# **JAPANESE GOVERNMENT BONDS**

Monthly Newsletter of the Ministry of Finance, Japan

# This Month's Special!

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# WHAT'S NEW

Nov. 21, 2014

The summary of minutes of the Meeting of JGB Market Special Participants (58<sup>th</sup> Round) On November 21 2014, the MOF held the Meeting of JGB Market Special Participants (58th Round) .The summary of the meeting is as follows:

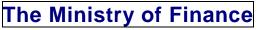
# 1. JGB Issuance Plan for FY2015

The Financial Bureau gave the following explanations about the JGB Issuance Plan for FY2015.

- With respect to the "Breakdown by Legal Grounds", we are now working on the compilation of the budget in line with the Medium-term Fiscal Plan that requires the government to "make its utmost efforts to keep the amount of Construction Bonds and Special Deficit Financing Bonds below that of the preceding fiscal year (¥41.3 trillion)." The amount of the reconstruction bond will be determined in the process of the budget compilation. The amount of the FILP Bond (fiscal investment and loan program bond) will be determined in accordance with the size of the fiscal investment and loan program for FY2015. Based on the budget request, a refunding bond of ¥120.2 trillion is expected to be issued in the FY2015 budget.
- With respect to the maturity composition of these JGBs, we will continue to extend the average JGB maturity taking into account the opinions of market participants.

The following is the summary of the opinions expressed by the attendees.

- The amounts of the 30-Year Bond and the 40-Year Bond may be increased by ¥1.6-2.0 trillion per year in total.
- The amount of Auctions for Enhanced-Liquidity may be increased by ¥100-200 billion per month.
- The 2-Year Bond and the 5-Year Bond may be decreased by ¥100-200 billion per month respectively.



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# WHAT'S NEW

# 2. Bidding limitation and bidding responsibility

The Financial Bureau gave the following explanations about bidding limitation and bidding responsibility.

- We would like to propose that we set the maximum amount of bidding by each auction participant at one-half of the planned issuance amount from April 2015. By lowering the ceiling, we expect to restrain oligopolistic purchases by some participants to some extent.
- In addition, with a view to preventing a case in which we fail, by all means, to raise the necessary amount of funds in an auction, we would like to propose that we raise the level of bidding responsibility for JGB Market Special Participants from the current 3% to 4% of the planned issuance amount in each auction.

Many of the attendees were of the opinion that the idea proposed by the authority would present no problem, while some expressed the following opinions:

- The maximum amount of bidding could be set at one-third of the planned issuance amount so that more bidders can purchase JGBs in auctions.
- Bidding limitation can be varied depending on the type of auction.
- Multifaceted analysis that is not limited to strengthening bidding limitation is needed, such as the expansion of the Dutch-style auction.
- The authority could consider raising the level of purchasing responsibility from 1% to 2%.

The issuing authority further heard the views of participants regarding the latest JGB market situation and its future outlook, although this is omitted due to lack of space.

# MONTHLY TOPIC

# 1 Expansion of the Quantitative and Qualitative Monetary Easing (BOJ, Oct. 31, 2014)

On October 31, 2014, at the Monetary Policy Meeting, the Policy Board of the Bank of Japan decided Expansion of the Quantitative and Qualitative Monetary Easing.

P	Annual pace of increa	ase	(trillion yen)							
				O Monetary base : "2 times" in 2 years O The amounts outstanding of JGBs and the average remaining maturity : "more than 2 time						
Monetary base		About 60-70	About 80		Apr 2013	Sep 2014	Dec 2014 (projected)	(trillion yen) The pace of annual increase	300	Apr 4,2013 BOJ
		About 50	About 80	Monetary Base	155	252.6	275	About 80	250	250 the Introduction of the "Quantitative and Qualitative Monetary Easing"
Long	5	About 00	About 55	JGBs	98	179.8	200	About 80	200	200
	(Amount to be purchased per month)	About 6-8	About 8-12	CP Corporate	1.4	2.2	2.2	outstanding balance		200 tril yen
1	(Average maturity of	About 7 years	About 7-10 years	Bonds ETFs	2.9 1.7	3.2 3.2	3.2 3.8	outstanding balance About 3	150	100
	JGB purchases)	Abbut 7 years	About 1=10 years	J-REITS	0.13	0.16	0.18	About 0.09	100	
ETF		About 1	About 3	Loan Support Program	3.4	21	18		50	50
J-RE	EIT	About 0.03	About 0.09	Total Assets	175	276	297	- '	0	Monetary Base JGBs Balance Sheet
JPX-Nikkei Index400 (ETF)		-	Eligible for purchase		Average remaining maturity of the Bank's JGB purchases				the state	
(Source)	a) Bank of Japan			slightly less than 3 years (before Apr. 2013) —> Around 7-10 years (+ 3year at maximum) (Source) Bank of Japan (Revised on Oct.31 2014)						
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# 2 Adoption of New Policy Asset Mix (GPIF, Oct. 31, 2014)

Government Pension Investment Fund ("GPIF") has reviewed its policy asset mix for the third medium-term plan, which starts from April 2015. In June 2014, Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare ("MHLW") published financial stability report ("Actuarial Valuation") on public pension scheme, including several scenarios of targeted return for GPIF. Given that Japan is about to significantly transform itself from economy of persistent deflation, GPIF accelerated review process of its policy asset mix, which should be more compatible with the changes of long-term economic prospect, and has adopted its new policy asset mix.

[Excerpt from GPIF's announcement on Oct. 31, 2014]

	Domestic bonds	Domestic stocks	International bonds	International stocks	Short-term assets
Target allocation	60%	12%	11%	12%	5%
Permissible range of deviation	±8%	±6%	±5%	±5%	-

#### (New) from April 2015

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	Domestic	Domestic	International	International
	bonds	stocks	bonds	stocks
Target allocation	35%	25%	15%	25%
Permissible range of deviation	±10%	±9%	±4%	±8%

(Note 1) Alternative investment will be made within maximum 5% of total portfolio, in accordance with development of dedicated team. Infrastructure, private equities, real estates or other assets determined upon deliberation at the Investment Advisory Committee, are classified as domestic bonds, domestic stoc international bonds or international stocks, depending on their risk and return proliles.

(Note 2) GPIF adopts tactical asset allocation within permissible ranges of deviation for each asset class, and this allocation is solely based upon thorough analysis on economic and market environment, and prudent judgment.

Source: GPIF

(Old)

# <u>3 Real GDP falls for 2 consecutive quarters</u>

First preliminary GDP estimates (Jul-Sep 2014) were released on Nov 17. Real GDP fell -0.4% (annual rate -1.6%) from the previous quarter. This was worse than the survey of market expectation of +0.5% (annual rate +2.2%) and a fall for 2 consecutive quarters.

#### Change in Private Inventory makes a large negative contribution

Domestic Demand contributed -0.5% to GDP. In particular, Change in Private Inventory made a large negative contribution of -0.6%; it was positive in the previous guarter.

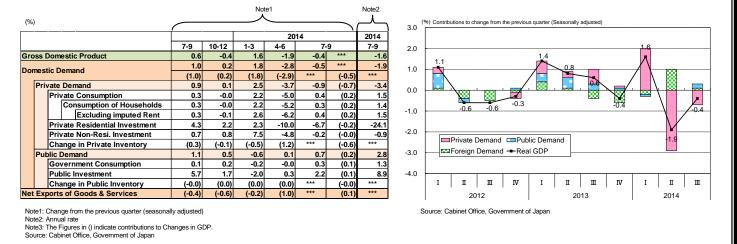
Private Consumption rose +0.4% from the previous guarter and contributed +0.2% to GDP. This is a recovery from the large decline in the previous quarter. Clothes, gasoline and daily commodities seemed to make a positive contribution.

Private Residential Investment fell -6.7% and contributed -0.2% to GDP. This reflects the decline of New Construction Starts.

As opposed to Domestic Demand, Foreign Demand contributed +0.1% to GDP, and it was a positive contribution for 2 consecutive guarters.

# MONTHLY TOPIC

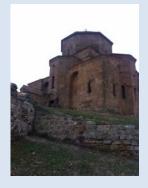
### Development of Real GDP (Quarterly), seasonally adjusted series



# **IR SPECIAL OFFICE**

- In November 2014, the IR Special Office undertook an overseas IR tour in Norway, the Netherlands, France and Switzerland to interview local investors. Mr. Fujishiro, Deputy Director-General of the Financial Bureau, and Mr. Ishida, Deputy Director, held active discussions mainly about recent debt management and Japanese economic matters, e.g., revision of GPIF's policy asset mix and expansion of Quantitative and Qualitative Easing.
- During the tour, they participated in the OECD Working Party on Debt Management in which sovereign bond issuers discussed technical matters such as cash management and the effect of financial regulations. This Working Party offered many suggestions for us issuers. Looking at the picture on the right, you can see how many countries participated in this working party. (Just to be safe, I should emphasize that Japan was not isolated in this working party; many countries were aligned in a circle in the enormous room.).





- After that, in Georgia, Mr. Kanamori, Director of the IR office, and Mr. Matsumoto, Chief took part in the Fourth Regional Forum on Investment Management of Foreign Exchange Reserves in which foreign reserve managers from ADB countries and regions discussed the global and regional economic outlook, the way to manage large portfolios in an environment of low interest rates, etc. We explained JGB-related matters to foreign reserve managers at the forum. Looking at the picture on the left, you can understand that, in Georgia, there is deep cultural relationship with European culture. Moreover, through sharing time and space with them, I also found that underneath the surface we have the same Asian cultural roots.
- Last but not least, in Japan, Mr. Fujishiro attended a seminar for foreign investors and explained Japanese economic and JGB matters. The picture of this seminar is posted on the right.

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#### **JGB PRIMARY MARKET** 2

					(Bonds	)				(Until 26	November 2014)
Auction Date	Type of Security	lssue Number	Maturity Date	Nominal Coupon	Amounts of Competitive Bids (billion yen)	Amounts of Bids Accepted (billion yen)	Yield at the Lowest Accepted Price	Yield at the Average Price	Amounts of Non-Competitive Bids Tendered /Accepted (billion yen)	Amounts of Bids Accepted at the Non-price- competitive Auction I (billion yen)	Amounts of Bids Accepted at the Non-price- competitive Auction II (billion yen)
8/28/2014	2-year	344	9/15/2016	0.1%	14,514.0	2,469.5	0.069%	0.067%	3.195	226.8	-
9/2/2014	10-year	335	9/20/2024	0.5%	7,882.4	2,199.9	0.521%	0.517%	7.584	191.7	-
9/9/2014	30-year	44	9/20/2044	1.7%	2,291.2	642.3	1.687%	1.679%	-	57.1	-
9/11/2014	5-year	120	9/20/2019	0.2%	9,066.7	2,455.1	0.179%	0.179%	2.375	241.7	-
9/17/2014	20-year	150	9/20/2034	1.4%	4,250.6	1,092.2	1.438%	1.435%	-	106.6	176.8
9/30/2014	2-year	345	10/15/2016	0.1%	16,074.7	2,496.5	0.077%	0.074%	2.467	200.7	-
10/2/2014	10-year	335	9/20/2024	0.5%	7,640.2	2,196.7	0.517%	0.516%	3.342	199.0	-
10/8/2014	10-year Inflation-Indexed Bonds	19	9/10/2024	0.1%	1,056.2	499.9	▲0.658%	-	-	-	32.8
10/15/2014	30-year	44	9/20/2044	1.7%	1,653.8	639.7	1.637%	1.633%	-	59.1	95.8
10/17/2014	5-year	121	9/20/2019	0.1%	11,135.2	2,455.3	0.138%	0.134%	1.438	242.0	299.2
10/21/2014	20-year	150	9/20/2034	1.4%	3,911.9	1,089.9	1.323%	1.318%	-	108.9	79.1
10/28/2014	2-year	346	11/15/2016	0.1%	11,870.7	2,473.8	0.017%	0.012%	0.370	225.3	-
11/5/2014	10-year	335	9/20/2024	0.5%	7,741.5	2,212.0	0.441%	0.439%	3.625	183.8	-
11/11/2014	30-year	44	9/20/2044	1.7%	1,673.6	553.4	1.489%	1.483%	-	46.1	-
11/13/2014	5-year	120	9/20/2019	0.2%	9,221.9	2,489.9	0.164%	0.160%	0.380	209.2	281.6
11/18/2014	20-year	150	9/20/2034	1.4%	3,158.3	1,097.6	1.301%	1.276%	-	101.9	-
11/26/2014	40-year	7	3/20/2054	1.7%	1,268.9	399.6	1.585%	-	-	-	59.0

# **Auction Results**

#### **Auction Results** (Treasury Discount Bills)

(Until 26 November 2014)

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Auction Date	Type of Security	lssue Number	Maturity Date	Amounts of Competitive Bids (billion yen)	Amounts of Bids Accepted (billion yen)	Yield at the Lowest Accepted Price	Yield at the Average Price	Amounts of Bids Accepted at the Non-price- competitive Auction I (billion yen)
8/21/2014	3-month	475	11/25/2014	27,661.70	5,262.90	0.0317%	0.0289%	477.03
8/28/2014	3-month	476	12/1/2014	27,746.30	5,221.74	0.0381%	0.0344%	478.20
9/3/2014	3-month	477	12/8/2014	30,557.70	5,254.50	0.0220%	0.0204%	485.45
9/8/2014	6-month	478	3/10/2015	16,453.60	3,242.92	0.0201%	0.0121%	257.00
9/11/2014	3-month	479	12/15/2014	28,028.45	5,185.24	0.0060%	0.0028%	474.70
9/17/2014	1-year	480	9/24/2015	12,271.80	2,318.88	0.0059%	0.0019%	181.10
9/18/2014	3-month	481	12/22/2014	28,472.20	5,229.04	0.0040%	0.0016%	470.90
9/25/2014	3-month	482	1/8/2015	26,074.79	5,312.93	0.0090%	0.0025%	417.00
10/2/2014	3-month	483	1/13/2015	27,960.30	5,264.76	0.0202%	0.0165%	405.20
10/8/2014	6-month	484	4/10/2015	24,272.60	3,230.73	0.0040%	0.0020%	269.20
10/9/2014	3-month	485	1/19/2015	29,799.70	5,193.19	0.0056%	0.0030%	456.70
10/10/2014	Approx.2-month	486	12/3/2014	13,920.92	2,318.75	0.0111%	0.0081%	181.20
10/15/2014	1-year	487	10/20/2015	15,316.60	2,323.78	0.0020%	0.0010%	176.20
10/16/2014	3-month	488	1/26/2015	32,843.00	5,269.44	0.0018%	0.0014%	470.50
10/23/2014	3-month	489	2/2/2015	52,105.20	5,257.68	0.0000%	▲0.0037%	452.20
10/30/2014	3-month	490	2/9/2015	47,675.00	5,314.21	▲0.0018%	▲0.0041%	425.70
11/5/2014	6-month	491	5/14/2015	20,670.00	3,239.65	0.0177%	0.0118%	260.30
11/6/2014	3-month	492	2/16/2015	27,422.90	5,294.70	0.0204%	0.0163%	415.20
11/13/2014	3-month	493	2/23/2015	28,660.27	5,258.23	0.0111%	0.0070%	461.70
11/18/2014	1-year	494	11/20/2015	18,549.20	2,312.37	▲0.0009%	▲0.0029%	187.60
11/20/2014	3-month	495	3/2/2015	46,210.60	5,271.86	▲0.0037%	▲0.0142%	458.10

# Auction Calendar for Nov. 2014 – Jan. 2015

Auction Date	Issue						
11/5 (Wed)	T-Bills (6-month)	11/27 (Thu)	T-Bills (3-month)	12/18 (Thu)	T-Bills (3-month)	1/20 (Tue)	5-year
11/5 (Wed)	10-year	11/28 (Fri)	2-year	12/18 (Thu)	20-year	1/22 (Thu)	T-Bills (3-month)
11/6 (Thu)	T-Bills (3-month)	12/2 (Tue)	10-year	12/25 (Thu)	2-year	1/22 (Thu)	20-year
11/7 (Fri)	Auctions for Enhanced-liquidity	12/4 (Thu)	T-Bills (3-month)	1/6 (Tue)	T-Bills (3-month)	1/27 (Tue)	Auctions for Enhanced-liquidity
11/11 (Tue)	30-year	12/4 (Thu)	Auctions for Enhanced-liquidity	1/6 (Tue)	10-year	1/29 (Thu)	T-Bills (3-month)
11/13 (Thu)	T-Bills (3-month)	12/8 (Mon)	T-Bills (6-month)	1/8 (Thu)	T-Bills (3-month)	1/29 (Thu)	2-year
11/13 (Thu)	5-year	12/9 (Tue)	30-year	1/8 (Thu)	10-year Inflation-Indexed Bonds		
11/18 (Tue)	T-Bills (1-year)	12/10 (Wed)	T-Bills (Approx.2-month)	1/9 (Fri)	T-Bills (6-month)		
11/18 (Tue)	20-year	12/11 (Thu)	T-Bills (3-month)	1/14 (Wed)	30-year		
11/20 (Thu)	T-Bills (3-month)	12/11 (Thu)	Auctions for Enhanced-liquidity	1/15 (Thu)	T-Bills (3-month)		
11/20 (Thu)	Auctions for Enhanced-liquidity	12/16 (Tue)	5-year	1/16 (Fri)	T-Bills (1-year)		
11/26 (Wed)	40-year	12/17 (Wed)	T-Bills (1-year)	1/16 (Fri)	Auctions for Enhanced-liquidity		

Note.1: The above calendar may be changed or added in light of changes in circumstances. In such cases, it will be announced in advance. Note.2: Each issue amount will be announced about one week prior to each auction date. Note.3: The issue date of Treasury Discount Bills auctioned on December 10, 2014 is December 15, 2014 and, the maturity date is February 4, 2015.

### Top 10 PDs by Total Purchase in Auctions (Calculated by Duration) (Apr.2014 $\sim$ Sep. 2014)

1	Mitsubishi UFJ Morgan Stanley Securities Co., Ltd.	6	BNP Paribas Securities (Japan) Limited	
2	Daiwa Securities Co. Ltd.	7	Merrill Lynch Japan Securities Co., Ltd.	
3	Nomura Securities Co., Ltd.	8	SMBC Nikko Securities Inc.	
4	Mizuho Securities Co., Ltd.	9	Mizuho Bank, Ltd.	
5	The Bank of Tokyo-Mitsubishi UFJ, Ltd.	10	Goldman Sachs Japan Co., Ltd.	
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#### THE AUCTIONS FOR ENHANCED-LIQUIDITY AND JGB BUY-BACK 3

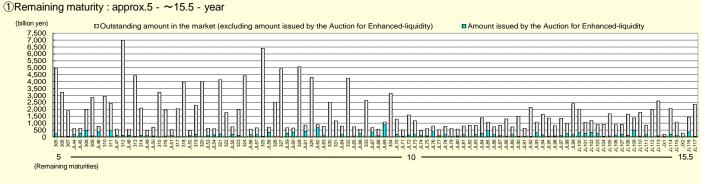
Auction Date	Amounts of Competitive Bids (billion yen)	Amounts of Bids Accepted (billion yen)	Average Accepted Spread	Highest Accepted Spread	Issues Re-opened
9/5/2014	1,170.8	299.6	+0.003%	+0.004%	20-year(125,126,132,141) 30-year(16,17,32,33,35,37,41)
9/25/2014	1,232.0	399.3	▲0.007%	▲0.003%	10-year(303,304,305,310,317) 20-year(43,58,68,69,72,74,76,78,81,84,85,86,88,91,111)
10/10/2014	735.0	299.0	+0.001%	+0.004%	20-year(131,132,135) 30-year(16,21,24,25,26,27,28,30,32,34,35,37,39,41,42,43)
10/23/2014	1,512.2	399.5	▲0.010%	▲0.010%	10-year(306,308,310) 20-year(44,68)
11/7/2014	949.9	299.4	+0.009%	+0.011%	20-year(118,120,122,141,145,147) 30-year(10,15,17,24,35,37,38,41)
11/20/2014	1,999.0	399.9	▲0.015%	▲0.011%	10-year(305,306,307)

### **Results of Auctions for Enhanced-Liquidity**

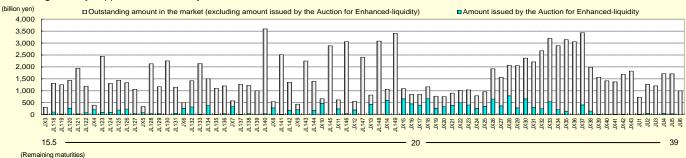
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# Target Zones of the Auction for Enhanced-Liquidity for the Third Quarter of FY 2014



#### 2 Remaining maturity : approx.15.5 - ~39 - year



Note1: JL shows 20 - year JGBs. JX shows 30 - year JGBs. JU shows 40 - year JGBs. Outstanding amount is as of the end of September 2014.

Note2 : Based on the results of the consultations to the JGB Market Special Participants which takes place at the time of each auction, 60 issues from each of the above 2 groups are selected as targeted issues

### **Buy-back Results**

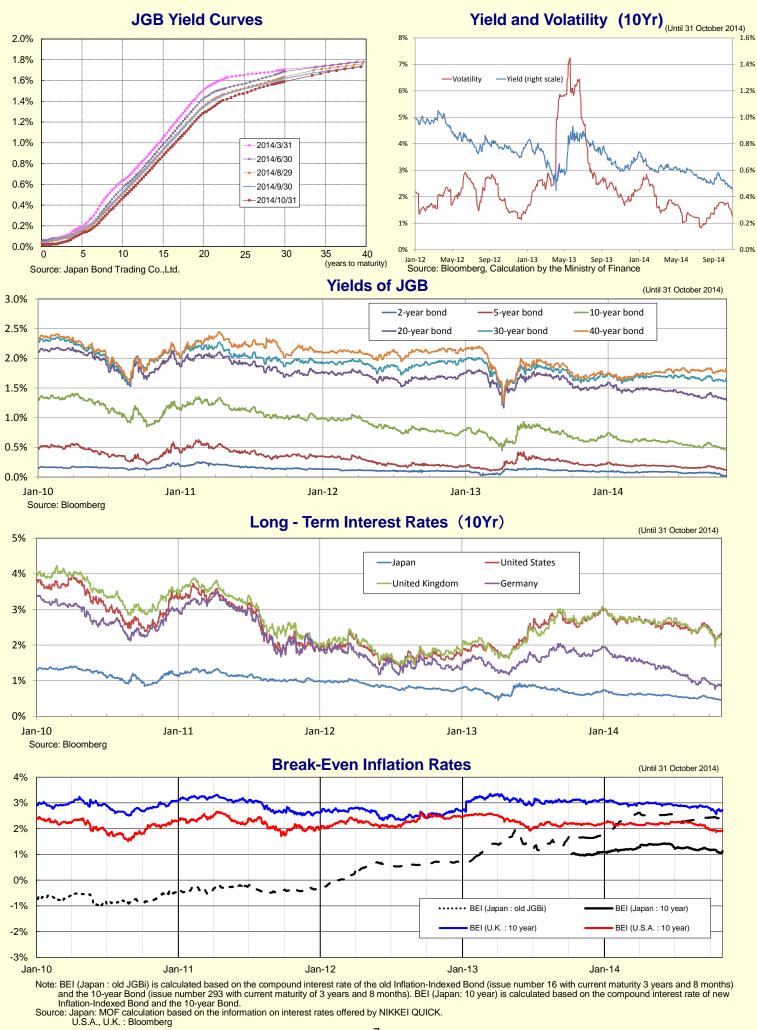
#### 10-Year Inflation-Indexed

10-Year Inflatio	0-Year Inflation-Indexed										
Auction Date	Amounts of Competitive Bids (billion yen)	Amounts of Bids Accepted (billion yen)	Average Accepted Spread (yen)	Highest Accepted Spread (yen)	Issue Numbers						
9/10/2014	32.5	10.1	▲0.374	▲0.29	4,5,7,8,10,11,13,14						
10/8/2014	37.5	30.1	▲0.488	▲0.30	3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11,12,13,14,15,16						
10/8/2014	25.8	25.8	▲0.488	-	3,4,3,0,7,0,8,10,11,12,13,14,13,10						
11/6/2014	13.1	10.1	▲0.191	0.00	5,6,7,9,10,14,15,16						

#### 15-Year Floating-Rate

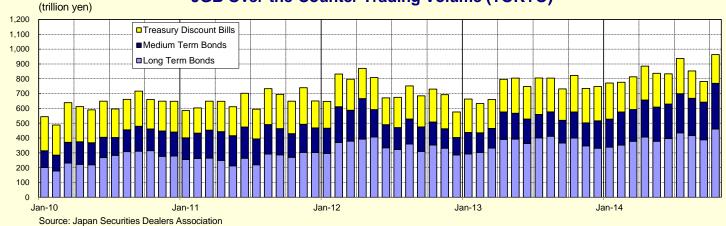
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	Amounts of	Amounts of Bids	Average	Highest						
Auction Date	Competitive Bids	npetitive Bids Accepted Accepted Accepted		Accepted	Issue Numbers					
	(billion yen) (billion yen) Spread (yen) Spread (yen)		Spread (yen)							
8/6/2014	520.9	100.1	▲0.185	▲0.13	8,9,13,14,16,17,18,22,23,24,25,26,27,28,29,30,31,32,33,34,					
0/0/2014	520.9	120.1	▲0.165	▲0.13	36,37,38,39,41,44,45,46					
9/2/2014	503.3	120.0	▲0.120	▲0.04	8,9,11,12,13,14,16,17,18,19,20,22,23,24,25,26,27,28,29,30,					
9/26/2014	421.2	120.1	▲0.358	▲0.01	31,33,34,35,36,37,38,39,40,41,42,43,44,45,46,47,48					
40/0/0044	405.0	440.4	10.101	0.00	9,10,11,12,13,14,16,17,18,19,22,24,25,26,27,28,29,34,37,39,					
10/6/2014	405.0	110.1	▲0.101	0.00	41,42,44,47					

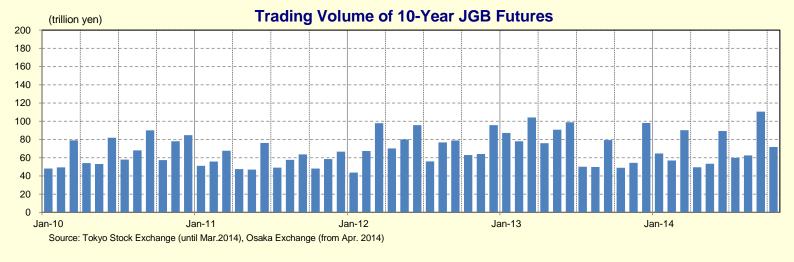
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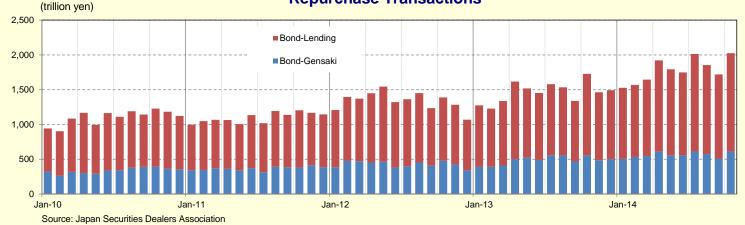




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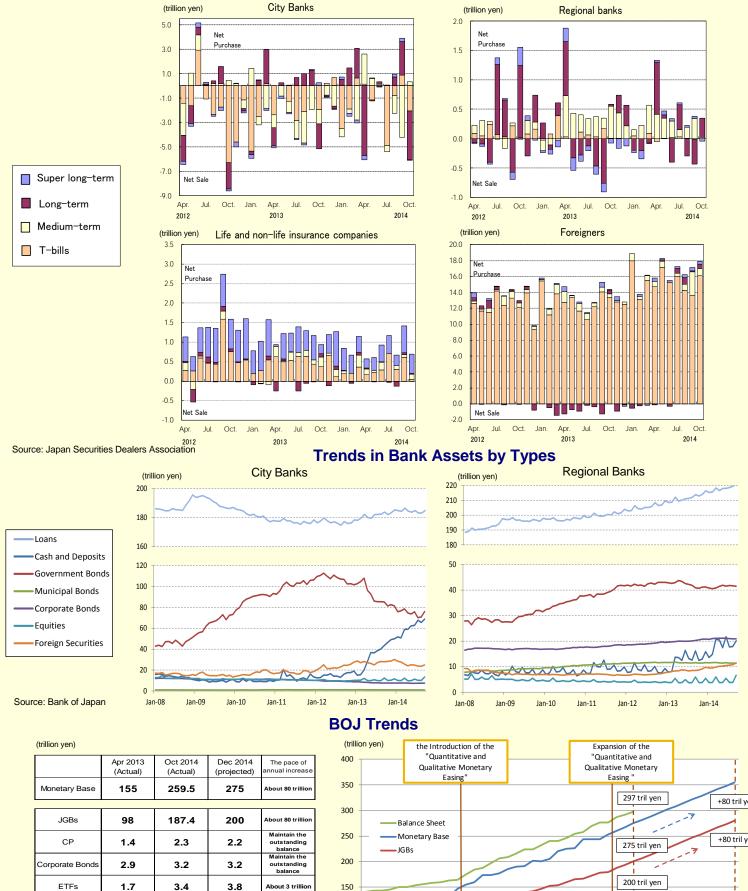






#### **Repurchase Transactions**

#### **INVESTOR TRENDS AND JGB OUTSTANDING** 5



# Trends in JGBs Transactions (by investor type)

Source: Bank of Japan

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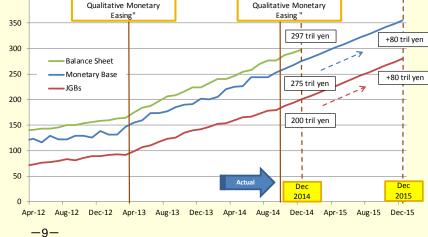
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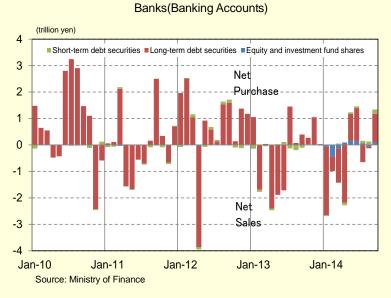
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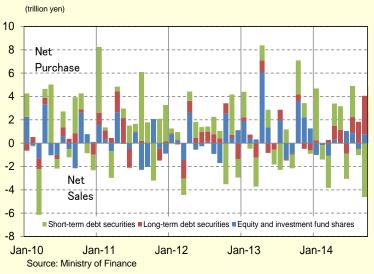
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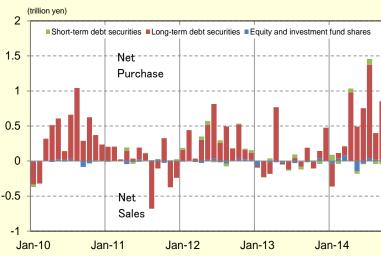


### Transactions of Foreign Securities by Residents (by Investor types)



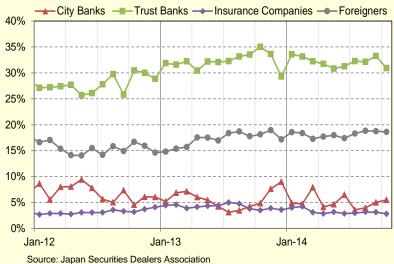
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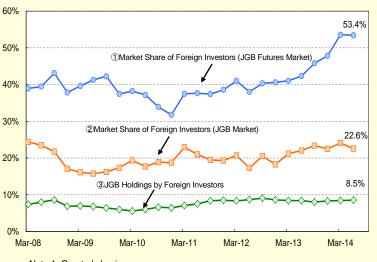


Life Insurance Companies

#### Outstanding of Repurchase Agreements (by Investor types)



#### **Foreign Investors Presence**



Note.1: Quarterly basis.

Note.2: "JGB" includes T-Bills. The figures of ②excludes dealers' transactions.

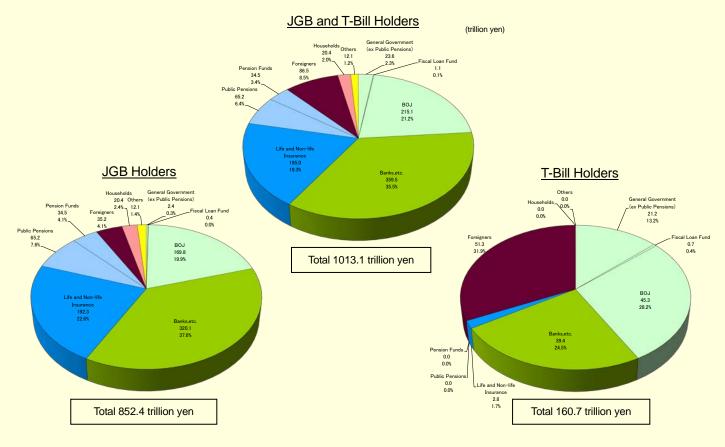
Source: Bank of Japan, Japan Securities Dealers Association, Tokyo Stock Exchange, Osaka Exchange

# JGBs Holding by Foreign Investors



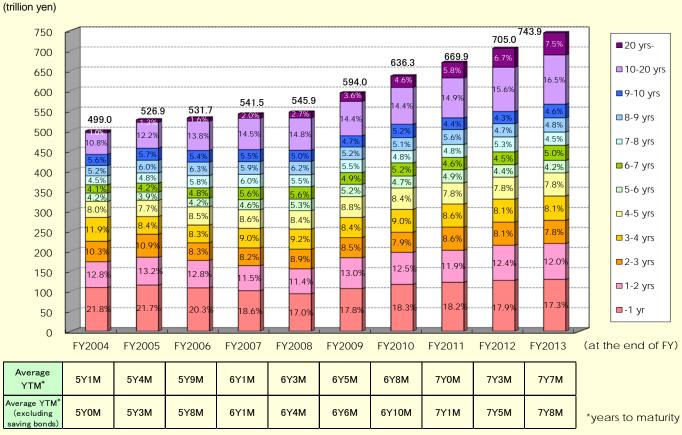
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# Breakdown by JGB and T-Bill Holders (Jun. 2014, QE)



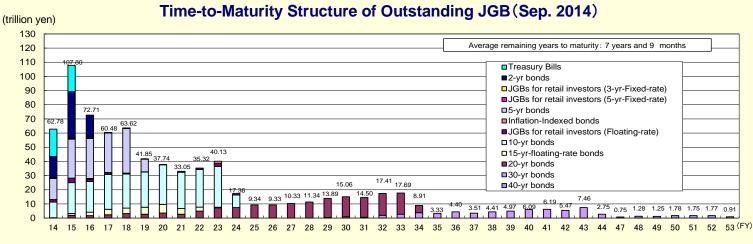
Note.1: "JGB" includes FILP Bonds. "T-Bill" is the sum of "Treasury Bills (TBs)" and "Financial Bills (FBs)" with a maturity of 1 year or less and TBs and FBs have been jointly issued since February 2009. Note.2: "Banks, etc." includes Japan Post Bank, "Securities investment trust " and "Securities Companies".

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# Breakdown of Outstanding Amount of General Bonds by Remaining Years to Maturity

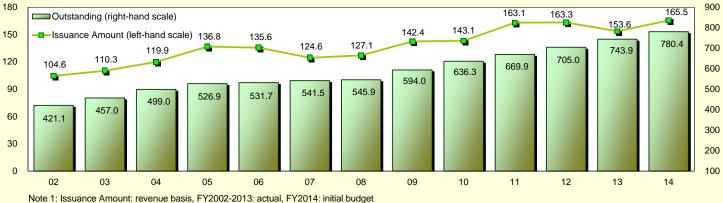
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#### Source: Ministry of Finance

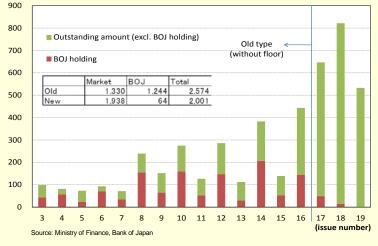
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#### **General Bonds Issuance Amount and Outstanding**

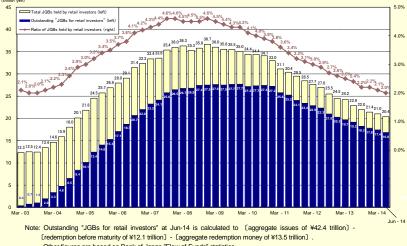


Note 1: Issuance Amount: revenue basis, FY2002-2013: actual, FY2014: initial budget Note 2: Outstanding: nominal basis, FY2002-2013: actual, FY2014: initial Source: Ministry of Finance

#### Market-held Balance of the Inflation-Indexed Bonds (billion yen) (as of October 31, 2014)

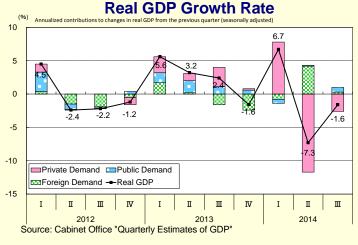


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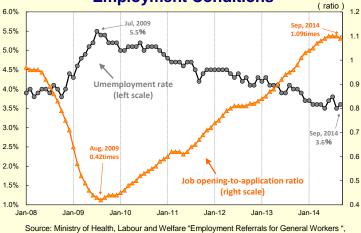


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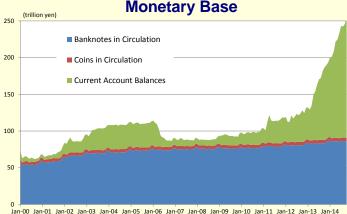
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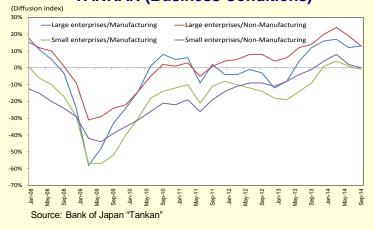


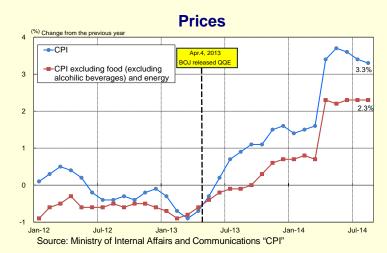
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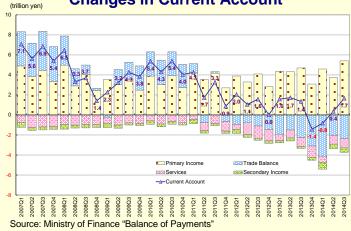
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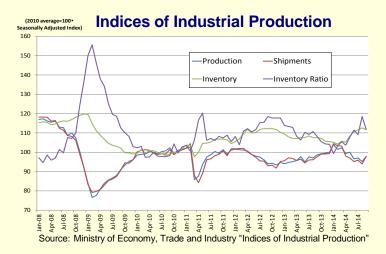
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#### **Changes in Current Account**





Total Value of Machinery Orders



# **7 INFORMATION**

English Publications on JGBs	Frequency	URL
Debt Management		
Message from the Financial Bureau	As needed	http://www.mof.go.jp/english/jgbs/debt_management/message.htm
About JGBs	As needed	http://www.mof.go.jp/english/jgbs/debt_management/guide.htm
About the Debt Management Policy	As needed	http://www.mof.go.jp/english/jgbs/debt_management/about.htm
JGB Issuance Plan	As needed	http://www.mof.go.jp/english/jgbs/debt_management/plan/index.htm
Auction Calendar		
Auction Calendar	Monthly	http://www.mof.go.jp/english/jgbs/auction/calendar/index.htm
Historical Data of Auction Results	Each Auction	http://www.mof.go.jp/english/jgbs/auction/past_auction_results/index.html
Topics		
Product Characteristics of the JGB	As needed	http://www.mof.go.jp/english/jgbs/topics/bond/index.html
Treasury Discount Bills (T-Bills)	Annual	http://www.mof.go.jp/english/jgbs/topics/t_bill/index.htm
Japanese Government Guaranteed Bonds	Annual	http://www.mof.go.jp/english/jgbs/topics/gov_guaranteed_bonds/index.htm
Interest Rate Swap	Semiannual	http://www.mof.go.jp/english/jgbs/topics/swap/index.htm
Taxation of Government Bonds	As needed	http://www.mof.go.jp/english/jgbs/topics/taxation/index.htm
For Individual Investors	As needed	http://www.mof.go.jp/english/jgbs/topics/individual/index.htm
Data		
Central Government Debt	Quarterly	http://www.mof.go.jp/english/jgbs/reference/gbb/index.htm
Interest Rate	Daily	http://www.mof.go.jp/english/jgbs/reference/interest_rate/index.htm
STRIPS	Monthly	http://www.mof.go.jp/english/jgbs/reference/jgbstat/index.htm
Dialogue with the market		
Advisory Councils on Government Debt Management	Each Meeting	http://www.mof.go.jp/english/about_mof/councils/gov_debt_management/index.html
Meeting of JGB Market Special Participants	Each Meeting	http://www.mof.go.jp/english/about_mof/councils/jgbsp/index.html
Meeting of JGB Investors	Each Meeting	http://www.mof.go.jp/english/about_mof/councils/jgb_investor/index.html
Publications		
Debt Management Report	Annual	http://www.mof.go.jp/english/jgbs/publication/debt_management_report/index.htm
JGB Newsletter	Monthly	http://www.mof.go.jp/english/jgbs/publication/newsletter/index.htm

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