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Bank of Japan

Amendment to "Principal Terms and Conditions for the Asset Purchase Program"

At the Monetary Policy Meeting held today, the Policy Board of the Bank of Japan decided to take the measures as listed below, with a view to further enhancing monetary easing and thereby ensuring a successful transition from the recovery phase following the earthquake disaster to a sustainable growth path with price stability.

1. The Bank shall amend the "Principal Terms and Conditions for the Asset Purchase Program" (see Attachment 1).
2. The Bank shall amend the "Principal Terms and Conditions for Purchases of ETFs and J-REITs Conducted through the Asset Purchase Program" (see Attachment 2).
3. The Bank shall seek, from the Minister of Finance and the Commissioner of the Financial Services Agency, authorization regarding the implementation of 1. and 2., in accordance with Article 43, Paragraph 1 and Article 61-2 of the Bank of Japan Act.

Amendment to "Principal Terms and Conditions for the Asset Purchase Program"

- 4. shall be amended as follows.

4. Maximum Outstanding Amount of Purchases and Loans

(1) The maximum outstanding amount of financial assets purchased through the Program shall be about ~~10~~15 trillion yen. The maximum outstanding amount of loans provided through the Program shall be about ~~30~~35 trillion yen.

(2) The maximum outstanding amount for each financial asset purchased through the Program shall be as follows.

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| a. Japanese government bonds with coupons | about 2 <u>4</u> trillion yen |
| b. Treasury discount bills | about 3 <u>4.5</u> trillion yen |
| c. CP | about 2 <u>2.1</u> trillion yen |
| d. Corporate bonds | about 2 <u>2.9</u> trillion yen |
| e. Beneficiary interest in index-linked exchange-traded funds | about 0.9 <u>1.4</u> trillion yen |
| f. Investment equity issued by real estate investment corporations | about 0.1 <u>0.11</u> trillion yen |

(Supplementary Provision)

These amendments shall become effective today. However, amendments regarding purchases of beneficiary interest in index-linked exchange-traded funds and investment equity issued by real estate investment corporations shall become effective on the date the Bank obtains authorization from the Minister of Finance and the Commissioner of the Financial Services Agency in accordance with Article 43, Paragraph 1 and Article 61-2 of the Bank of Japan Act, Act No. 89, 1997, provided that the Bank obtains such authorization.

Amendment to "Principal Terms and Conditions for Purchases of ETFs and J-REITs Conducted through the Asset Purchase Program"

- 6. shall be amended as follows.

6. Schedule of Purchases

Purchases of ETFs and J-REITs shall be conducted until around the end of ~~June 2012~~2012.

(Supplementary Provision)

These amendments shall become effective today. However, amendments regarding purchases of beneficiary interest in index-linked exchange-traded funds and investment equity issued by real estate investment corporations shall become effective on the date the Bank obtains authorization from the Minister of Finance and the Commissioner of the Financial Services Agency in accordance with Article 43, Paragraph 1 and Article 61-2 of the Bank of Japan Act, Act No. 89, 1997, provided that the Bank obtains such authorization.