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# Japan's Economic Outlook Under Uncertainty

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# Japanese Economy: Growth Rate and Price Outlook Comparison

 Real GDP growth rate: The Japanese economy is expected to gradually slow down. The gradual slowdown will continue through FY2019 due to the effects of the planned consumption tax hike, and is expected to approach a moderate growth trajectory at around the level of the potential growth rate.

#### Real GDP Growth Rate

♦ Core CPI

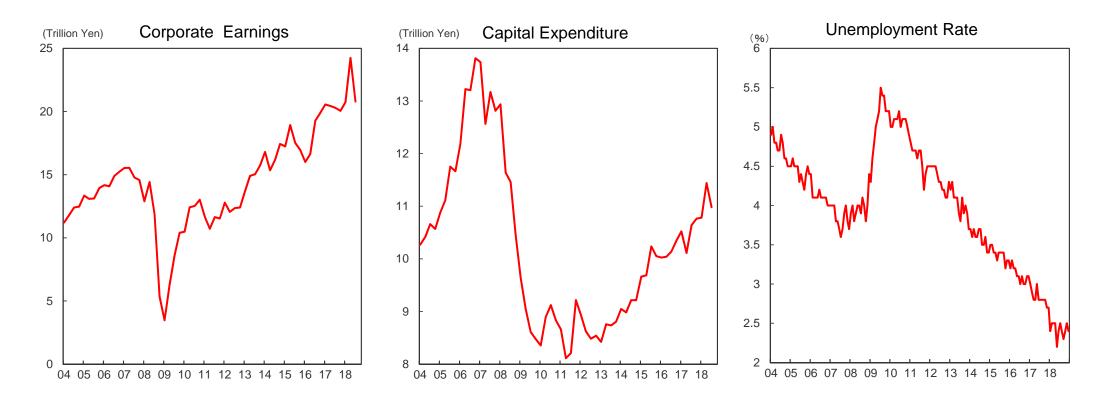
(Yy, %)	DIR	BOJ	Govt	ESP	(Yy, %)	DIR	BOJ	Govt	ESP
FY2018	0.5	0.9	0.9	0.62	FY2018	0.8	0.8	1.0	0.82
FY2019	0.8	0.9	1.3	0.68	FY2019	0.5 (0.3)	1.1 (0.9)	1.1 ( - )	0.97 (0.62)
FY2020	0.6	1.0	1.4	0.52	FY2020	0.5 (0.4)	1.5 (1.4)	1.3 ( - )	0.99 (0.69)

Source: DIR Japan's Economic Outlook No. 200 (February 2019), BOJ Outlook for Economic Activity and Prices (January 2019), Japanese Govt. Mid to Long-Term Estimate of Economy & Finance (January 2019) baseline case, ESP February 2019 Survey. Note: 1) The Govt figure uses the CPI total value.

2) Figures in parenthesis exclude the effects of the consumption tax hike and policies concerning the provision of free education.

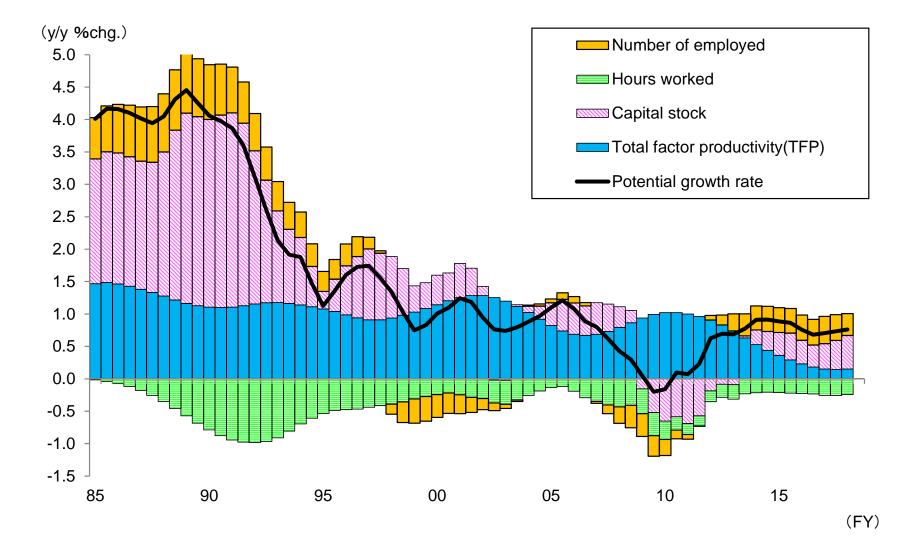
3) The BOJ figure uses the medians of the Policy Board members' forecasts (point estimates).

# **Solid Economic Indicators**



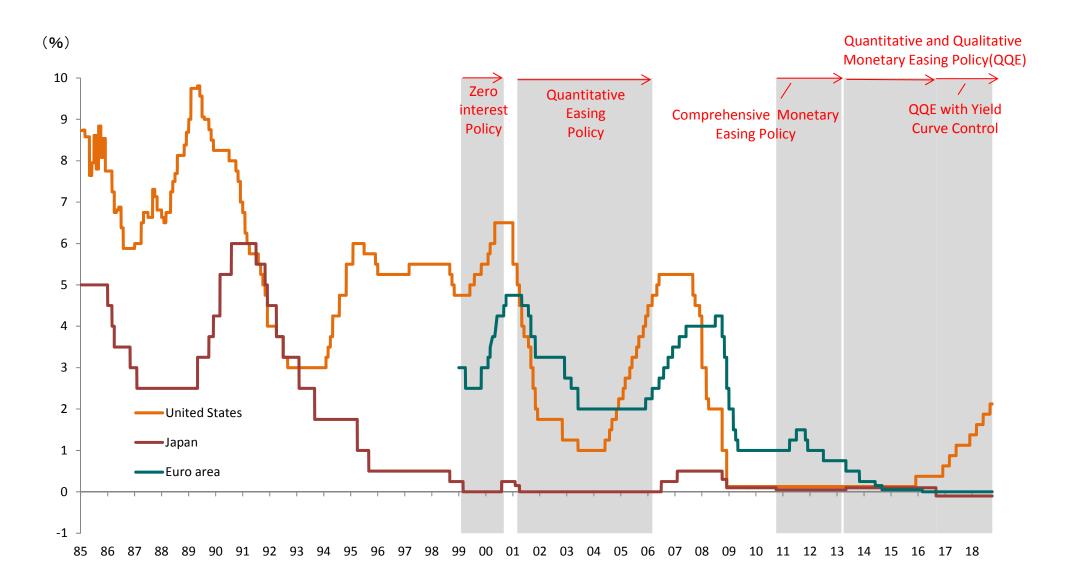
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# **Potential Growth Rate**



Note: Figures for the first half of fiscal 2018 are those of 2018/Q2. Source: Bank of Japan; compiled by DIR.

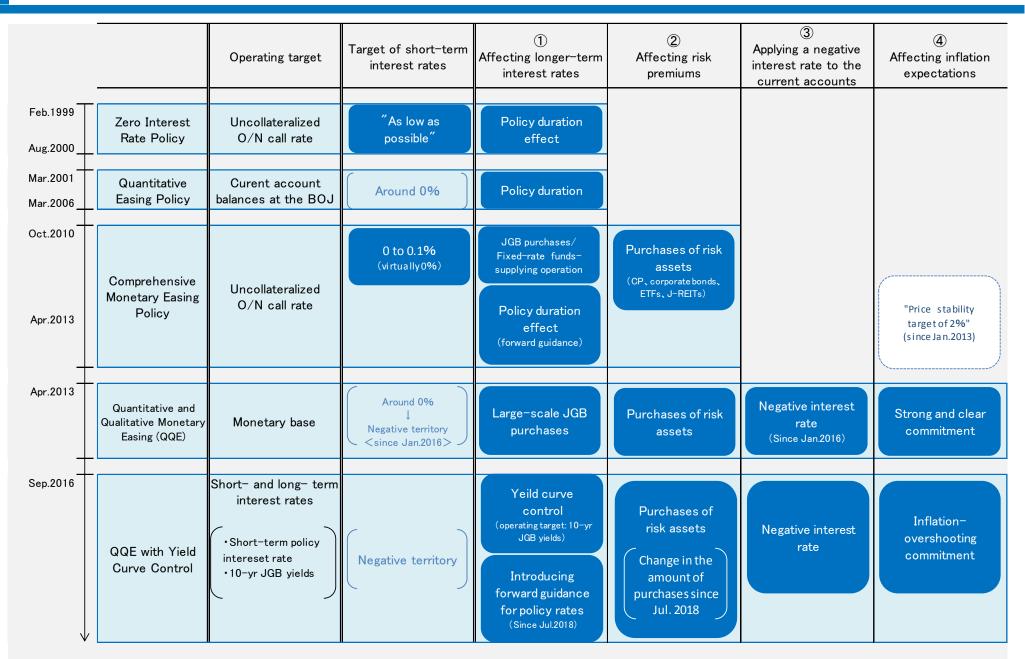
# **Policy Interest Rates**



Source: BIS, Bank of Japan, Haver Analytics; compiled by DIR.

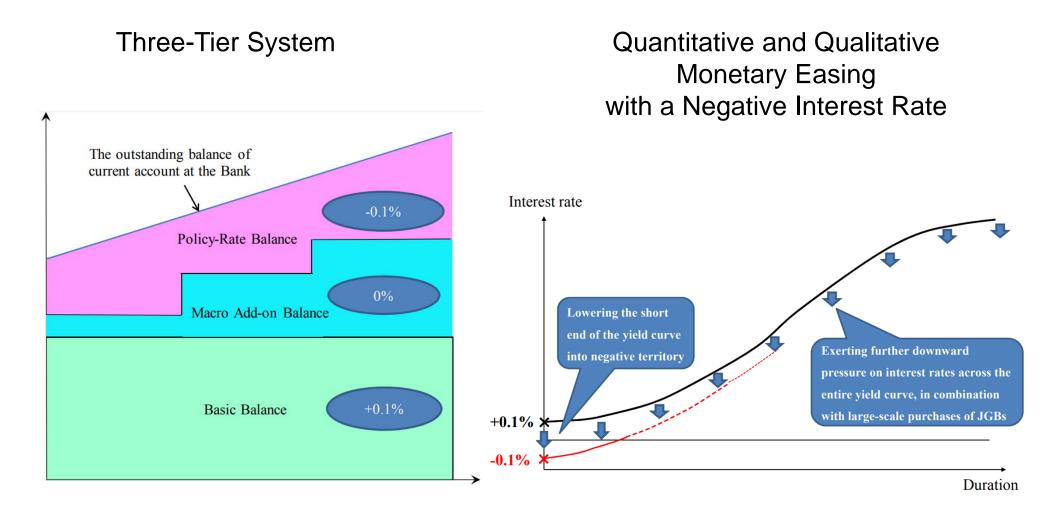
Note : For Japan, figures for the policy rate are; 1985-Sep.1998(the official discount rate ), Sep.1998-Mar.2001(the uncollateralized overnight call rate), Mar.2001-Mar.2006(the interest rates applied to current account deposits at the Bank, 0.1%), Mar.2006-Apr.2013(the uncollateralized overnight call rate), Apr.2013-Sep.2016(the interest rates applied to current account deposits at the Bank, 0.1%), Sep.2016(the interest rates applied to current account deposits at the Bank, 0.1%).

# Transition of BOJ's Monetary Policy



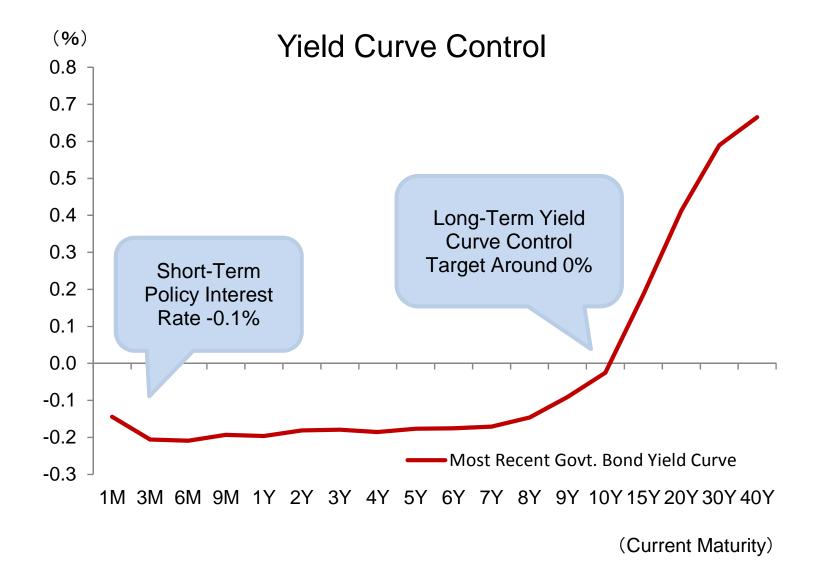
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# Quantitative and Qualitative Monetary Easing with a Negative Interest Rate

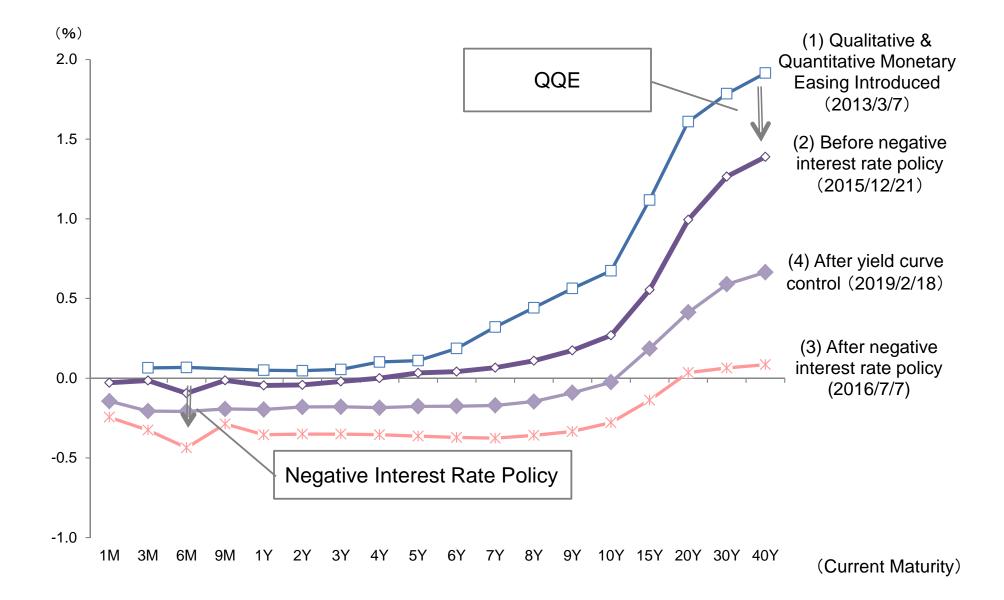


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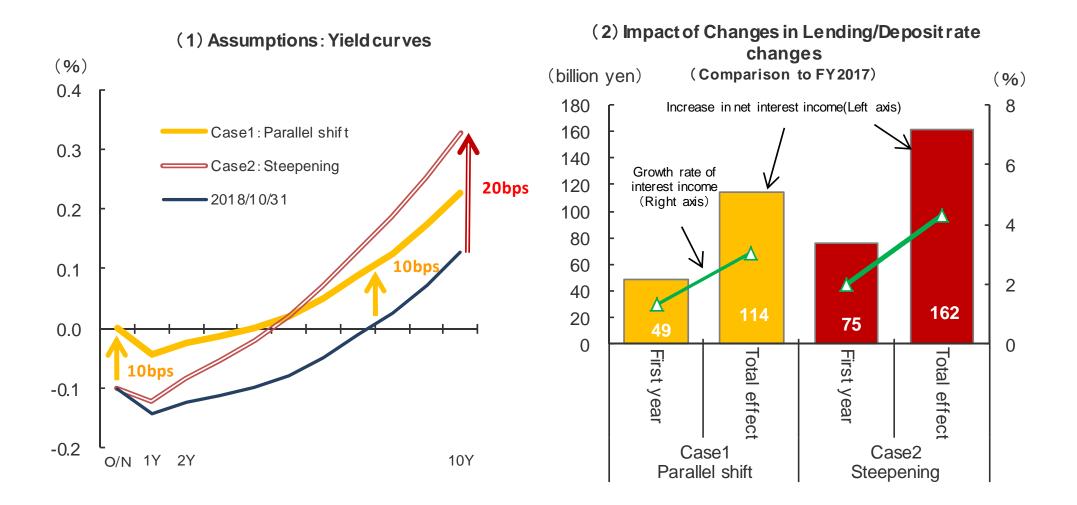
## **Quantitative and Qualitative Monetary Easing with Yield Curve Control**



Source: Haver Analytics; compiled by DIR. Note: Yield curve as of February 18,2019.



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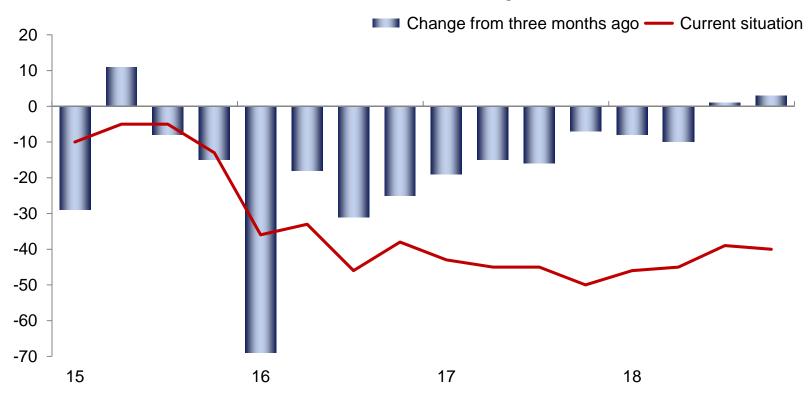
Note: 1. Case1 is an upward parallel shift in the yield curve by 10 basis points(bps).

- Case2 is rising 10-year bond yield by 20bps and overnight rate(O/N rate) is no change(Steepening).
- 2. This simulation would be affected by availability of data or estimation methods.
- 3. Loan, deposit and net interest income is as of the end of FY 2017.
- This simulation uses 10-year bond yield and O/N rate sensitivity of lending/deposit rate. (Data collection period: 2000/01 2018/09)

Source: Bank of Japan "Financial System Report " (October 2017), Japanese Bankers Association "Financial Statements of All Banks"; compiled by DIR.

# **Recovery in Market Function: Degree of Bond Market Functioning**

 Market participants are still expressing a tough assessment of bond market functioning, but the situation is improving, and is heading toward a level not seen since May 2015. (August 2018 BOJ Survey)



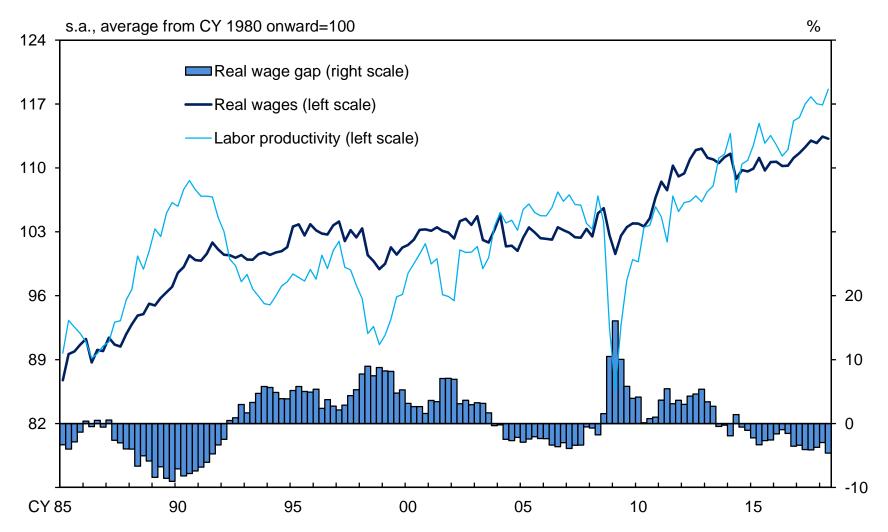
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Source: BOJ "Bond Market Survey"; compiled by DIR. Note: Because of changes to survey, there is no linkage to older surveys after February 2018.

# Reasons for a rise in inflation taking time

- ✓ Downward pressure on prices stemming from intensifying competition has operated in some areas.
- ✓ Firms' wage-setting stance has remained cautious, and it has been taking time for wage increases to fully take hold.
- Firms' price-setting stance has remained cautious even though input prices have been rising and labor costs have been increasing moderately but steadily.
- ✓ Households' tolerance of price rises has not been increasing clearly.
- ✓ Improvement in labor productivity.

# Real Wage Gap



Notes: 1. The real wage gap is defined as the deviation of real wages from labor productivity.

2. Real wages = personnel expenses / number of workers / GDP deflator

3. Labor productivity = (operating profits + personnel expenses + depreciation expenses) / number of workers / GDP deflator

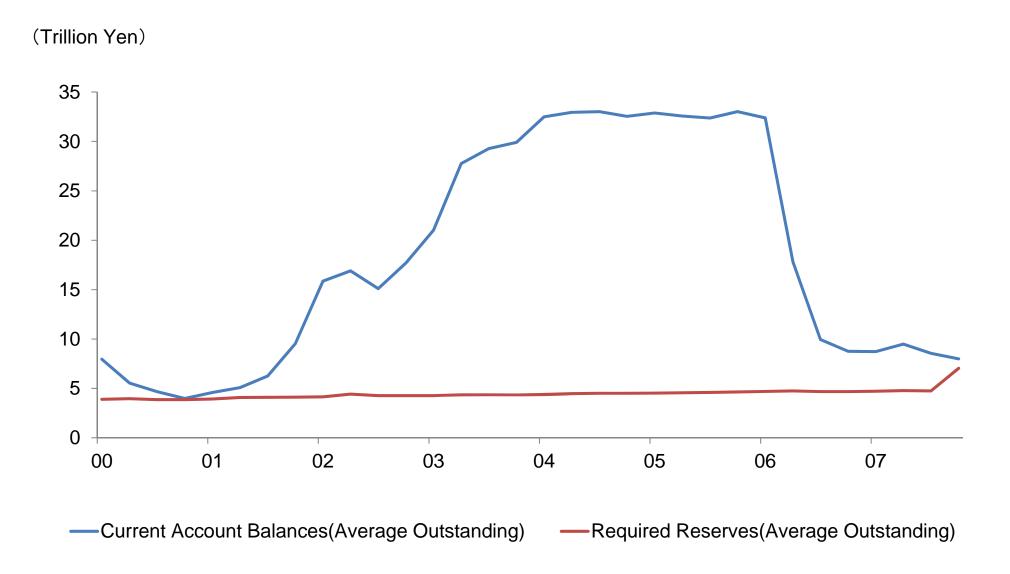
4. Variables such as personnel expenses are based on the "Financial Statements Statistics of Corporations by Industry, Quarterly" and exclude "finance and insurance."

5. Figures from 2009/Q2 exclude "pure holding companies."

Original Sources: Ministry of Finance; Cabinet Office.

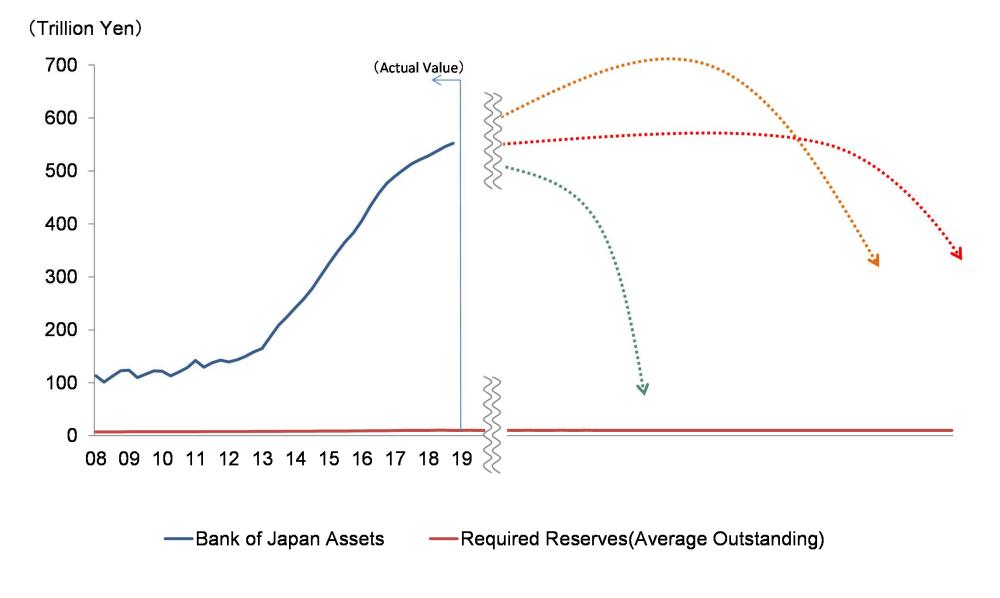
Source: Bank of Japan

# Exiting from Quantitative Easing Policy (QEP) in 2006



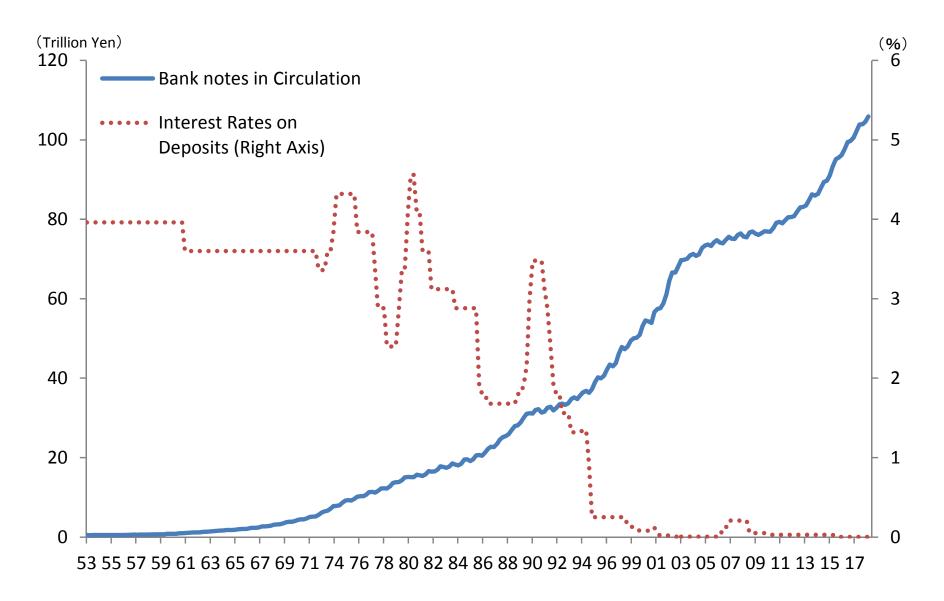
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# Expected Bank of Japan 's Normalization Policy (Image)



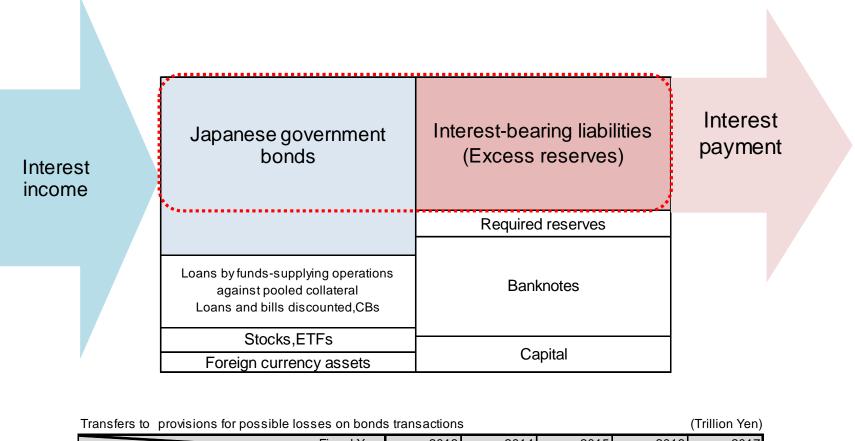
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# **Changes in Banknotes Outstanding and Interest Rates**



Note: Interest rates on deposits is JP bank's interest rate on normal savings. Source: INDB; compiled by DIR.

### Expansion of Reserves to Cover Losses on Bond Transactions (as of Nov. 27, 2015)



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Fiscal Year	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Required reserve balances & Additional reserves	0.1	0.2	-	-	-
Transfer to provision for possible losses on bonds transactions	-	-	0.5	0.5	0.4
Capital	6.5	7.2	7.4	7.8	8.2
Provision for possible losses on bonds transactions(Stock)	2.2	2.2	2.7	3.2	3.6

Source: Bank of Japan; compiled by DIR.