Japan's Economy and Monetary Policy

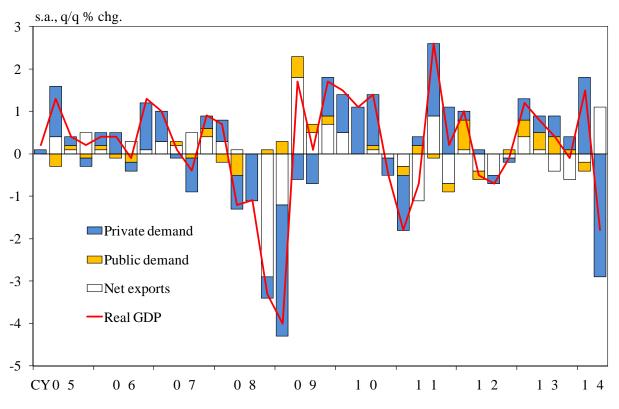
Speech at a Meeting with Business Leaders in Osaka

September 16, 2014

Haruhiko Kuroda Governor of the Bank of Japan

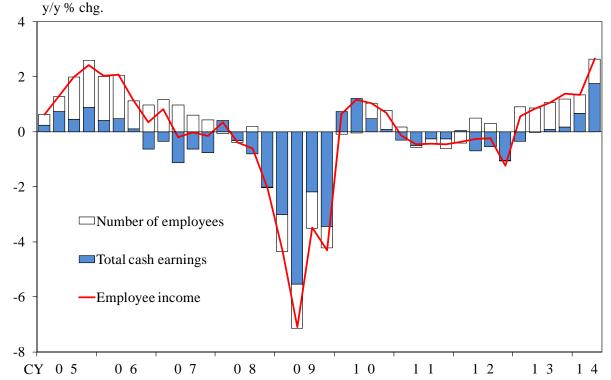
Chart 1

Real GDP



Source: Cabinet Office.

Employee Income



Notes: 1. Q1 = March-May, Q2 = June-August, Q3 = September-November, Q4 = December-February. Figures for 2014/Q2 are June-July averages.

Sources: Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare; Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications.

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Chart 3

Environment surrounding Business Fixed Investment

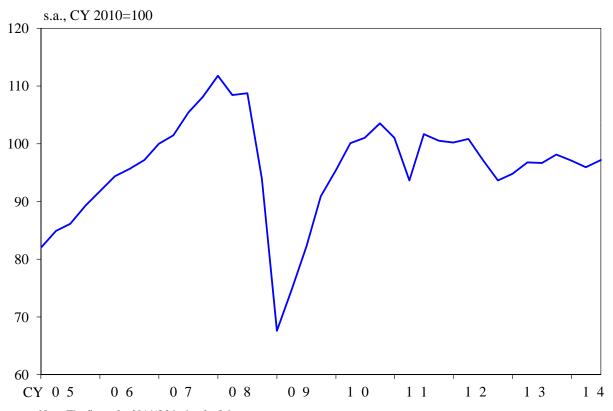
Increased demand for "renewal investment"

Advantageous conditions for "labor-saving machinery and equipment investment"

Developments toward making "investment in improving the domestic bases of Japanese firms' businesses"

^{2.} Figures for "employee income" are calculated as the "number of employees" (Labour Force Survey) times "total cash earnings" (Monthly Labour Survey).

Real Exports



Note: The figure for 2014/Q3 is that for July. Sources: Ministry of Finance; Bank of Japan.

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Chart 5

World Economy

Real GDP Growth Rate

Projections for Major Economies

y/y % chg.

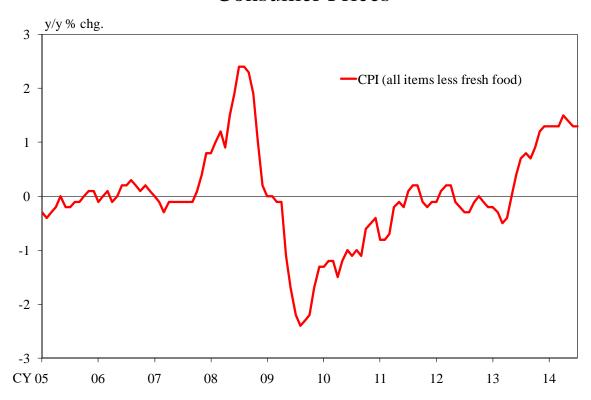
y/y % chg. 2004-2007 average: + 2000-2007 average: + 4 - 3 - 1990-1999 average: +3.1%	5.1% +4.0 +3.4 +3.5 +3.2 IMF forecast (July 2014)
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			2012	2013	Projections		
					2014	2015	
Vorld			3.5	3.2	3.4	4.0	
OIR					(-0.3)	(0.0)	
1	Adva	dvanced Economies	1.4	1.3	1.8	2.4	
			1.7	1.5	(-0.4)	(0.1)	
	Un	United States	2.8	1.9	1.7	3.0	
					(-1.1)	(0.1)	
	Eur	Euro Area	-0.7	-0.4	1.1	1.5	
		0.7	01.	(0.0)	(0.1)		
	Japan	1.4	1.5	1.6	1.1		
Ļ					(0.3)	(0.1)	
Emerging Market and Developing Economies			5.1	4.7	4.6	5.2	
		loping Economies			(-0.2)	(-0.1)	
	De	Developing Asia	6.7	6.6	6.4	6.7	
					(-0.2)	(-0.1)	
	China ASEAN	7.7	7.7	7.4	7.1		
					(-0.2)	(-0.2)	
		6.2	5.2	4.6	5.6		
		2.9	2.6	(-0.4)	(0.2)		
	Latin America and the Caribbean			2.0	2.6		
tne Cari		Cariobean			(-0.5)	(-0.3)	

Note: Figures in parentheses are the difference from the April 2014 WEO projections.

Source: IMF

Consumer Prices



Note: Figures from April 2014 onward are calculated to adjust the direct effects of the consumption tax hike. Source: Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications.

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