Being Old in Rural Japan Video

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Directions: The video is from the University of Vienna in Austria, and it is in German with English subtitles. Do not attempt to write answers to the questions while viewing the video. The video will be stopped after each of the twelve sections for you to be able to answer the question(s) for each section.

The video is on YouTube at: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GDyPwiVObzg

1- 0:00-4:00 - Introduction
1. Why are there few young people in the rural villages? Describe who lives in the villages.

2- 4:01-8:47 - Kikuchi Genichi, 93
2. Describe his poetry.

3- 8:48-11:13 - Nishizawa Shimako, 84
3. What did the three women discuss?

4- 11:14-12:38 - “Active Ageing”
4. What is “active ageing?”

5- 12:39-13:43 - Kikuchi Genichi, 93
5. How does he describe his life?

6- 13:44-15:40 - Life in the Village / Food
6. Explain the importance of the bus? Why is it’s future threatened?

7. In what ways do they purchase food?

7- 15:41-17:37 - Driving (Kikuchi Genichi)
8. What do the elderly have to do to obtain a license to drive?

9. How do others know the driver is over 75?

10. When Kikuchi Genichi is driving around the village what information does he give about the village?
8- 17:38-19:07 - Agriculture
11. Describe what is grown in the village.

12. Describe the type of farming done by more of the elderly.

9- 19:08-24:47 - Children / Farming
13. When do some of the elderly’s children come to visit?


10- 24:48-27:03 - Shopping
15. How has shopping changed in the villages?

16. Describe gateball. How important is it to some of the villagers?

17. List four examples of activities the elderly do in their leisure time.

12- 30:19-33:24 - Municipality / Community Center
18. Describe three activities supported by the municipality and conducted at the community center.

Summary
19. How would you describe elderly life in rural Japan?

20. What are the future concerns for the elderly living in rural Japan?