Due to the population ageing problem, governments are forced to take appropriate actions urgently to cope with the situation. Actually, there have been a number of fierce debates concerning this issue. However, this ageing problem has still been escalating over the past few years.

According to the recent demographic statistics from National Bureaus, the elderly population will be over 60 per cent in the next two decades. This implies a severe impact on the economy, public health services, and infrastructures. The manufacturing industry will be the one that would be affected first. Because of the lack of productive workers, the production process will not be effectively performed. However, it is not the most serious consequence. Rather, the most affected activity would be health services. It is outrageous that older people live in a facility with poor equipment and be looked after by someone without having taken training courses. There might be a fewer number of trained staff who is capable of taking care of elderly people. This will probably become one of the most common issues in the whole world.

Even though this trend is negative, elderly people certainly have made many contributions to our society. Helping their children to look after grandchildren is one of the most obvious examples. They also have significant impacts on passing down their knowledge which can assist the companies they used to work in training new staff.

To sum up, the increasing proportion of older people seems to have more negative impacts on society. However, it is also undeniable that they have a huge number of contributions to our society.