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Questionnaire

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Location number	
Sample number	
Interviewer name	

If survey cannot be conducted

1. Unable to find 2. Absent whenever visited 3. Ill/aged 4. Deceased 5. Away on business/traveling	
6. Moved 7. Refused to participate 8. Other (specify: _____)	
Date of birth	(Meiji/Taisho/Showa)
Occupation	
New address	

Date and time of visit (place a circle in the appropriate box)

Date (month/day/day of the week)	Breakfast time	Morning	Lunch time	Afternoon	Dinner time	Evening

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Initial introduction (hand over request form)

I am an interviewer from xxxx University (or the Institute of Statistical Mathematics of the Ministry of Education) and I am visiting to conduct a public opinion survey. This survey is entirely for academic research purposes and the results are compiled only as statistical figures, so you can rest assured that they will not create any inconvenience for you. I appreciate that you must be busy, but I would like to ask for your cooperation in taking a little time to tell me your opinions. **[Bow at this moment]** Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

Opinions on employment

Q1. a) (List A) There are many kinds of work – looking at this list, which of these kinds of work would you most like to be doing at present? This has nothing to do with the work you actually do at the moment, so please answer freely.

1. Work with a high income
2. Work where there is no fear of unemployment
3. Work where I can have fun with my co-workers
4. Work where I can display my own abilities to the utmost
5. Work for the sake of other people

b) (Same list) What would your second choice be?

a) First choice		b) Second choice
1.	High income	1.
2.	No unemployment	2.
3.	Fun with co-workers	3.
4.	Display abilities	4.
5.	For sake of others	5.
9.	DK, NA	9.

Q2. (List B) There are two contrasting opinions about work and leisure time, as shown on this card. Which do you agree with?

Opinion A: “The most important thing for human beings is to work hard. Devoting ourselves to work gives meaning to our lives.”

Opinion B: “Human beings aren’t made just to work. Enjoying ourselves is what gives meaning to our lives.”

1. (Tend to) agree with opinion A	3. Can’t say either way
5. (Tend to) agree with opinion B	9. DK, NA

Q3. (List C) There are also various opinions about changing jobs or employers. Which of the items on the card best reflects your view?

Opinion A: “I would change jobs anytime, if I were offered better conditions than in my current job.”

Opinion B: “Even if I were offered better conditions than I have now, I wouldn’t change jobs.”

1. Opinion A is closest to my view (would change jobs)	3. Can’t say either way
5. Opinion B is closest to my view (would not change jobs)	9. DK, NA

Q4. Would you like to actually change your current job or workplace, or are you satisfied with the job you do now? (*See instructions*)

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| 1. Satisfied | |
| 2. Not satisfied, but it can't be helped | |
| 3. Dissatisfied | 9. DK, NA |

Q5. (*List D*) There are two different opinions about the relationship between the working class and the capitalist class, as shown on this card. Which one best reflects your view?

Opinion A: “The interests of workers and capitalists are completely opposed, so the working class and the capitalist class have to struggle with one another.”

Opinion B: “As shown by the way workers’ wages rise when a company makes money, the interests of capitalists and workers are ultimately in accord, so the working class and the capitalist class have to cooperate.”

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| 1. Agree with opinion A (should struggle) | 3. Can't say either way |
| 5. Agree with opinion B (should cooperate) | 9. DK, NA |

Q6. a) Next I'd like to ask about religion. Do you adhere to a particular faith? If so, what is that faith? (*See instructions*)

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| 00 No religious affiliation | 10 Particular Shinto shrine/Buddhist temple or shrine () |
| 20 No particular religion or denomination, general belief in heaven/God () | |
| 30 General Buddhism | 31 Tendai Buddhism 32 Shingon Buddhism 33 Shin Buddhism (Jodo Shinshu, Monto) 34 Jodo Buddhism |
| 35 Nichiren Shu (Hokke Shu) Buddhism | 36 Soto Zen Buddhism 37 Rinzai Zen Buddhism 38 Other Buddhist sect () |
| 41 Jinja (shrine) Shinto | 42 Tenrikyo Shinto 43 Konko Shinto 44 Other Shinto sect () |
| 51 Soka Gakkai (Nichiren Shoshu) | 52 Rissho Kosei-kai 53 Other new religion () |
| 61 Christianity (Protestant) | 62 Christianity (Catholic) |
| 80 Other () | 99 DK, NA |

b) What is your family's religious denomination? (Or the religious denomination of your father's household) (*See instructions*)

Enter code from a) above:	Other:
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Q7. Which political party do you support?

0 None	1 Liberal Democratic Party	2 Komeito	3 Democratic Socialist Party	4 Socialist Party
5 Communist Party	6 Other (specify _____)	9 DK, NA		

(Respondent's personal details)

Q8. a) What is your date of birth?

_____ (month) _____ (year) of the Meiji/Taisho/Showa era
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b) At the time of your birth, what prefecture and what town was your birthplace (i.e. your parent's residence at the time) located in?
(May be written phonetically)

_____ (city/ward/town/village) _____ (prefecture/metropolitan area)

Q9. a) What is the name of the last school you attended (or the school you are currently attending)? (*See instructions*)

_____ (name of school)	Graduated Left before graduation Still attending
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b) Where is that school?

_____ (city/ward/town/village) _____ (prefecture/metropolitan area)

c) When did you graduate from (or leave) that school?

_____ (month) _____ (year) of the Meiji/Taisho/Showa era
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d) Counting from elementary school, how many years did you attend school in total?

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Q10. Now I'd like to ask you for a few details about the work you currently do. *(See instructions)*

a) What is the name of your place of employment?	b) What town and what prefecture is it in?	c) What kind of business is it?	d) Approximately how many employees are there in the whole company?	e) What kind of work do you do there?	f) Are you in a management or supervisory position?	g) Are you the proprietor, or are you an employee?
a) Workplace name	b) Workplace location	c) Type of business	d) Scale of business	e) Content of respondent's work	f) Respondent's title	g) Employment status

Write the name of the shop, factory, etc. where the respondent works. If it doesn't have a name, write the name of the proprietor.	If the respondent works at home, write "home". If workplace is a farm where the respondent lives, write "home".	Write specific content of work done in that shop, factory, etc.	Write the number of people working in the entire company (total employees), not just those employed at the branch or unit level (Examples)		Write details of the actual work the respondent does at that shop, factory, etc.	Write job title, such as factory hand, charge hand, foreman, rank & file employee, assistant manager, section manager, dept. manager, executive, etc. In many small companies there are not titles. In that case, place a line through the box.	For proprietors or executives	For family members helping proprietor	For regular employees	For those on contracts shorter than 6 months
Oimachi factory, Nishida Co., Ltd	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Village</i> Hachioji <i>Town</i> (<i>City</i>)</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;">Tokyo <i>Prefecture</i></p>	Motorcycle manufacturing	None 1 or more 5 or more 30 or more 300 or more	(1000 or more) Govt. office Landowner Landed farmer Tenant farmer	Frame assembler	Foreman	Proprietor/Executive	Family	(Regular employee)	Temp/Day laborer

Setagaya branch, Yasunaga Construction K.K.	<i>Village</i> Tokyo <i>Town</i> (<i>City</i>)	Construction contracting	None	1000 or more	Truck driver	Temporary worker	Proprietor/Executive	Family	Regular employee	(Temp/Day laborer)
	Tokyo <i>Prefecture</i>		1 or more (5 or more) 30 or more 300 or more	Govt. office Landowner Landed farmer Tenant farmer						
Iseya Liquor Store	<i>Village</i> Home <i>Town</i> <i>City</i>	Liquor retailing	(None)	1000 or more	Store clerk	Shop owner	(Proprietor/Executive)	Family	Regular employee	Temp/Day laborer
	<i>Prefecture</i>		1 or more 5 or more 30 or more 300 or more	Govt. office Landowner Landed farmer Tenant farmer						
Yamamoto Village Junior High School	<i>(Village)</i> Yamamoto <i>Town</i> <i>City</i>	Education	None	1000 or more	Teacher	Vice principal	Proprietor/Executive	Family	(Regular employee)	Temp/Day laborer
	Saitama <i>Prefecture</i>		1 or more 5 or more 30 or more 300 or more	(Govt. office) Landowner Landed farmer Tenant farmer						
Mr. Ichiro Yamamoto	<i>Village</i> Home <i>Town</i> <i>City</i>	Agriculture	None	1000 or more	Agricultural laborer	/	Proprietor/Executive	(Family)	Regular employee	Temp/Day laborer
	<i>Prefecture</i>		1 or more 5 or more 30 or more 300 or more	Govt. office Landowner (Landed farmer) Tenant farmer						

(year)	(year)		<i>Prefecture</i>										
(age)	(age)		<i>Village</i> <i>Town</i> <i>City</i>										Temp/Day laborer
(year)	(year)		<i>Prefecture</i>										Regular employee
(age)	(age)		<i>Village</i> <i>Town</i> <i>City</i>										Temp/Day laborer
(year)	(year)		<i>Prefecture</i>										Regular employee
(age)	(age)		<i>Village</i> <i>Town</i> <i>City</i>										Temp/Day laborer
(year)	(year)		<i>Prefecture</i>										Regular employee
(age)	(age)		<i>Village</i> <i>Town</i> <i>City</i>										Temp/Day laborer
(year)	(year)		<i>Prefecture</i>										Regular laborer

(year)	(year)		<i>Prefecture</i>									
(age)	(age)		<i>Village</i> <i>Town</i> <i>City</i>						Proprietor/Executive	Family	Regular employee	Temp/Day laborer
(year)	(year)		<i>Prefecture</i>									
(age)	(age)		<i>Village</i> <i>Town</i> <i>City</i>						Proprietor/Executive	Family	Regular employee	Temp/Day laborer
(year)	(year)		<i>Prefecture</i>									

Q12. What year did you get married? (*Ask for most recent marriage*)

Not married	Meiji/Taisho/Showa _____	OR: When I was _____ years old
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(*Confirm by asking*) So that was when you were _____ .

(*Concerning the respondent's wife*)

Q13. What year and month was your wife born?

In _____ (month) of the _____ year of the Meiji/Taisho/Showa era	OR: Wife is _____ years older/younger* than me * delete one
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Q14. What was the last school your wife attended? (*See instructions*) (*Regardless of whether she graduated from that school or left before graduation*)

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| 1. Ordinary elementary school (or no formal education) | 3. Upper elementary/new system junior high school |
| 5. Old system girls' high school/new system high school | 7. College of technology/junior college/university |
| 8. Other (specify _____) | 9. DK, NA |

Q15. What is your wife's father's (if wife is adopted, adoptive father's) main job?

a) Workplace name	c) Type of business	d) Scale of business		e) Content of wife's father's work	f) Wife's father's title	g) Employment status			
		None	1000 or more			Proprietor/Executive	Family	Regular employee	Temp/Day laborer
		1 or more	Govt. office						
		5 or more	Landowner						
		30 or more	Landed farmer						
		300 or more	Tenant farmer						

(Social level/class perceptions)

Q16. a) (*List E*) Moving on to a slightly different topic, assuming we can divide present-day Japanese society as a whole into the five levels shown on this chart, which do you consider yourself to fall into?

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|---------|-----------------|-----------------|----------------|----------|-----------|
| 0 Upper | 1. Upper middle | 3. Lower middle | 5. Upper lower | 7. Lower | 9. DK, NA |
|---------|-----------------|-----------------|----------------|----------|-----------|

b) (*List F*) Next, assuming we can divide present-day Japanese society as a whole into the three classes shown on this chart, which do you consider yourself to fall into?

5. Working class 3. Middle class 1. Capitalist class 9. DK, NA

c) (*List G*) This time, let's assume we can divide Japanese society as a whole into the four strata shown on this chart. In this case, which do you consider yourself to fall into?

1. Leader class 2. Business executive class 3. Middle class 4. Working class 5. Other (specify _____)
9. DK, NA

Q17. a) (*List H*) If we were to divide Japanese society as a whole into the two classes shown on this chart, which would you consider yourself to fall into?

1. Ruling class 3. Neither (middle class) 5. Oppressed class
7. Other 9. DK, NA

b) What occupations and types of people make up the ruling class?

Open answer

c) What occupations and types of people make up the oppressed class?

Open answer

d) (*List I*) What should we do to create a society where there is no oppressed class? Please choose one of the answers on this chart.

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| 1. Resort to extreme action such as revolution | |
| 3. Gradually improve society through parliamentary measures | |
| 5. Reform society through cumulative individual efforts | |
| 7. Give up – nothing can be done about it | 9. DK, NA |

Q18. (*List J*) At your workplace, which group is larger: people you give instructions to (subordinates) or people you take instructions from (superiors)? (*Orders from firms or factories don't count as instructions*)

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| 1. Subordinates are more numerous | 3. About the same | 5. Superiors are more numerous |
| 0 There are neither subordinates nor superiors | 9. DK, NA | |

Q19. (*List K*) When you hear the term “middle class,” approximately what minimum annual income (including tax) do you think of? How about the maximum income for a “middle class” person?

(Write figures)

Minimum:

Maximum:

(Supplementary question) Is your household currently engaged in farming?

Yes (more than 2 *se**)

No

*1 *se* = approx. 0.991 acre)

Q20. (Only for farming households) a) In this village and the surrounding villages, what area of land (total of rice paddies and fields) would a farmer have to be cultivating for you to think of him as “middle class”?

_____ <i>cho</i> * <small>*1 <i>cho</i> = 2.451 acres</small>	_____ <i>tan</i> * <small>1 <i>tan</i> = 0.245 acre</small>
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b) How about in terms of forest land? What area of forest land would a farmer have to own for you to think of him as “middle class”?

_____ <i>cho</i> * <small>*1 <i>cho</i> = 2.451 acres</small>	_____ <i>tan</i> * <small>1 <i>tan</i> = 0.245 acre</small>
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c) How about in terms of livestock or poultry? How many head of livestock/poultry would a farmer have to be raising for you to think of him as “middle class”?

_____ head of _____ (livestock)	
_____ head of _____ (poultry)	

Q21. (Only for farming households) What area of rice paddies, fields, and orchards are you cultivating at present?

Rice paddies	_____ <i>cho</i> _____ <i>tan</i>
Fields	_____ <i>cho</i> _____ <i>tan</i>
Orchards	_____ <i>cho</i> _____ <i>tan</i>

(Concerning the respondent’s father, grandfather, siblings)

Q22. a) If you don’t mind me asking, are you a natural child or an adopted child?

Adopted child	1. Natural child
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b) At what age were you adopted?

3. Under twenty	5. Twenty or over
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Q23. a) In what prefecture was your father (or adoptive father) born?

_____ Prefecture

b) When was he born? (OR: How old is he?)

	Meiji/Taisho/Showa _____ (year)
Now _____ years old	OR: _____ years older than me and born in the year of the _____ (oriental zodiac year, e.g. horse, rat)

Q24. What was the last school your father (or adoptive father) attended?

0 No formal education (includes temple schools) 1. Ordinary elementary school 2. Upper elementary school 3. Old system middle school/vocational school 4. Old system high school/college of technology/university technology course 5. University 6. Other (specify: _____) 9. DK, NA
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Q25. a) When you left school and first started work, what was your father’s job?

(If the respondent is not yet employed, write “not applicable.” If the respondent’s father was already deceased at that time, circle “deceased” and complete chart for the last job he did prior to his death.)

b) What is/was your father’s main job?

	a) Workplace name		c) Type of business	d) Scale of business		e) Content of father’s work	f) Father’s title	g) Employment status			
	Deceased			None	1000 or more			Proprietor/Executive	Family	Regular employee	Temp/Day laborer
a) Father’s job when respondent began work			None	1000 or more							
			1 or more	Govt. office							
			5 or more	Landowner							
			30 or more	Landed farmer							
			300 or more	Tenant farmer							

b) Father's main job			None 1 or more 5 or more 30 or more 300 or more	1000 or more Govt. office Landowner Landed farmer Tenant farmer			Proprietor/Executive	Family	Regular employee	Temp/Day laborer
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Q26. What was your paternal grandfather's main job?

a) Workplace name	b) Type of business	d) Scale of business	d) Content of grandfather's work	f) Grandfather's title	g) Employment status
		None 1 or more 5 or more 30 or more 300 or more	1000 or more Govt. office Landowner Landed farmer Tenant farmer		Proprietor/Executive Family Regular employee Temp/Day laborer

Q27. What prefecture was your grandfather born in?

_____ Prefecture

Q28. Was your grandfather a samurai or a commoner?

1. Nobleman 3. Samurai 5. Commoner 9. DK, NA
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Q29. a) Including yourself and any brothers already deceased, how many sons does your father (or your adoptive father) have?

_____ sons

b) How old are they now? (Or how much older/younger than you are they?) What was the last school they attended? What is their main job? If deceased, at what age did they pass away? (*See instructions*)

(For respondent, circle the individual number. Transfer data from Q8, 9 and 10 later.)

Individual number	Place in family	Age or age difference with respondent	Education	Main job					Marital status	Living/deceased	Age at death	Current residence (if deceased, residence before death)
				Type of business (self-employed only)	Scale of business		Work	Title				
51	1 st son	(age) (gap)	1 Upper elem./ new sys. JHS or under 2 New sys. high school/old sys. middle school 3 College of tech./university		None	1000 or more			Prop./Exec.	0	1	Village Town City
					1 or more	Govt. office			Family	No	Living	
51	1 st son	(age) (gap)	1 Upper elem./ new sys. JHS or under 2 New sys. high school/old sys. middle school 3 College of tech./university		5 or more	Landowner			Reg. emp.	1	0	Prefecture
					30 or more	Landed farmer			Temp./day labor	Yes	Deceased	
52	2 nd son	(age)	1 Upper elem./ new sys. JHS or under 2 New sys. high		None	1000 or more			Prop./Exec.	No	Living	Village Town City
					1 or more	Govt. office			Family	Yes	Deceased	
52	2 nd son	(age)	1 Upper elem./ new sys. JHS or under 2 New sys. high		5 or more	Landowner			Reg. emp.	Yes	Deceased	City

		(gap)	school/old sys. middle school 3 College of tech./university		30 or more 300 or more	Landed farmer Tenant farmer			Temp./day labor				<i>Prefecture</i>
53	3 rd son	(age)	1 Upper elem./ new sys. JHS or under		None 1 or more	1000 or more Govt. office			Prop./Exec. Family	No	Living	(age)	<i>Village</i> <i>Town</i> <i>City</i>
		(gap)	2 New sys. high school/old sys. middle school 3 College of tech./university		5 or more 30 or more 300 or more	Landowner Landed farmer Tenant farmer			Reg. emp. Temp./day labor	Yes	Deceased		<i>Prefecture</i>
54		(age)	1 Upper elem./ new sys. JHS or under		None 1 or more	1000 or more Govt. office			Prop./Exec. Family	No	Living	(age)	<i>Village</i> <i>Town</i> <i>City</i>
	(gap)	2 New sys. high school/old sys. middle school 3 College of tech./university		5 or more 30 or more 300 or more	Landowner Landed farmer Tenant farmer			Reg. emp. Temp./day labor	Yes	Deceased	<i>Prefecture</i>		
55		(age)	1 Upper elem./ new sys. JHS or under 2 New sys. high		None 1 or more 5 or more	1000 or more Govt. office Landowner			Prop./Exec. Family Reg. emp.	No Yes	Living Deceased	(age)	<i>Village</i> <i>Town</i> <i>City</i>

		(gap)	school/old sys. middle school 3 College of tech./university		30 or more 300 or more	Landed farmer Tenant farmer		Temp./day labor					Prefecture
56		(age)	1 Upper elem./ new sys. JHS or under 2 New sys. high school/old sys. middle school 3 College of tech./university		None 1 or more 5 or more 30 or more 300 or more	1000 or more Govt. office Landowner Landed farmer Tenant farmer		Prop./Exec. Family Reg. emp. Temp./day labor	No Yes	Living Deceased	(age)	Village Town City	Prefecture

Q30. a) Is your father still living?

Living Deceased

b) What year did he pass away?

Meiji/Taisho/Showa _____
OR: When he was _____ years old

c) Were your father's assets divided roughly equally among his children, or did one of them inherit most of the assets on his own?

0 No siblings 8. No assets 7. Equally Unequally Who inherited? (The _____ (1 st , 2 nd , 3 rd) son)

Q31. a) Which child lives (or lived) with your parents (or the surviving parent)? *(If there are more than one, write only the eldest)*

The _____ (1 st , 2 nd , 3 rd) son)	Location:
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b) Which child plays (or played) the main role in looking after your parents financially?

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(Concerning the family as a whole)

Q32. How many people are there in your family altogether, and who are they?

(For persons already recorded in Q29, write their individual number beside the left-hand column and add the information later. Include infants – see instructions)

Circle respondent

Relationship with head of household	Age or D.o.B.	Sex	Education	Current job					Address (if living with respondent, write “living together”)	
				Type of business (self-employed only)	Scale of business	Work	Title	Status		
		M	Upper elem./ new sys.		None	1000 or more			Prop./Exec.	
		F	JHS or under		1 or more	Govt. office			Family	
			New sys. high		5 or more	Landowner			Reg. emp.	
			school/old sys.		30 or more	Landed farmer			Temp./day	
			middle school		300 or more	Tenant farmer			labor	
			College of							

			tech./university						
		M	Upper elem./ new sys.		None	1000 or more			Prop./Exec.
		F	JHS or under		1 or more	Govt. office			Family
			New sys. high		5 or more	Landowner			Reg. emp.
			school/old sys. middle		30 or more	Landed farmer			Temp./day
			school		300 or more	Tenant farmer			labor
			College of						
			tech./university						
		M	Upper elem./ new sys.		None	1000 or more			Prop./Exec.
		F	JHS or under		1 or more	Govt. office			Family
			New sys. high		5 or more	Landowner			Reg. emp.
			school/old sys. middle		30 or more	Landed farmer			Temp./day
			school		300 or more	Tenant farmer			labor
			College of						
			tech./university						
		M	Upper elem./ new sys.		None	1000 or more			Prop./Exec.
		F	JHS or under		1 or more	Govt. office			Family
			New sys. high		5 or more	Landowner			Reg. emp.
			school/old sys. middle		30 or more	Landed farmer			Temp./day
			school		300 or more	Tenant farmer			labor
			College of						
			tech./university						
		M	Upper elem./ new sys.		None	1000 or more			Prop./Exec.

		F	JHS or under New sys. high school/old sys. middle school College of tech./university		1 or more 5 or more 30 or more 300 or more	Govt. office Landowner Landed farmer Tenant farmer			Family Reg. emp. Temp./day labor	
		M F	Upper elem./ new sys. JHS or under New sys. high school/old sys. middle school College of tech./university		None 1 or more 5 or more 30 or more 300 or more	1000 or more Govt. office Landowner Landed farmer Tenant farmer			Prop./Exec. Family Reg. emp. Temp./day labor	
		M F	Upper elem./ new sys. JHS or under New sys. high school/old sys. middle school College of tech./university		None 1 or more 5 or more 30 or more 300 or more	1000 or more Govt. office Landowner Landed farmer Tenant farmer			Prop./Exec. Family Reg. emp. Temp./day labor	

Q33. a) (*Same List K*) What was your approximate gross household income (before tax) over the last year, including extraordinary income such as bonuses and other supplementary income, as well as income from other family members?

¥ _____ or more

b) (*Same list*) What was your total personal income before tax over the last year, including extraordinary and supplementary income?

¥ _____ or more

Q34. (*List L*) Which of the items on this card do you have in your household? (*Mark items possessed with a circle and items not possessed with a cross*)

01 Television 02 Electric washing machine 03 Sewing machine 04 Electric fan 05 Electric (or gas) refrigerator
06 Electric vacuum cleaner 07 Room air conditioner 08 Motorcycle (or motorized 3-wheeler) 09 Own car
10 Motorized cultivator 11 Stocks (including mutual funds) 12 Bonds (corporate bonds, government bonds)
13 Own home (in which you reside) 14 House (rented out to tenants) 15 Building lot 16 Rice paddies/fields 17 Forest land

Thank you very much.