Quantitative and Qualitative Monetary Easing

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Basic Thinking

- The Bank should do whatever is necessary to overcome deflation.
- It should strongly and clearly commit itself to the achievement of the price stability target of 2% as its responsibility.
- It should convey its strong policy stance with clarity and intelligibility.
- It should enter a new phase of monetary easing both in terms of quantity and quality in order to underpin its commitment.

Introduction of the "Quantitative and Qualitative Monetary Easing" (1)

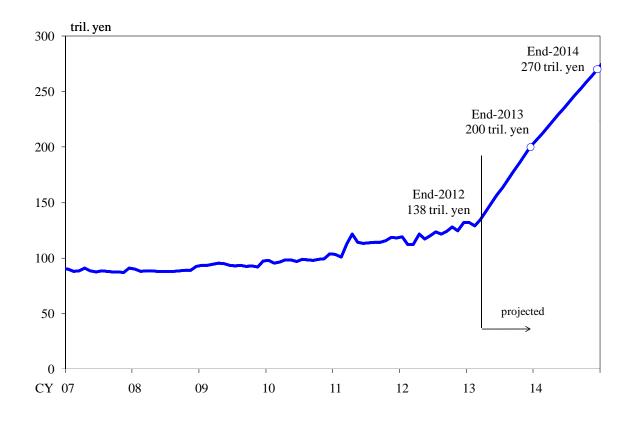
Strong and Clear Commitment

• The Bank will achieve the price stability target of 2% at the earliest possible time, with a time horizon of <u>about 2 years</u>.

New Phase of Monetary Easing Both in Terms of Quantity and Quality

- Monetary base: Annual increase of about 60-70 tril. yen ($\underline{x2}$ in 2 years).
- •Amount outstanding of JGB holdings: Annual increase of about 50 tril. yen (more than x2 in 2 years).
- Average remaining maturity of the Bank's JGB purchases: Extended to about 7 years (more than x2 in 2 years).
- Amount outstanding of ETF holdings: Annual increase of about 1 tril. yen (more than x2 in 2 years).
- Amount outstanding of J-REIT holdings: Annual increase of about 30 bil. yen.

Monetary Base Target



Introduction of the "Quantitative and Qualitative Monetary Easing" (2)

Intelligible Monetary Policy

- The Bank has terminated the Asset Purchase Program and <u>synthesized</u> <u>purchasing methods of JGBs</u>.
- It has adopted the monetary base as an indicator for quantitative easing.

Continuation of Monetary Easing

- The Bank will continue with the quantitative and qualitative monetary easing, aiming to achieve the price stability target of 2%, <u>as long as it is</u> <u>necessary for maintaining that target in a stable manner</u>.
- It will examine both upside and downside risks to economic activity and prices, and make adjustments as appropriate.

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Effects of the "Quantitative and Qualitative Monetary Easing"

Encouraging a further decline in longer-term interest rates and lowering risk premia of asset prices

Portfolio rebalancing effect

where investment in risk assets and lending increase

Drastically changing **expectations**

of markets and economic entities