

# Preface

Over recent years, there has been much political discussion surrounding the relatively recent global social development of aging populations. People are living longer than ever before due to the advancements in medical treatments and interventions and improvements in the provision of health care. This phenomenon has placed new pressures on social, cultural, political and economic processes. The focus of this book is to examine aging populations by selecting several countries that are experiencing these new pressures on their society.

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