

Opening Address

- Movement of Natural Persons -

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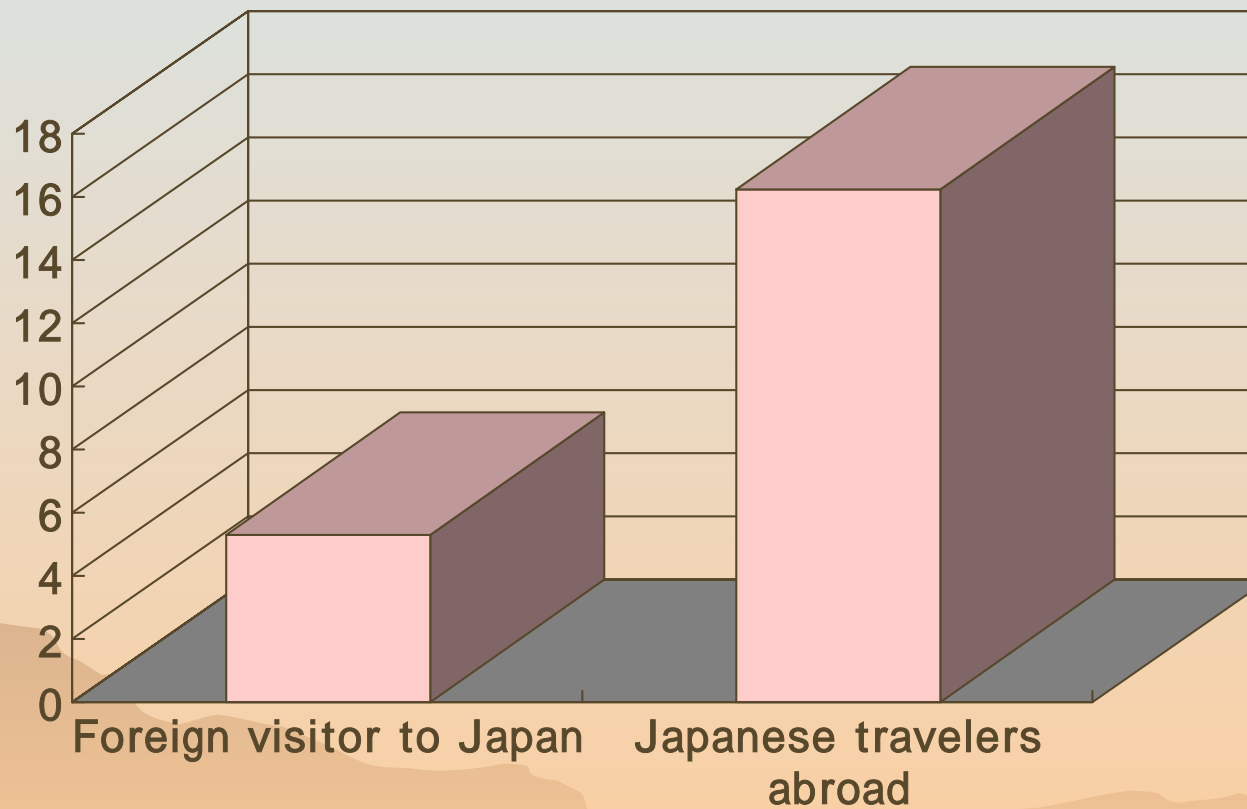


Three Dimensions for Discussions on Movement of Natural Persons

- ❁ **Bilateral Economic Partnership Discussion
(Japan - The Philippines, Thailand)**
- ❁ **APEC (Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation)**
- ❁ **WTO Service Negotiations**



Foreign visitors to Japan & Japanese travelers abroad (million persons, 2002)



APEC Business Travel Card



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- ❁ Business trips without visa
- ❁ In operation (8 economies): Australia; Chile; Hong Kong, China; Korea; Malaysia; New Zealand; the Philippines; Chinese Taipei
- ❁ Preparing (6 economies): Japan, Brunei Darussalam, China, Indonesia, Peru, Thailand
- ❁ Japan will start operation from April 2003

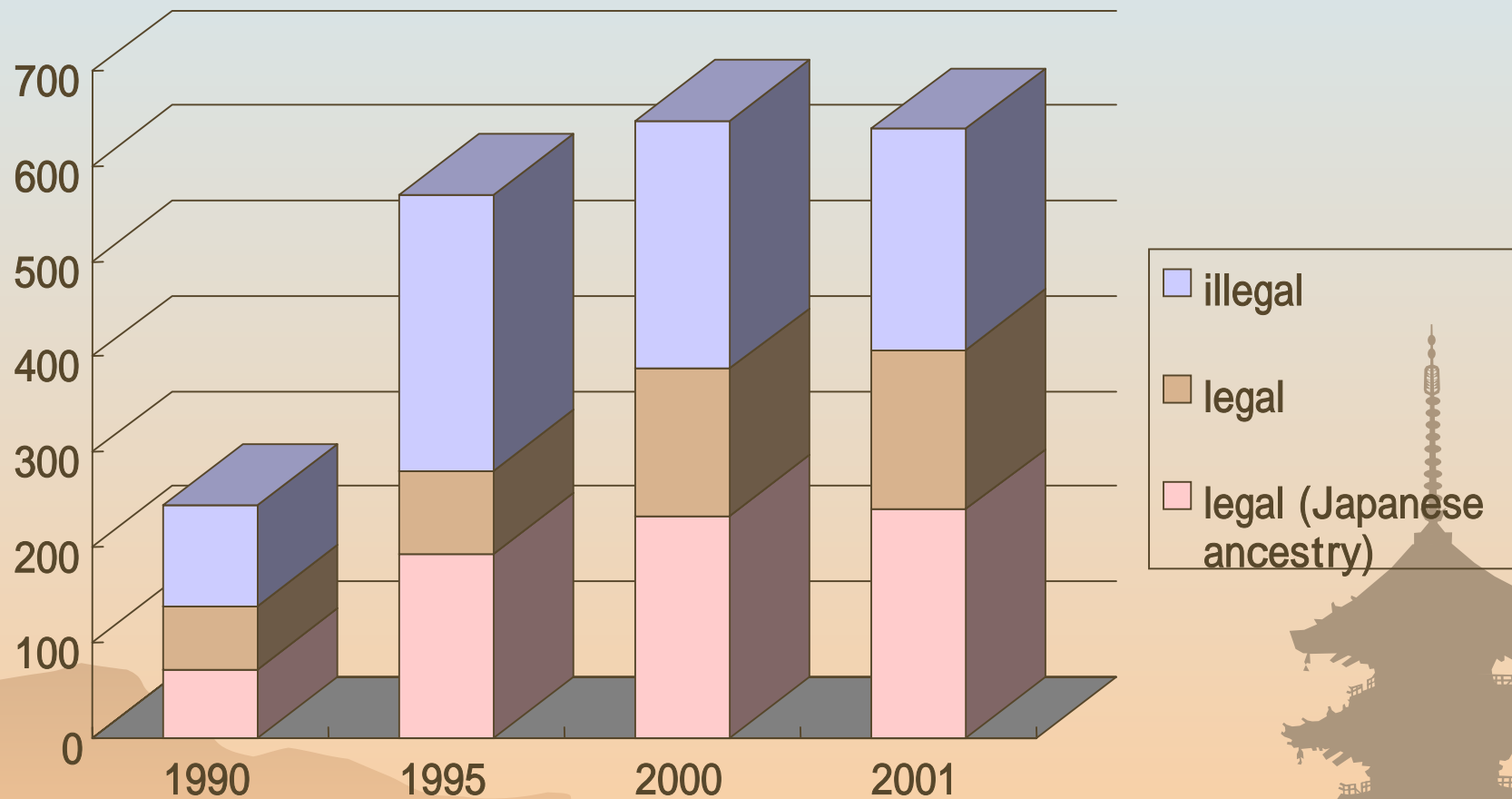
Movement of Natural Persons for Revitalization of Japanese Economy

- ❁ **Linkage with foreign competitive labor force : vital for Japanese industry**
- ❁ **Move production sites abroad**
- ❁ **Invite foreign workers to Japan**



Foreign Workers in Japan

(thousand persons)



Basic Policy of the Japanese Government

- ❁ **Specialists, Technical Experts from abroad
Actively accept.**
- ❁ **So-called “Unskilled Labor” from abroad
Carefully consider.**

**South Americans of Japanese ancestry
(230 thousand persons in Japan)**

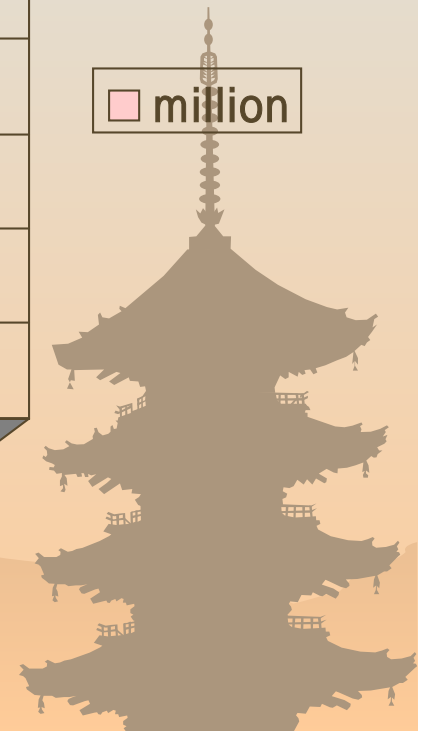
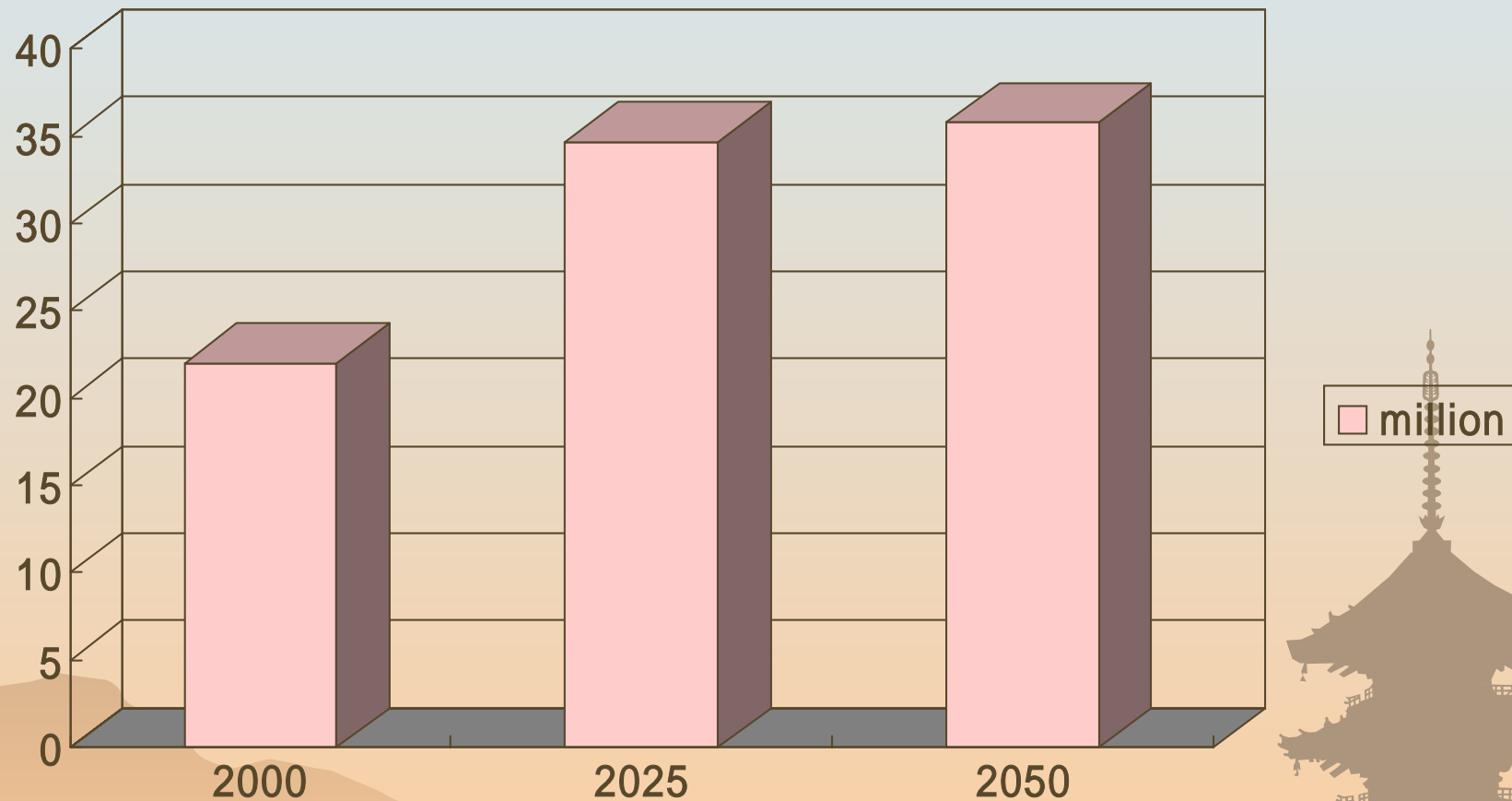


Foreign Workers in Japan in Medical Area

- ❁ Foreign medical personnel : 95 persons
- ❁ Foreign nurses : zero
 - Needs to go to Japanese nursing school
 - Needs Japanese diplomas / qualifications



Old People (65 yrs and more) in Japan (Forecast; million persons)



Thank you!

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