

## **Aging Population in Taiwan:**

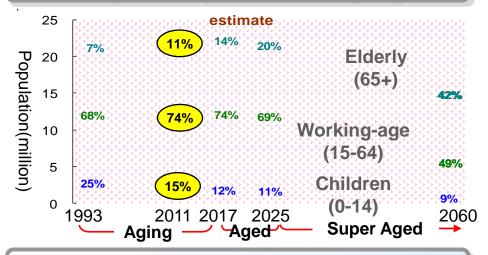
# Challenges and Solutions for Life Insurance Industry

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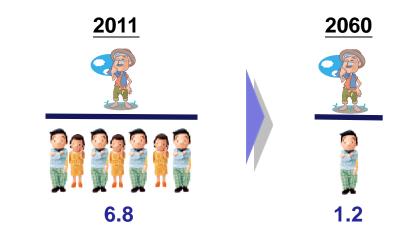
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### **Demographic Transitions**

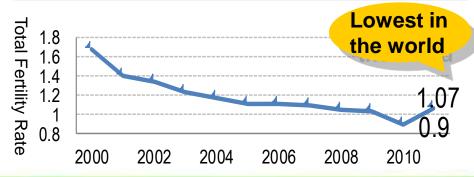
#### **Rapid Population Aging**



#### **High Old-age Dependency Ratio**



#### **Decreasing Fertility Rate**



- Become an aged society by 2017
- Silver-hair market keeps growing while youth market continues shrinking
- Need to start financial planning for retirement earlier against longevity risk

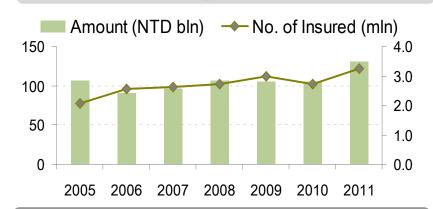
Source: Taiwan's Council for Economic Planning and Development



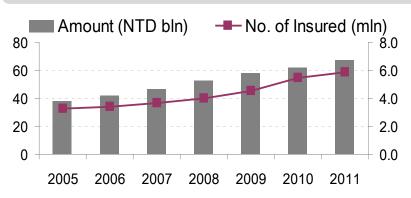


### **Benefits Paid**

#### **Living Benefit**

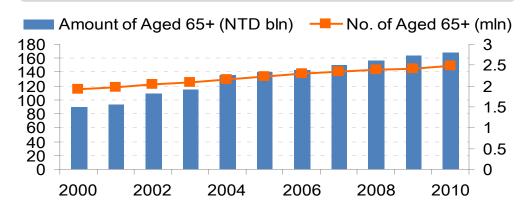


#### **Health Insurance Benefit**



Source: Taiwan Insurance Institute

#### **National Health Insurance Expense**



- Living benefits rise 7% annually with 10% growth rate of number of insured
- Both payment and number of insured of health insurance grow 10% annually
- Medical expenses of elderly outpace the aging population growth



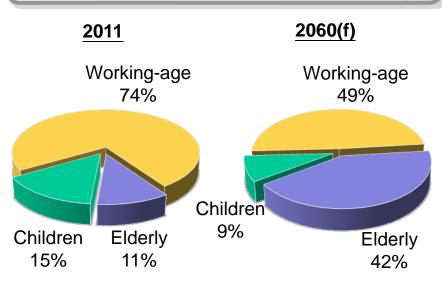


### **Social Security Mechanism**

## Public LTC Insurance May Not Offer Sufficient Service

Public Long-term Care Insurance (draft)		
Enforcement	2016	
Funding Source	Premium income: 90% Co-payment: 10%	
Benefits	Cash and service benefits	
Deductible Amount	10% to 15%	
Participant	All citizens or citizens aged over 40	

## Labor Pension Fund Will Suffer Financial Inadequacy



- The public LTC insurance is designed to provide coverage for services, but currently the resources are insufficient to meet the elderly's needs
- Labor pension fund will be insufficient to pay out claims since the number of pensioners is increasing yet the labor force is declining





#### **Retirement Products of Cathay Life**



#### Product Type Sales Share

#### Retirement Product 42%

Foreign currency increasing whole life (with living benefits)

**Endowment** 

Whole life (with living benefits)

Interest sensitive annuity

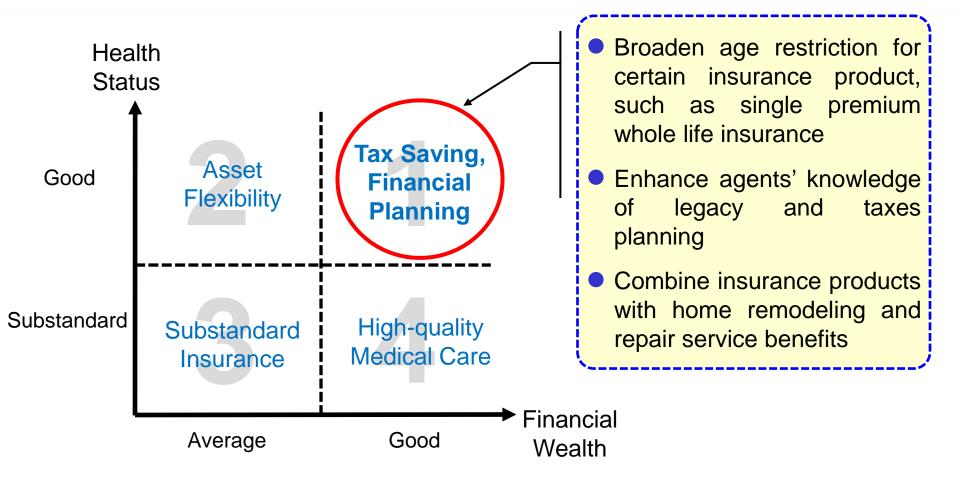
Total 100%

- Taiwanese tend to use life insurance such as whole life with living benefit, endowment and increasing whole life insurance for retirement coverage
- Longevity risk is not well considered when people make choice of retirement products





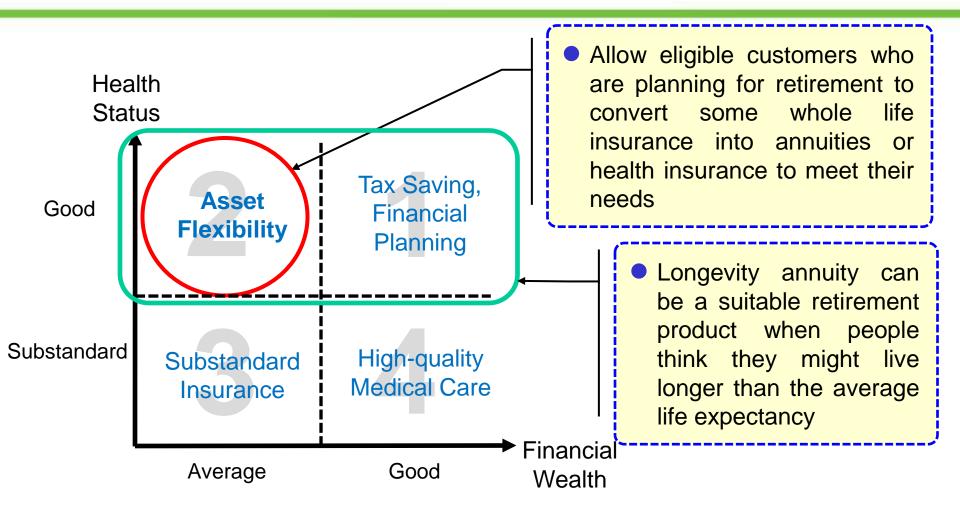
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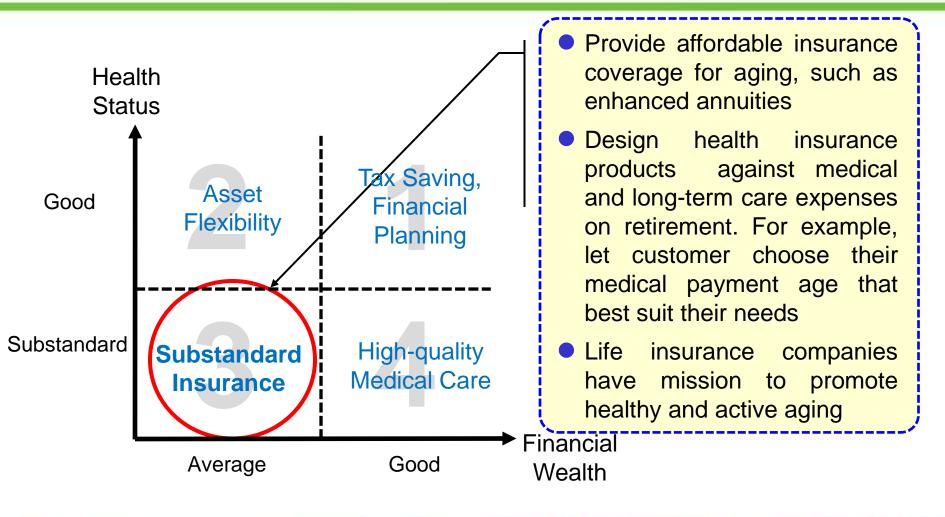
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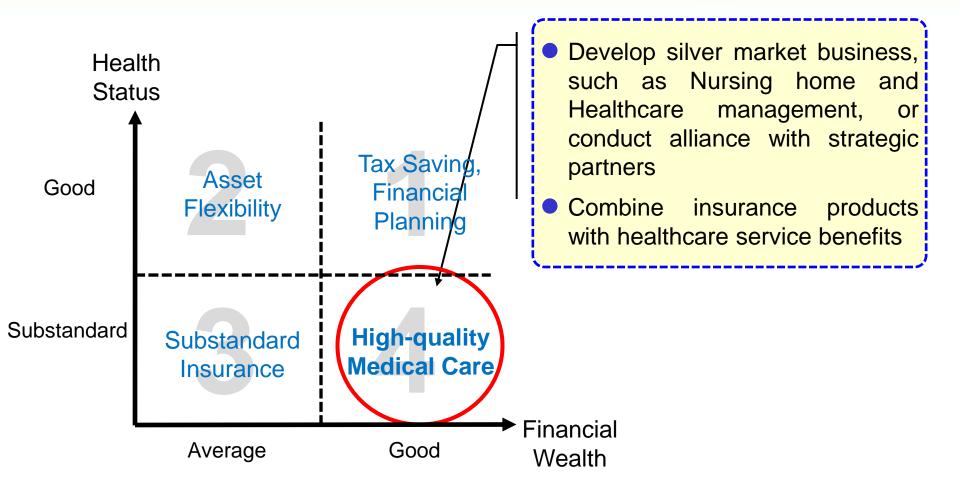
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### **Marketing to Silver Market (4/4)**







### **Develop Silver Market Business Opportunities**

-To form age friendly environment and facility

**Solution** 

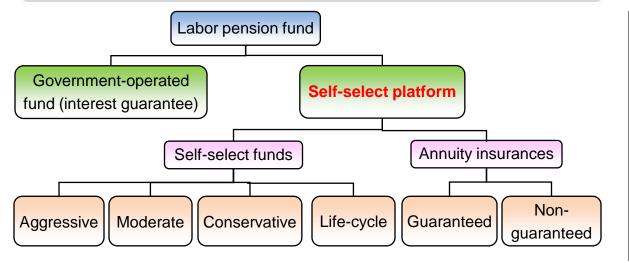
	Category	Needs of Elderly	Opportunities for Insurers
Lifetime Home	High-tech House	High tech green building	Construction
	Home Remodeling	House remodeling and repair	*Cathay Real Estate Development Co.
Health Care	Health Management	<ol> <li>Healthcare management</li> <li>Health monitoring system</li> <li>Preventive service</li> </ol>	1. Healthcare management *Cathay Healthcare Management Co 2. Health monitoring system
	Safety	<ol> <li>Emergency reporting system</li> <li>Security monitoring</li> </ol>	Security system business
	Dietary	<ol> <li>Dietary supplement</li> <li>Healthy food</li> </ol>	Biotech business
	Daily life care	Meal service	Meal delivery business
Medical and Nursing	Medical Service	Hospital and clinic     Nursing home	1. Hospital 2. Nursing home *Cathay General Hospital and Nursing Home





## Propose Self-select Investment Platform under Pension Fund

## Establish Tax Deduction



Annuity	NTD\$24,000
LTC Insurance	NTD\$24,000
Other Life Insurance	NTD\$24,000
Total Amount	NTD\$72,000

- Set up a "self-select" investment platform under Labor Pension Fund
- Insurers can provide various investment products for retirement planning
- Introduce tax deduction for annuity and nursing insurance products separately





# **Education for Consumers and Agents**

## **Strengthen Agents' Medical Knowledge**

Recruit lecturers with medical or nursing background

Improve aging products education

## **Enhance Retirement Planning Awareness**

Early warning for retirement savings



Incorporate longevity issue into national education program

- Improve agents' knowledge of LTC so they can smoothly promote the importance of insurance and educate consumers to start retirement planning at young age
- Educate the young generation about the demographic trends such as low birth rate and aging population and incorporate longevity issue into national education program



