necessary minimum bags and appliances, etc.
- **Mutual Help:** Since 2015, Ostomy Appliance Safety Net Group (OAS) composed by 6 ostomy goods manufacturers provide free appliances to ostomates in need.

④ The pictograph of an ostomate was registered by JIS (Japanese Industrial Standards) On July 20, 2017

This is used as a guide for multifunctional lavatory in the public facilities (the railway station, department store, etc. , as shown next slide).



ostomate mark

Pictographs for multifunctional restroom



Pictographs in front of a public lavatory with wheelchair users, ostomates and babies.

2019/08/03



diaper changing

2019/08/03

According to the latest survey on ostomates, 72% know the ostomate mark and 55% used the multifunctional toilet.



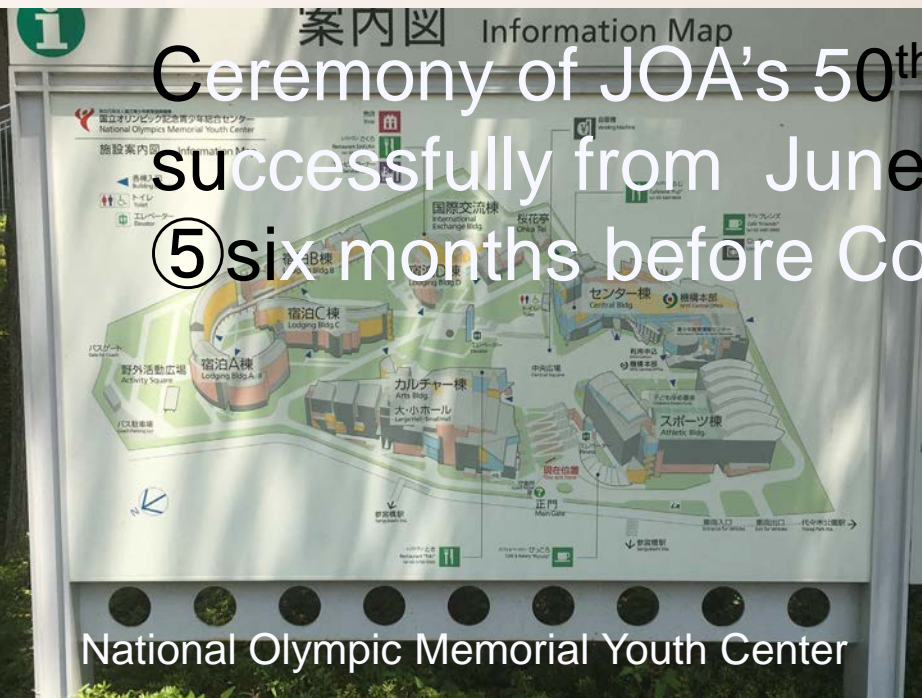
toilet seat and handrail

2019/08/03



excrement sink

2019/07/21



Ceremony of JOA's 50th Anniversary was held successfully from June 8 to 9, 2019 in Tokyo, ⑤ six months before Covid-19 Pandemic!



Day2 Performance of the court music of Japan "Gagaku"



Day1 Annual General Assembly



Congratulatory speech in ceremony

⑤ The pandemic declined from this May

1) In the world : 9.6%(765 M/8B) people got infected and 0.9%(7/765M) died.

Whereas,

2) In Japan : 27.5%(34/123 M) people got infected and 0.2%(75,000/34M) died.

*The current meeting styles in JOA are...

1) Executive meetings of HQ are still continuing "online". However,

2) Monthly meetings and lectures in each branch have resumed "in person".

Solidarity with ASPOA.
Thank you everyone,
thank you Singapore!

