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Key Issues

Longer Labour

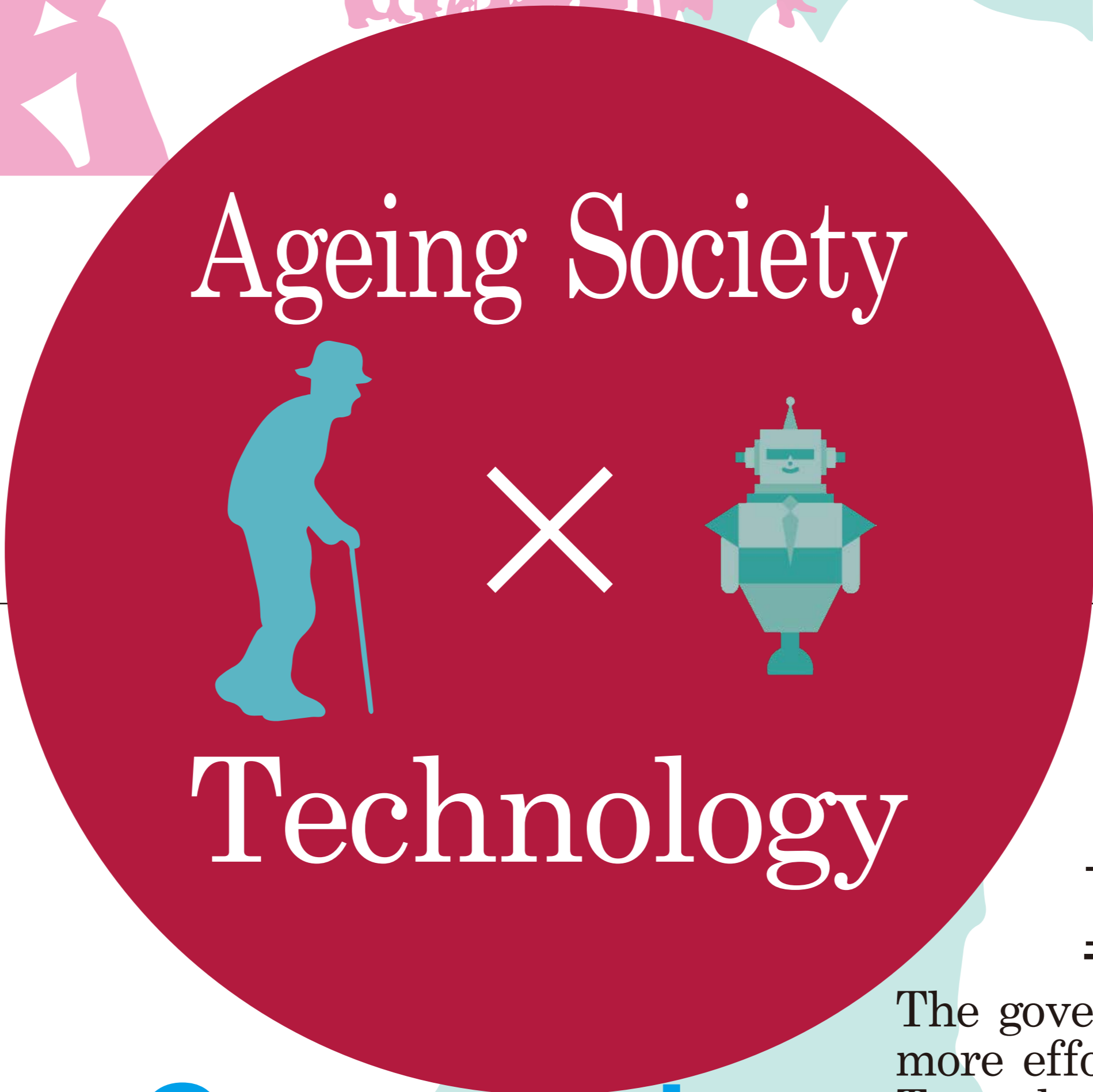
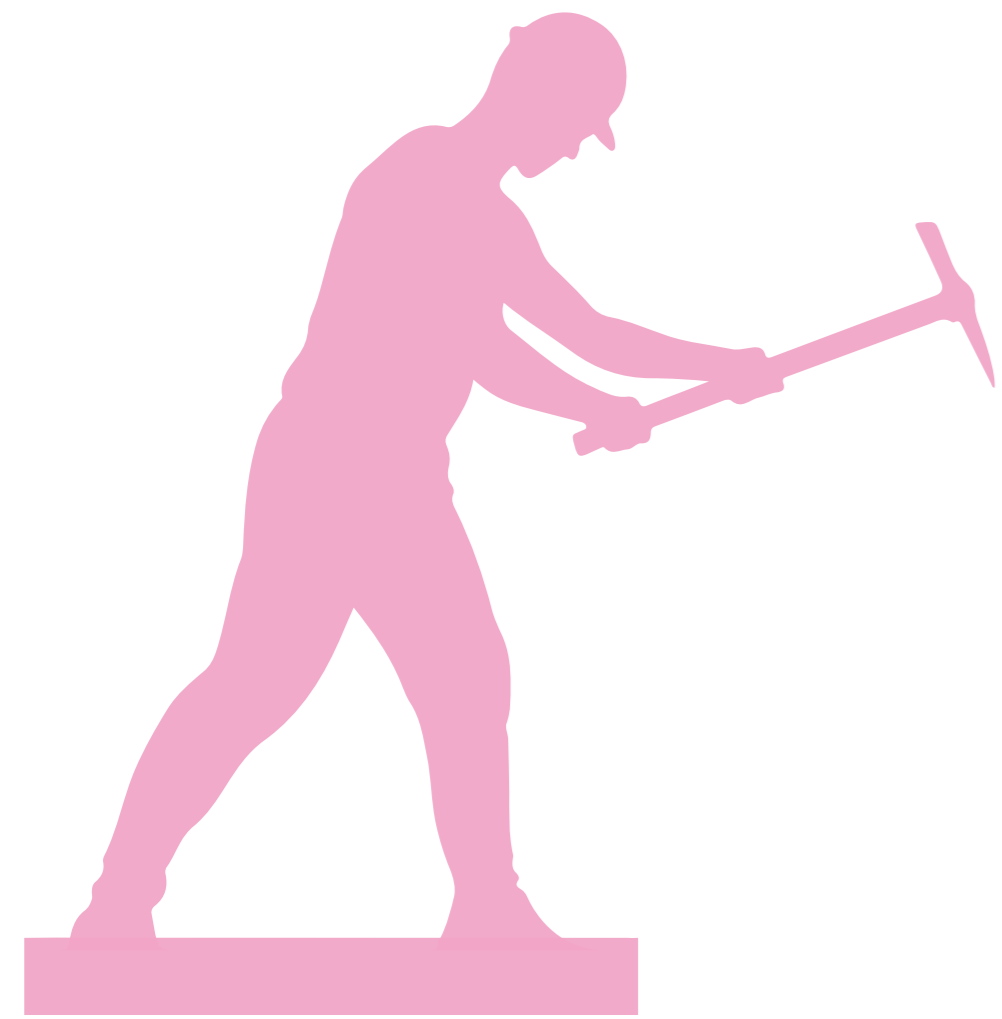
Declining population and decreasing pension will force us to work longer.

Social Isolation

Many elderly people will spend their time lonely after retiring.

Impact on Economy

Industry 4.0 has the potential of destroying not only manual jobs but also liberal professions. In addition, technological advancements might widen global economic inequality.



Possible

Connection

To reduce old people who feel left out of the society, communicating with others is essential. With the help of technology, they will be able to enjoy communication more often.

Solutions

Profession

The government must put more effort in education. To make sure Japanese people do not lose their jobs to AI, students must develop abilities that machines don't, such as critical thinking, creativity, and communication skills.



Passion

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It is important that elderly people find things which they can be passionate about. Interaction with those who share same hobbies can give elderly people sense of belonging to the community.



Connection



Education

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People should try to improve their skills throughout their lives. While the the average proportion of all university students to those over 25 is 20% in OECD countries, the figure is only 1.9% in Japan.



Ikigai



"Ikigai" is a Japanese word that refers to something that can make people feel fulfilled, satisfied, needed, and worthy of living everyday.