

(Tentative translation by the Secretariat)

Study Group on Risk-Free Reference Rates

Minutes for the April 28, 2017 Meeting

4:30 – 5:30 PM

(Meeting Room in the Bank of Japan)

1. Members approved the minutes of the January 20, 2017 meeting. They also approved the publication of the minutes on the Bank of Japan's website.
2. At the opening of the meeting, the new Chair was elected with the resignation of the ex-Chair.
3. The Secretariat provided an update on recent developments in international discussions about risk-free reference rates. The ISDA provided an update on the progress of discussion in the ISDA Benchmark Working Group.
4. The Working Group on Use of the Risk-Free Rate, a working group which was launched early this year after the previous meeting of the Study Group to expand use of the risk-free rate, reported briefly about its first meeting held in March. More specifically, the working group reported that it would be useful to include, with respect to the frequency of interest payments, semiannual interest payments for the OIS transactions regarded as “Eligible Interest Rate Swap (IRS) Transactions” for Japan Securities Clearing Cooperation (JSCC) clearing. The working group also reported that it is important to deepen auditors’ understanding about the use of OIS transactions as hedges through discussion with them.
5. The Working Group proposed that, for the time being, it would focus mainly on the discussion regarding the inclusion of semiannual interest payments to the “Eligible IRS Transactions” for JSCC clearing. Members accepted this proposal.
6. The Chair announced that the work from now on would be carried out in the working group and that the Study Group would be held as appropriate, taking account of developments in international discussions and the outcome of the working group.

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Attendance for the April 28, 2017 Meeting

(Attendees)

Chair	Bank of Tokyo-Mitsubishi UFJ	Takeshi Ogura
Vice Chair	Nomura Securities	Shigeru Hashimoto
	SMBC Nikko Securities	Kazuhiro Ojima
	Goldman Sachs	Kengo Taguchi
	Daiwa Securities	Yuichiro Inada
	Daiwa Securities	Hiroshi Shimazaki
	Deutsche Bank	Kei Kobayashi
	Deutsche Bank	Megumi Hirano
	Nomura Securities	Hayato Ishida
	Barclays Securities	Daisuke Murayama
	Mizuho Bank	Hideki Kubo
	Mizuho Securities	Hiromichi Kassai
	Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corporation	Hiroshige Katsurada
	Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corporation	Kazuaki Sugaya
	Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corporation	Shigeto Horiuchi
	Bank of Tokyo-Mitsubishi UFJ	Kazuhiro Ikebe
	Bank of Tokyo-Mitsubishi UFJ	Nobukazu Negi
	Mitsubishi UFJ Morgan Stanley Securities	Takehiro Seki
	MorganStanley MUFG Securities	Takehiko Igarashi
	ISDA	Yasunobu Arima
	ISDA	Tomoko Morita
	Japanese Bankers Association	Hiroyuki Ohmine
	Japanese Bankers Association	Hiroataka Koyama
	Japan Securities Dealers Association	Tatsushige Takayama
	Japan Securities Dealers Association	Yuya Nakase
	Japan Securities Dealers Association	Masato Maruno

(Observers)

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Hisashi Kuwata

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Mitsune Shirasawa

Financial Services Agency

Keisuke Niwa

Financial Services Agency

Fumi Miyauchi

Financial Services Agency

Koichi Miyaji

Bank of Japan

Kota Iijima

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Shigeru Shimizu