

# Who Cares?: Becoming A Multi-Ethnic Society As A Result of The Ageing Society?

Multi-Ethnic Society (13)  
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# Email assignment

- ‘Think globally, act locally.’: Universality and specificity of human rights movements
- Who makes the stage of this argument?: struggle for improvement under unfavorable conditions

# Questions

- What are the 'global care chain(s)' (p.254), the 'curo-scape' (p.257) and the 'body politic'(p. 258)?
- How does the author find the discursive transformation of Filipinas (Filipinos)?
- What are the contexts in which migrant care workers are thrown?
- How do you prospect Japan's future policy/ attitudes toward the introduction of migrant workers?

# Elderly Care in Japan

- Women have been expected to take care of elderly at home (unpaid work).
  - Insurance Care system introduced since 2000 (socialization of care), but
  - Low status of care workers
- If foreign workers enter here, what would happen?

# Filipinas in Japan

- Historical context: starting from the image of entertainers
- Body politic: describing bodies leads to 'affective labour' (p.263).
- Master narrative(s)('dominant discourse' (p.263)
- What do you think of the Japanese narratives in the article?

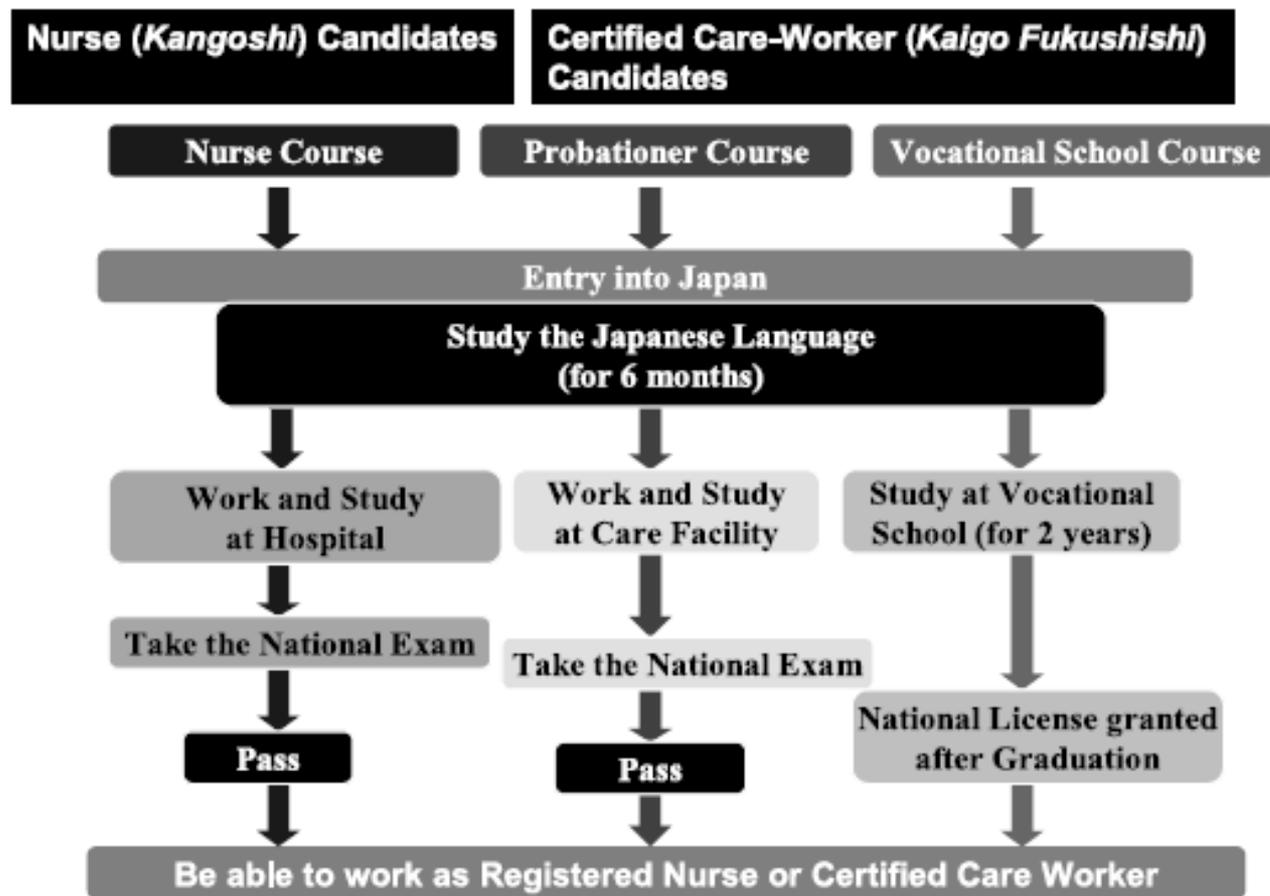


Fig. 1 Process of Acceptance of Filipino Nurse and Certified Care-Worker "Candidates" into Japan

(Ohno 2012: 545)

# Labor Shortage, Shortage, Shortage

- Problems of EPA scheme
    - Very limited numbers
    - Language barriers (esp. examination)
- Mobilization of long-term residents
- Extension of technical interns/trainees' staying period <http://urx.nu/a0C7>
  - Point-based system for highly skilled workers  
[http://www.immi-moj.go.jp/newimmiact\\_3/en/](http://www.immi-moj.go.jp/newimmiact_3/en/)

# Discussion

- How are the Japanese government/society ready for non-Japanese residents?
- What motivates foreigners to choose Japan as a destination country?
- What are the lessons in other countries?
  - Care for Japanese-Americans elderly (Ohno 2009)
  - Vietnamese and Indonesian care workers in Taiwan (Ohno 2010)

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- **【Email assignment】**
- What do you think the Japanese society should do for accepting/not accepting migrant workers?

- **【Preparation】**

How is 'reconciliation' achieved after ethnic/  
racial conflicts?