

**Meeting the Challenge of Population Aging, Promoting
Long-Term & Balanced Population Development**

---at Asian Symposium on Sustainable Aging Society

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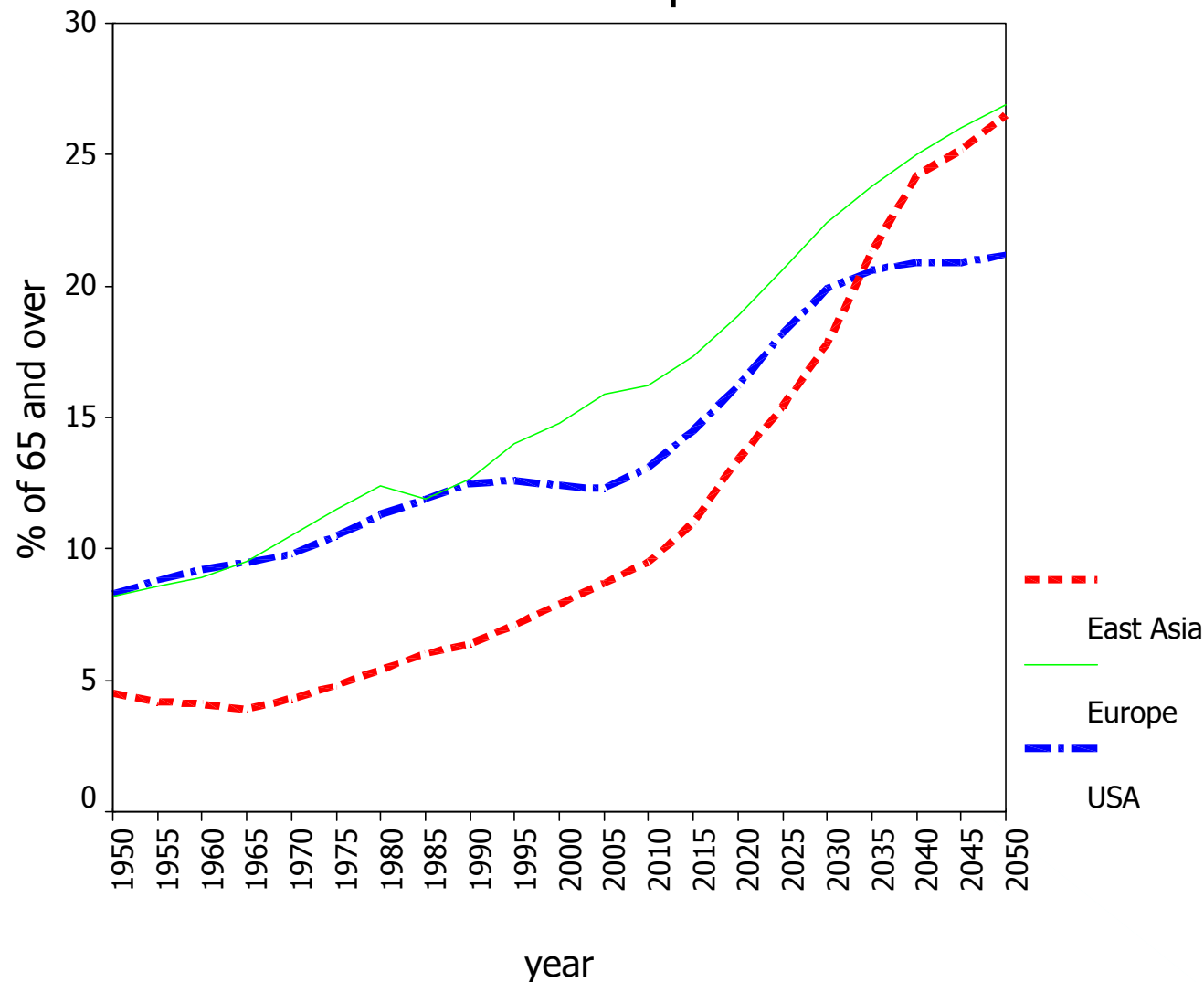
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	total population (a hundred million)	TFR	Proportion of the population aged 65 and over (%)
world	70.0	2.5	8
Asian and Pacific Region	42.2	2.1	7
East Asia	15.8	1.5	10
Europe	3.1	1.6	16
U. S.	7.4	2.0	13

Data Source: ESCAP, 2011和 PRB, 2011

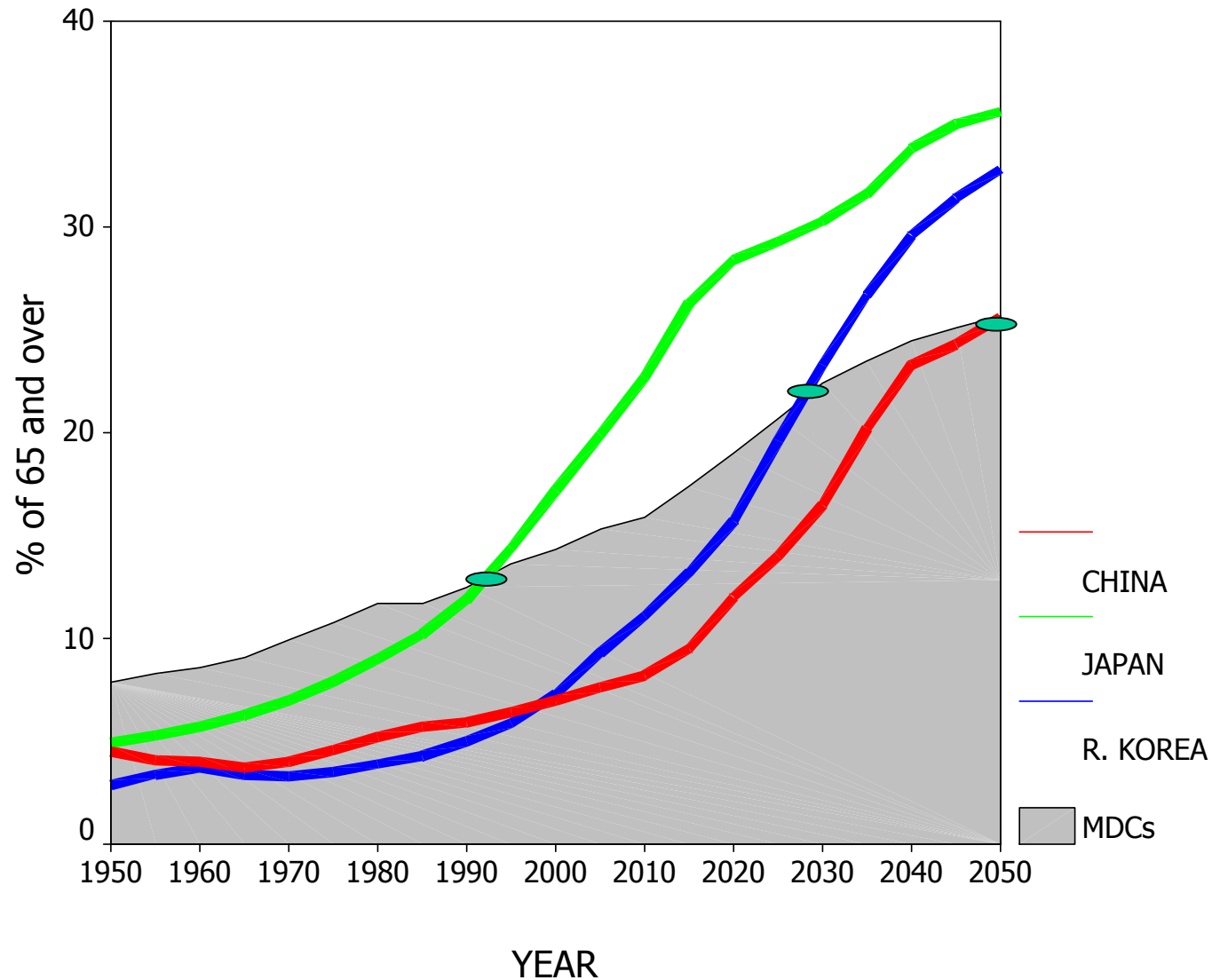
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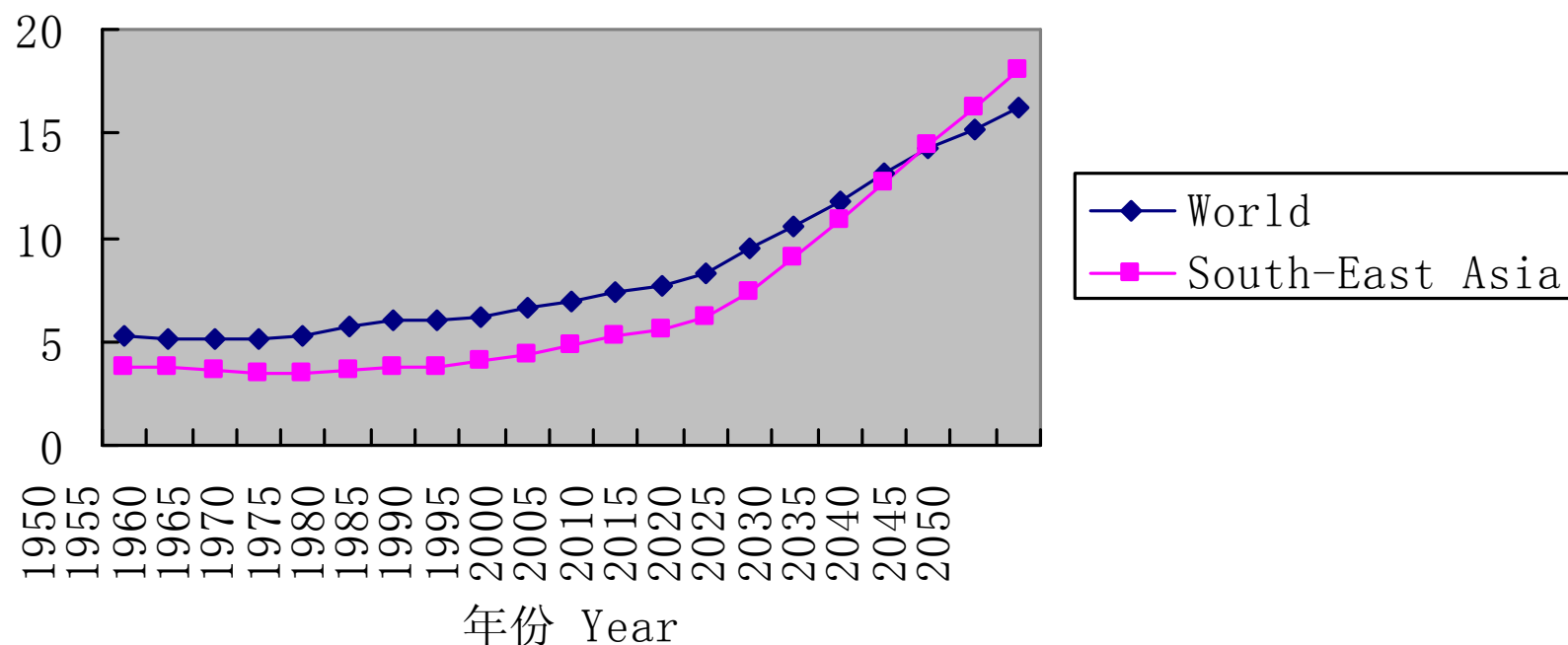
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In Asia, 2.3 TFR in southeast Asia is second to east Asia of 2.3, lower than the world average of 2.5. Now the southeast Asian population aging is lower than the world average level, but, around 2040 will be beyond the world average.

Population Aging in South-East Asia 1950-2050



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Overall, TFR in Asia and Pacific region has fallen below 2.1, which is the replacement level. TFR in East Asia is even lower, at 1.5. That indicates that special condition of population aging will occur in this region, which will have long lasting effect on economic and social development. Therefore, this symposium is very important and meaningful.

Focusing on the theme of this session “Current Situation, Challenge and Strategy of Population Aging”, my presentation is divided into three parts:

- I. Special features of population aging in China
- II. Some emerging issues
- III. China's experiences

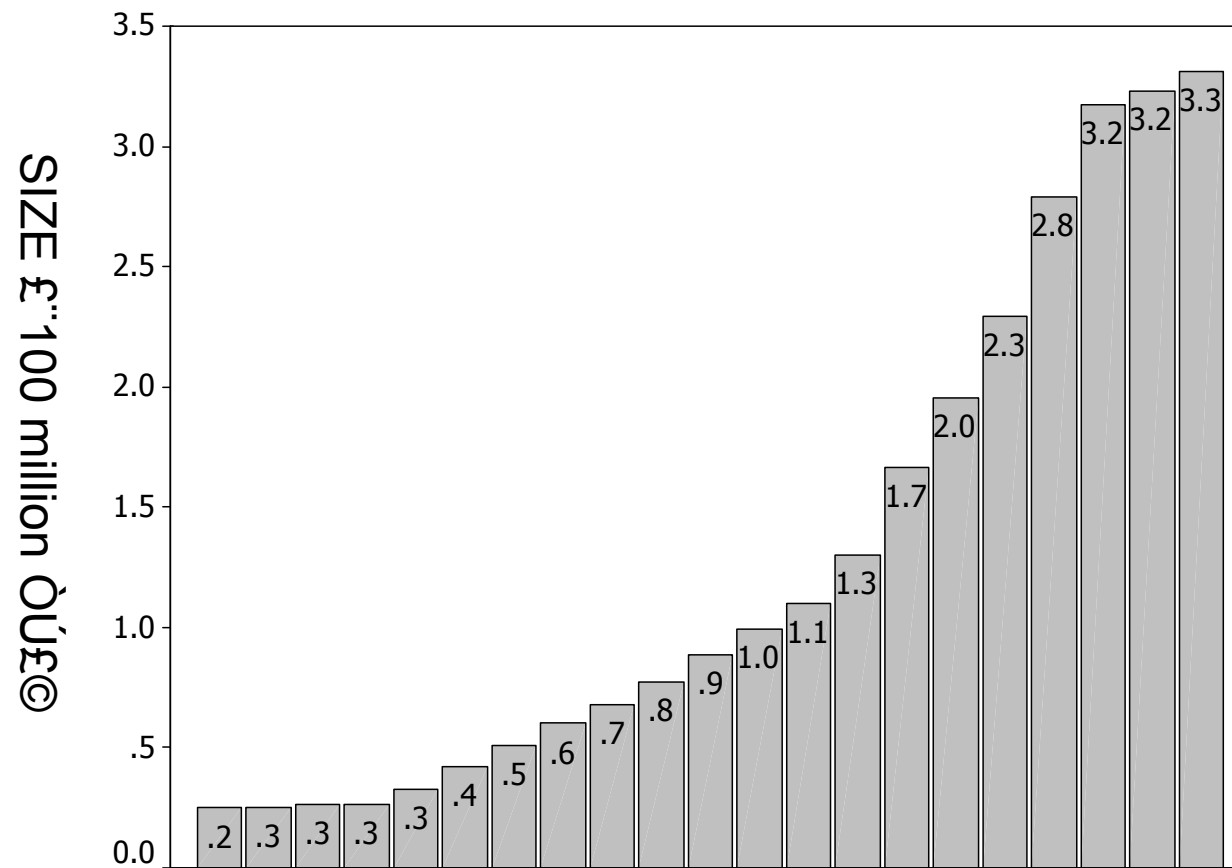
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Although the direct influencing factors of population aging in a country or a region are fertility, mortality and migration, the basis, mode, timing and strength of how these factors playing their roles in China are different from other places. That has resulted in a different route of population aging experienced by China. Because of these special features, China is faced with more difficulties and challenges in addressing population aging. Some of these difficulties and challenges are predictable, some not.

Changes in Number of People Aged 65+ in China, 1950-2050



Feature one: the size is huge. Currently, the number of people aged 65 and over is 119 million, by 2050, this number will grow by three times. Of whom, over 100 million will be people aged 80 and over, representing five

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