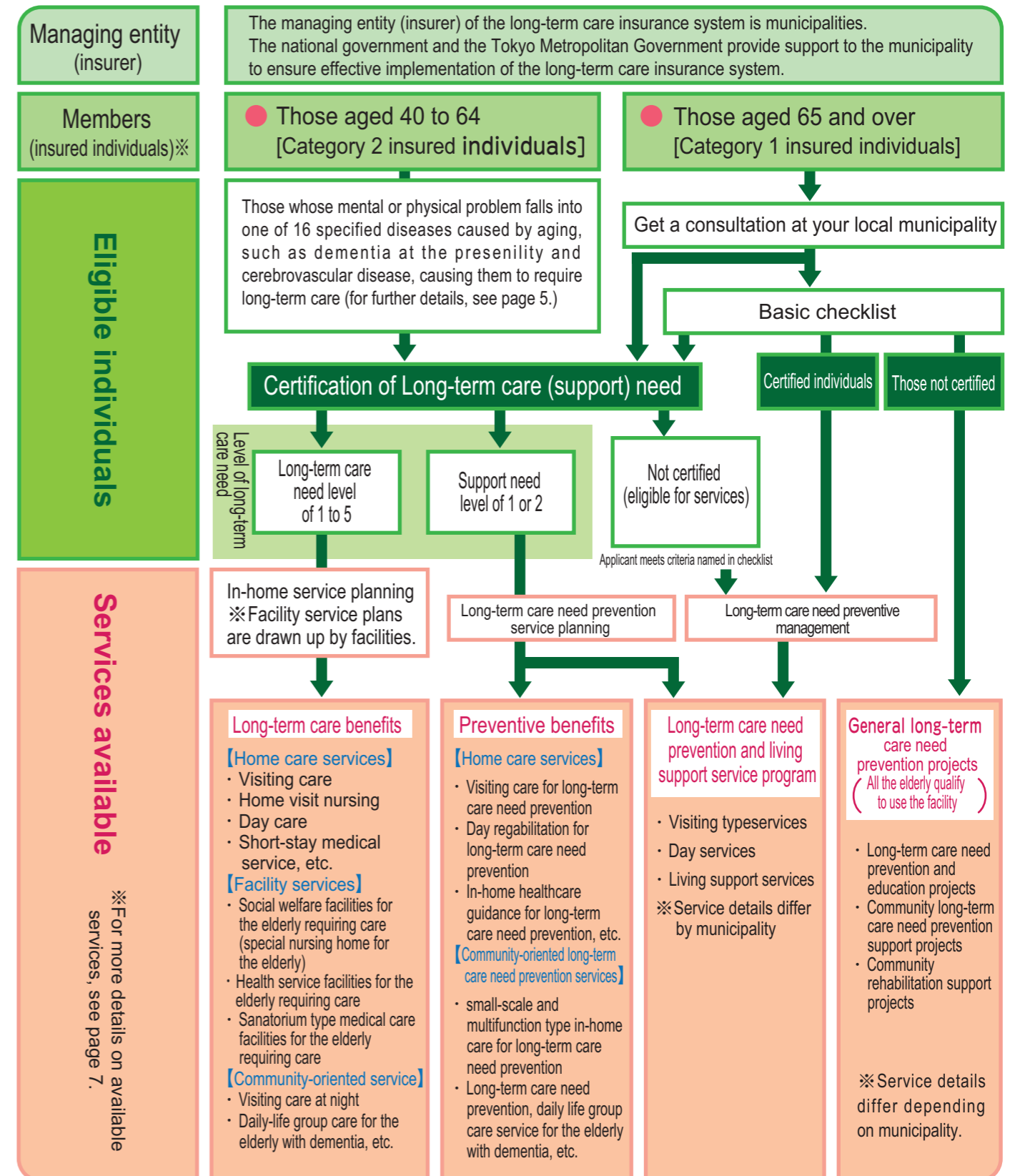
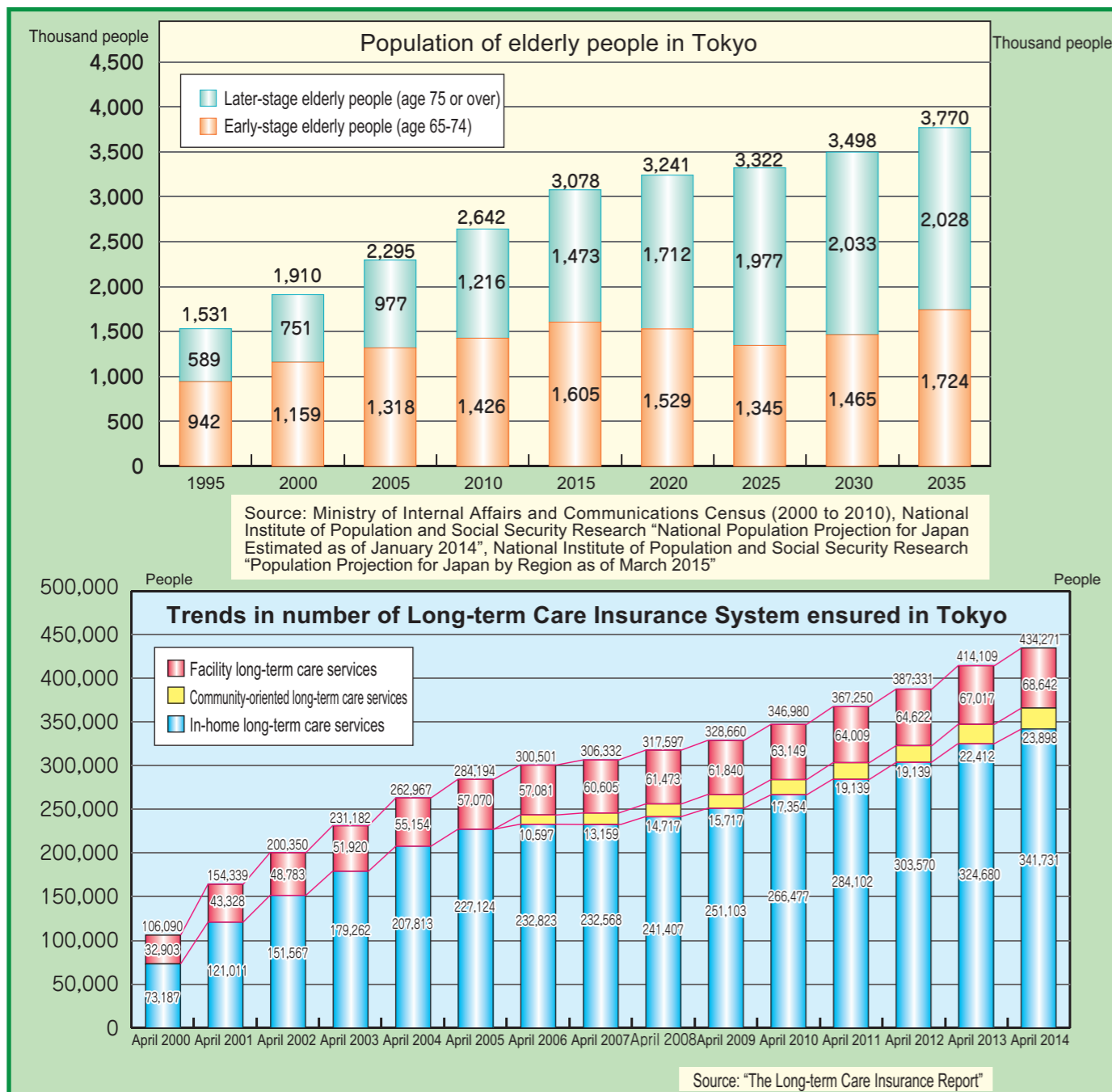


Structure of the Long-Term Care Insurance System

【Key Policies】

- The number of the elderly is poised to increase rapidly to the year 2015, and the population of later stage elderly people (age 75 and over) is also forecast to increase after the year 2015.
- In order to appropriately deal with long-term care issues peculiar to aging societies, the long-term care insurance system was initiated in April 2000 so that people who need long-term care can have enough social support. After its launch, there was a rapid increase in the use of long-term care, especially home care service. The long-term care insurance system has now come to have an important role as a system designed to assure a comfortable life for elderly people and their family members.
- The long-term care insurance system gives those in need of long-term care due to old age-induced disease or for other reasons required services in a comprehensive and uniform way so that they can lead an independent life to the greatest possible extent. It is a user-oriented system where you can use the service you choose yourself.



※ The flow chart above indicates the order of operations for long-term care insurance users for municipalities that have already begun long-term care need prevention and comprehensive daily living support program. Note that depending on the municipality, the program will be starting at different times. Contact your municipal office for details.

※ Foreign residents (living in Japan more than 3 months, special permanent residents, etc.) are also eligible.