Socio-culture Makeup: Comparing India and Malaysia

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Abstract

In 1990, 9% which accounts to half a billion of world population were more than 60 years old. By 2030, it is expected to reach 1.4 billion. Because of the extensive dispersal of medical knowledge and the consequential improvement in health, developing countries are ageing much faster than developed countries. At present, although Indian and Malaysian population has not reached the ageing proportion, the ageing phenomenon will eventually occur. By year 2020, 7.4% and 9.5% respectively of its population will be more than 60 years old. Longer life expectancy, declining birth rate, availability and accessibility of health care has increased the duration of ageing society.

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