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The report of UNU event

Title: Lessons from Japanese Education and Health Care

Speaker: Prof. Roger Goodman, Warden of St Antony's College

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Prof. Goodman emphasized 3 strong points in Japanese Health Care system.

1. A level of equality.

In Japan, anybody can go to multiple doctors until finding the best doctor who can make satisfied treatment by using health insurance (basically, we can get the same treatment wherever we go to in Japan).

2. Cost controls with points

Japanese people usually pay 30 % of treatment charge, the remaining cost (70%) is checked strictly through the peer review system before Health insurance organization pay on behalf of us.

3. Medical competition in Urban area

The average clinic needs to see 40 patients a day to cover its costs, so quick treatment, the top-class equipment are required to get the patients.

He also stressed that Japan has a strange phenomenon between National hospitals, 30% of Japanese hospitals, (especially national university hospitals) and private hospitals, 70% in Japan.

1. Salary

Private hospitals give doctors double of National hospitals salary. But doctors can get the good reputation, exiting experience with rare disease cases, and the environment to research continuously.

2. Family business

Private hospitals are managed by family a lot, there are many adult adoption cases when family has no successor. There seems to be a gender difference that there are male doctors than female doctors in Private hospitals.

3. Qualified doctor and specialized doctor

We can see the strange combination of specialism because of "Qualified doctor" system, who is not a specialist at some diagnosis sections but has some qualification for treatment.

Regarding Education, his remarkable topic is that Japanese high education should spent

more for investment if it wants to be internationalized and creative. Also, universities should be more competitive to keep students under population decrease.

My opinion:

Socialistic system of Health care is efficient in our lives.