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Japanese Life	Course Panel	Survey of High School Graduates' Life and Attitudes
A	dministered by the	e "High School Graduates' Life and Attitudes Survey" research group.
Q1. Please circle t	he number by you	r gender.
	1 Male	2 Female

Q2. Which of the following describes your status as of October 2011? Please circle the one answer that applies.

	1	Full-time company employee			
Jent	2	Government employee			
Employment	3	Self-employed			
Emp	4	Family business employee			
	5	Non-regular employee (part-time, temporary, fixed contract etc.)			
	6	Four-year university (including medical, dental and pharmacy programs)			
ion	Junior college				
Education	8	Specialized training college			
Edı	9	Public occupational training course			
10 Graduate school					
	11	Non-traditional (adult) student			
	12	Studying for entrance exams (including cram school)			
	13	Unemployed but actively job searching			
Other	14	Maternity or parental leave			
Otł	15	Receiving medical care			
	16	At home (including homemakers and domestic workers)			
	17	Nothing in particular			

Q3. Overall, how satisfied are you with your own career path choices? Circle the number that best fits your feelings.

Satisfied	Somewhat satisfied	Somewhat unsatisfied	Unsatisfied
1	2	3	5

Q4. Are you currently working (full-time, part-time, or while going to school)? Please <u>circle</u> <u>the one answer</u> that applies.

1	I am currently working —	Please proceed to question 5

2 I am not currently working — Please proceed to question 10

- Q5. This section asks about the job you have now. In (a), enter the date you were hired for your current job. In (b) (e), circle one answer to each question. In (f), please describe your current job.
- (a) When did you start your current job?

	Year:		Month:	
(b) \	What is your employment status?			
1	Manager or executive	6	Self-employed or free-lance worker	
2	Regular, full-time employee	7	Family business employee	
3	Part-time, fixed term, or contract employee	8	Working at home	
4	Temporary agency employee	9	Other (please specify:)
5	Contractor			
(c) I	ndustry sector			

ſ	1	Agriculture, forestry, fishing, or mining	9	Finance, insurance	
	2	Construction	10	Real estate	
	3	Machinery, electronics, or automotive manufacturing	11	Personal service sector (hotels, hair salons, etc.)	
	4	Other manufacturing	12	Information services, surveys, or advertising	
	5	Utilities (electricity, gas, heat supply, water)	13	Medical, health, or social services	
	6	Transportation	14	Other services (leasing, security, business contracting, etc.)	
	7	Communications	15	Government employee	
	8	Wholesale, retail, or restaurant	16	Other (please specify:)

(d) Company size (total number of employees at the main office and all branch offices, excluding part-time workers)

1	1-29	3	100-299	5	500-999	7	Government employee
2	30-99	4	300-499	6	1000 or more		

(e) Occupation type

- 1 Professional or technical fields requiring specialized expertise and skills (physicians, nurses, lawyers, teachers, care manager, care worker, etc.)
- 2 Management (section chief or higher in business or government)
- 3 Administrative staff (clerical workers handling bookkeeping and other office work in business or government)
- 4 Sales and marketing (retail, wholesale, shop assistants, realtors, insurance sales, outside sales representatives, etc.)
- 5 Skilled technicians and manufacturing-related workers (manufacturing, assembly, auto repair, construction, carpentry, electrical work, food processing, etc.)
- 6 Transportation and communications (truck and taxi drivers, sailors, mail carriers, radio dispatchers, etc.)
- 7 Public safety and security (police officers, firefighters, SDF personnel, security guards, etc.)
- 8 Farming, forestry, and fishing (farming, livestock, forestry, logging, aquaculture, fishing, etc.)

Service sector (barbers, hair stylists, home care helper, cooks, chefs, waiters, waitresses, flight attendants, etc.) 9

10 Other (please specify:

(f) Specific description of your work

Examples:	Rice farmer, English teacher at a public junior high school, outside salesperson for cosmetics firm, caregiver at a welfare facility (home care helper), installing interior wiring at construction sites, manufacturing plastic toys at a factory, receptionist at a bank.

- Q6. How many hours do you usually work in a week? Please give separate answers for official working hours and overtime hours (holidays and after-hours). * If you have two or more jobs, please provide the total number of hours.
 - A. Official working hours

	hours (per week)
	hours (per week)

3

B. Overtime hours (holidays and after-hours)

2

Q7. Please circle the one answer that applies with regards to how you feel about your working hours.



I am happy with my current working hours I wish to work shorter hours

Q8. At your current worksite, how satisfied are you with the following issues? For items A-J, circle the number of your satisfaction level.

A.Work conditions (salary)1234B.Work conditions (working hours)1234C.Work conditions (vacation days)1234D.Opportunities for promotion or advancement1234E.Opportunities to develop skills or expertise1234F.Your relationships with your superiors1234G.Your relationships with your colleagues1234H.The company's line of business1234J.Job security1234K.Benefits1234			Very satisfied	Somewhat satisfied	Somewhat dissatisfied	Dissatisfied
C.Work conditions (vacation days)1234D.Opportunities for promotion or advancement1234E.Opportunities to develop skills or expertise1234F.Your relationships with your superiors1234G.Your relationships with your colleagues1234H.The company's line of business1234I.Your own work duties1234J.Job security1234	Α.	Work conditions (salary)	1	2	3	4
D. Opportunities for promotion or advancement1234E. Opportunities to develop skills or expertise1234F. Your relationships with your superiors1234G. Your relationships with your colleagues1234H. The company's line of business1234I. Your own work duties1234J. Job security1234	B.	Work conditions (working hours)	1	2	3	4
E.Opportunities to develop skills or expertise1234F.Your relationships with your superiors1234G.Your relationships with your colleagues1234H.The company's line of business1234I.Your own work duties1234J.Job security1234	C.	Work conditions (vacation days)	1	2	3	4
F.Your relationships with your superiors1234G.Your relationships with your colleagues1234H.The company's line of business1234I.Your own work duties1234J.Job security1234	D.	Opportunities for promotion or advancement	1	2	3	4
G. Your relationships with your colleagues1234H. The company's line of business1234I. Your own work duties1234J. Job security1234	E.	Opportunities to develop skills or expertise	1	2	3	4
H. The company's line of business1234I. Your own work duties1234J. Job security1234	F.	Your relationships with your superiors	1	2	3	4
I. Your own work duties 1 2 3 4 J. Job security 1 2 3 4	G.	Your relationships with your colleagues	1	2	3	4
J. Job security 1 2 3 4	Н.	The company's line of business	1	2	3	4
	I.	Your own work duties	1	2	3	4
K. Benefits 1 2 3 4	J.	Job security	1	2	3	4
	K.	Benefits	1	2	3	4

L. Opportunities to leverage my education and training

1	2	3	4
1	2	3	4

Q9. Do you wish to continue working for your company or running your business for the foreseeable future (the next five years or so)? Please <u>circle the one answer</u> that applies. Please also provide, in the box below, the reasons why you wish (or do not wish) to keep your job.



M. On the whole

2 I am thinking about leaving my job (business)

I plan to keep my job (business) for now

3	I am planning to leave my job (business) very
	soon
4	Don't know

Reasons why you wish (or do not wish) to keep your job:

All survey takers are asked to answer all of the following questions.

Q10. Circle the number of the last type of school you attended or currently attend.

- 1 High school
- 2 Four-year university (including medical, dental and pharmacy programs)
- 3 Junior college
- 4 Specialized training college
- 5 Public occupational training course
- 6 Graduate school
- 7 Other (please specify:
- Q.10-1 Did you graduate from your last school, drop out, or are you currently enrolled? Circle the number of your answer.



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Q11. What is your average monthly <u>after-tax income</u> (including from your part-time jobs, but excluding bonuses)? Please <u>circle the one answer</u> that applies.

1	I have no income	6	¥120,000-¥139,000	11	¥220,000-¥239,000
2	Less than ¥50,000	7	¥140,000-¥159,000	12	¥240,000-¥259,000
3	¥50,000-¥79,000	8	¥160,000-¥179,000	13	¥260,000-¥279,000
4	¥80,000-¥99,000	9	¥180,000-¥199,000	14	¥280,000 or more
5	¥100,000-¥119,000	10	¥200,000-¥219,000		(Specify:

Q12. Have you ever changed your job? (This excludes any part-time jobs you had as a student or any relocation/transfer.) Please <u>circle the one answer</u> that applies. If you have changed jobs, please enter the number of times you have done so.



- Q13. Who currently lives with you? Please circle all of the appropriate numbers.
 - Father Grandmother Non-relatives 1 5 9 2 Mother Spouse 10 Living alone 6 3 Siblings 7 Children 11 Other (please specify: 4 Grandfather 8 Other relatives
- Q14. Do you have any children? Please <u>circle the one answer</u> that applies. If you do have children, please enter the number of children you have.

I do not have any children 2

2 I do have children \rightarrow

children

Q15. Which of the following describes how you feel about your health? Please circle the one answer that best applies.

- 1. It is excellent
- 2. I am fairly well
- 3. It is average
- 4. I am not very well
- 5. It is poor

Q16. During the past month, how often did you experience the following? For A through F, please circle the one answer that applies in each case.

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- A. Being extremely nervous
- B. Being unbearably depressed
- C. Being calm and peaceful
- D. Feeling down and miserable
- E. Being in a happy mood
- F. Health conditions that limit work and housework
- 1. Always
- 2. Often
- 3. Sometimes
- 4. Rarely
- 5. Never
- Q17. If we were to divide the current Japanese society into five strata, to which stratum do you think you would belong? Please circle the one answer that best describes how you feel.

Upper class	Upper-middle class	Middle-middle class	Lower-middle class	Lower class	Don't know
1	2	3	4	5	6

Q18. How frequently do you engage in the following activities? For A through G, please <u>circle the one answer</u> that applies in each case.

		Almost every day	3 to 4 times a week	Once or twice a week	2 to 3 times a month	Once a month	A few times a year	Almost never
A.	Going out with your family (including to eat)	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
B.	Going out with your friends to spend time together/to eat	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
C.	Learning and personal development activities, such as taking lessons and going to school	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
D.	Exercising, including sports, jogging, gym, and dance	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
E.	Relaxation, including going to spas and receiving massages	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
F.	Going out to watch movies, plays, sports games, and to music concerts	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
G.	Participating in community services, volunteer activities, and events for children	1	2	3	4	5	6	7

Q19. Have you participated in any of the following social activities during the past year? Please circle all answers that apply.

1. Political activities (e.g., support group activities, campaigns)

2. Volunteer activities (e.g., disaster relief, international cooperation, community chest, blood donation)

3. Grassroots/consumer campaigns (e.g., environmental conservation, regional autonomy)

4. Church volunteer work (e.g., community service in Japan)

5. Youth development activities (e.g., scouting, children's baseball or soccer)

6. Hobbies (e.g., band, choir, theatrical company, alpine club, sport club team)

7. Other (Specify:

Q20. What are your thoughts about volunteer activities? Please write your answer in the box below

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Q21. In your daily life, how often are you troubled by or worried about the following things? Circle one number for each item.

		Frequently	Occasionally	Never
А.	Relationships with friends	1	2	3
В.	Relationships with family members	1	2	3
C.	Relationships with people at work	1	2	3
D.	Making a living (income)	1	2	3
E.	Having enough time	1	2	3
F.	Health concerns	1	2	3
G.	Romantic relationships	1	2	3
H.	Work Issues	1	2	3
I.	Future prospects	1	2	3

Q22. When you think of the future, how worried are you about the following issues? Circle one number for items A-F.

A.	Not finding a job or los	sing a job
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- B. Not making enough money to get by
- C. Having to provide care for family members

Very worried	Somewhat worried	Not that worried	Not worried at all
1	2	3	4
1	2	3	4
1	2	3	4

- D. Suddenly suffering an accident
- E. Suddenly getting sick
- F. Not being able to marry

1	2	3	4
1	2	3	4
1	2	3	4

- Q23. To what extent do the following statements apply to you? For A through F, please circle the one answer that applies in each case
 - A. Luck is more important for success than hard work
 - B. I have decent abilities
 - C. On the whole, I am satisfied with myself
 - D. I feel like I am good for nothing
 - E. I have confidence in following through with my decisions
 - F. Opportunity and luck are important in life

Very accurate	Somewhat accurate	Not that accurate	Not accurate at all
1	2	3	4
1	2	3	4
1	2	3	4
1	2	3	4
1	2	3	4
1	2	3	4

- Q24. Do you feel that the following inequalities exist in Japanese society today? <u>For A</u> <u>through F</u>, please <u>circle the one answer</u> that applies in each case.
 - A. Inequality based on gender
 - B. Inequality based on age
 - C. Inequality based on education
 - D. Inequality based on employment status (full-time/part-time)
 - E. Inequality based on family background
 - F. Inequality based on region (urban/rural areas)

Very often	Occasionally	Not very often	Never
1	2	3	4
1	2	3	4
1	2	3	4
1	2	3	4
1	2	3	4
1	2	3	4

Q25. Government expenditure includes spending on welfare and social services such as healthcare, social security, pensions, and education. There are typically two views, A and B, on the balance between taxes and spending on welfare and social services. Which of the two views is closer to your view? Please circle the one answer that best applies. As used here, "taxes" includes all taxes such as income tax and sales tax.

View A: We should cut taxes even if it means less expenditure on welfare and social services.

View B: We should increase expenditure on welfare and social services even if it means increased taxes. I agree with view A
 I agree with view B
 Don't know

Q26. Do you agree or disagree with the following views? For A through F, please circle the one answer that applies in each case.

A. Japan needs to strengthen the nation's defense

B. The Japan-U.S. security alliance needs to be strengthened

C. It is the government's responsibility to reduce income inequality (the gap between people with high and low incomes)

D. Public works projects are needed to secure employment in rural areas

E. The government should do its best to enhance social security, including pension and medical care for the elderly, even during times of strained public finance

F. With the exception of seniors and persons with physical or intellectual disabilities, everyone should live without depending on social welfare services

- 1. Agree
- 2. Somewhat agree
- 3. Neither agree nor disagree
- 4. Somewhat disagree
- 5. Disagree
- 6. Don't know

Q27. How important are the following things to you? Circle the appropriate number for items A-N.

- A. Succeeding at work
- B. Getting married and having a happy home life
- C. Becoming rich
- D. Having friends
- E. Helping people
- F. Having children
- G. Living near parents or relatives

Very important	A little important	Not important
1	2	3
1	2	3
1	2	3
1	2	3
1	2	3
1	2	3

- H. Participating in social actions to eliminate various types of injustice in the world
- I. Providing your children with more than you had
- J. Having time to do things you enjoy
- K. Becoming independent from your parents
- L. Being respected at work
- M. Receiving a good education
- N. Finding stable employment
- O. To have a rewarding career
- P. To commit to environmental protection

1	2	3
1	2	3
1	2	3
1	2	3
1	2	3
1	2	3
1	2	3
1	2	3
1	2	3

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Q28. When you are around 30 years old, what employment status would you like to have? Circle one number in the following list.

1 Working as a regular, full-time employee. 6 Working as a housewife or househusband. 2 Running my own business. 7 Other (please specify: 8 3 Running my family's business. Don't know. 4 Working independently without employees. 5 Working part-time. ↓ ſ Please proceed to Q30 Please proceed to Q29

Q29. What kind of career do you wish to have when you are around 30 years of age? Please write your response in the box below.

Q30. What is your current marital status? Circle one number below



Q31. What made you decide to marry your spouse? Please give as much detail as possible in the box below.

Go to question 35 Q32, Do you currently have a boyfriend or girlfriend? Circle one number below. 1 Yes
2 No, but I did before
3 No, never

Q33. How do you feel about getting married? Circle one answer in the list below.



Q34. What are the reasons why you are currently single? Please <u>circle all answers</u> that apply.

1	I am still too young to marry	10	I have financial concerns about married life
2	I do not feel the need to marry yet	11	I want to deepen my current relationship
3	I want to focus on my work/studies for now	12	I have not had an opportunity to make the decision to marry my current boyfriend/girlfriend
4	I want to spend my time on hobbies and leisure for now	13	I have not saved enough money for marriage
5	I have not found the right partner	14	My parents disapprove of my marriage
6	I do not want to lose my freedom and unencumbered life	15	I am due to marry
7	I am comfortable at my home	16	Other (Specify:
8	I have no time to see anyone		
9	I am not good at engaging in relationships)

All survey takers are asked to answer all of the following questions.

Q35. How do you feel about the role of women in the workplace and in the family?

If you are female, answer the following questions based on your own life plans. If you are male, answer based on what you would like the person you will marry to do. Circle one answer in the list below.

1	Become a homemaker without getting a job			
2	Find a job, but quit after marrying.			
3	Keep job after marriage, but quit after			
	having a child			
4	Quit job after having a child, but return to			
	work once children require less attention			
5	Continue working after marriage and having			
	children			
6	Keep job after marriage and never have			
	children			
7	Keep working without getting married			
8	Other (please			
	specify:)			
9	Don't know			

Q36. How do you feel about the role of men in the family? For items A-E, circle the number that indicates how you agree with each statement.

		Strongly	Somewhat	Somewhat	Strongly
		agree	agree	disagree	disagree
A.	Men should provide for their	1	2	3	4
	families.				
В.	Men without stable work don't	1	2	3	4
	have to get married.				
C.	Men should leave housework and	1	2	3	4
	child rearing to women and focus				
	on work instead.				
D.	It is fine for men to stay at home	1	2	3	4
	and focus on housework and child				
	rearing.				
E.	It is important for men to be	1	2	3	4
	involved in raising their children.				

Q37. If you were a mother or father, how important would you think the following things are for your child? For A through E, please circle the one answer that applies in each case.

A. Taking lessons outside school

- B. Studying at a private tutoring school or university preparatory school
- C. Actively participating in extracurricular activities
- D. Entering a four-year course at university
- E. Entering a higher-ranking university
- 1. Very important
- 2. Important
- 3. Somewhat important
- 4. Not important
- Q38. How satisfied are you with your current life, on the whole? Please circle the one answer that applies.

Satisfied	Somewhat satisfied	Somewhat unsatisfied	Unsatisfied
1	2	3	4

Q39. In the space below, please share your thoughts on your experiences over the past year.