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The Bank of Japan is the central bank of Japan. It is a juridical person established based on the Bank of Japan Act (hereafter the Act), and is not a government agency or a private corporation (Table 1).

Table 1

History of the Bank of Japan

1882	June	The Bank of Japan Act of 1882 is promulgated; the Bank is to have capital of 10 million yen and is given a license to operate for 30 years from the start of business.
	Oct. 10	Business operation begins.
1887	Mar.	An increase in the Bank's capital is announced from 10 million yen to 20 million yen.
1895	Aug.	An increase in the Bank's capital is announced from 20 million yen to 30 million yen.
1896	Apr.	The Head Office is moved to a new building at the present location.
1910	Feb.	The Bank is given a license to operate for 30 more years from October 10, 1912, and an increase in the Bank's capital is announced from 30 million yen to 60 million yen.
1942	Feb.	The Bank of Japan Act of 1942 is promulgated; the Bank is to have capital of 100 million yen.
	May 1	The Bank is reorganized under the Bank of Japan Act of 1942.
1949	June	The Policy Board is established.
1997	June	The Bank of Japan Act of 1997 is promulgated; the Bank is to have capital of 100 million yen.
1998	Apr. 1	The Bank of Japan Act of 1997 comes into effect.

I. CORE PURPOSES

The Act determines the Bank's core purposes as follows:

Article 1

- (1) The purpose of the Bank of Japan, or the central bank of Japan, is to issue banknotes and to carry out currency and monetary control.
- (2) In addition to what is prescribed in the preceding paragraph, the Bank of Japan's purpose is to ensure smooth settlement of funds among banks and other financial institutions, thereby contributing

to the maintenance of stability of the financial system.

The Act also stipulates the principle governing the Bank's currency and monetary control as follows:

Article 2

Currency and monetary control by the Bank of Japan shall be aimed at achieving price stability, thereby contributing to the sound development of the national economy.

II. CAPITAL

The Bank is capitalized at 100 million yen in accordance with Article 8, paragraph 1 of the Act. As of the end of March 2022, 55,008,000 yen is subscribed by the government, and the rest by the private sector (Table 2).¹

The Act does not grant holders of subscription certificates the right to participate in the Bank's

management, and, in the case of liquidation, only gives them the right to request distribution of residual assets up to the sum of the paid-up capital and, if any, the special reserve fund.² Dividend payments as a proportion of paid-up capital are limited to 5 percent or below in each fiscal year.³

Table 2

Subscribers by Category

Subscribers	Amount of subscription (thous. yen) ¹	Percentage of the total subscription (%)
The government	55,008	55.0
The private sector	44,991	45.0
Individuals	40,594	40.6
Financial institutions	1,851	1.9
Public organizations	191	0.2
Securities companies	39	0.0
Other firms	2,313	2.3
Total	100,000	100.0

Note: 1. Rounded down to the nearest 1,000 yen. As of the end of March 2022.

1. Article 8, paragraph 2 of the Act states as follows: "Of the amount of stated capital set forth in the preceding paragraph, the amount of contribution by the government shall be no less than fifty-five million yen."

2. Stipulated by Article 60, paragraph 2, and Supplementary Provisions Article 22, paragraph 2.

3. Stipulated by Article 53, paragraph 4.

III. THE BANK'S OFFICERS

The Bank's officers are the Governor, Deputy Governors, Members of the Policy Board, Auditors, Executive Directors, and Counsellors.⁴ Of the above, the Governor, Deputy Governors, and Members of the Policy Board make up the Policy Board.⁵

The Governor, Deputy Governors, and Members of the Policy Board are appointed by the Cabinet, subject to the consent of the House of Representatives and the House of Councillors. Auditors are appointed by the Cabinet. Executive Directors and Counsellors are appointed by the Minister of Finance based on the Policy Board's recommendation.⁶

The terms of office are five years for the Governor, Deputy Governors, and Members of the Policy Board; four years for Auditors and Executive Directors; and two years for Counsellors.⁷ The Bank's officers, excluding Executive Directors, are not dismissed against their will during their terms of office, except in the cases prescribed in the Act, such as the formal commencement of bankruptcy proceedings against them.⁸

For duties and powers of the Bank's officers, see Table 3.⁹

Table 3

Duties and Powers of the Bank's Officers

	Duties and powers
Policy Board members	Decide the guideline for currency and monetary control and other important matters concerning the Bank's operations, and supervise the officers (excluding Auditors and Counsellors) in the fulfillment of their duties.
Governor	Represents the Bank and exercises general control over the Bank's business in accordance with decisions made by the Policy Board. At the same time, fulfills the duties of an independent Policy Board member.
Deputy Governors	In accordance with decisions made by the Governor, represent the Bank, administer the business of the Bank assisting the Governor, act for the Governor whenever the Governor is prevented from attending to his/her duties, and perform the Governor's duties during a vacancy in the office of the Governor. At the same time, fulfill the duties of independent Policy Board members.
Members of the Policy Board	Comprise the Policy Board, together with the Governor and Deputy Governors.
Auditors	Audit the business of the Bank. May, when they find it necessary based on the audit results, submit their opinions to the Minister of Finance, the Prime Minister (the Commissioner of the Financial Services Agency when the Prime Minister delegates such authority under Article 61-2 of the Act), or the Policy Board.
Executive Directors	In accordance with decisions made by the Governor, administer the business of the Bank assisting the Governor and Deputy Governors, act for the Governor when the Governor and Deputy Governors are prevented from attending to their duties, and perform the Governor's duties during vacancies in the offices of the Governor and Deputy Governors.
Counsellors	Give advice to the Policy Board when consulted on any important matter concerning the Bank's business operations. May also express their opinions to the Policy Board when they find it necessary.

4. Stipulated by Article 21. The officers of the Bank consist of a Governor, two Deputy Governors, six Members of the Policy Board, three or fewer Auditors, six or fewer Executive Directors, and a small number of Counsellors.

5. Stipulated by Article 16, paragraph 2.

6. Stipulated by Article 23.

7. Stipulated by Article 24.

8. Stipulated by Article 25.

9. Duties and powers are stipulated by Article 16, paragraph 2, and Article 22.

Policy Board Members^{1,2}



Standing from left to right: TAKATA Hajime, NOGUCHI Asahi, ADACHI Seiji, NAKAMURA Toyoaki, NAKAGAWA Junko, and TAMURA Naoki
Seated from left to right: AMAMIYA Masayoshi, KURODA Haruhiko, and WAKATABE Masazumi

KURODA Haruhiko, Governor

AMAMIYA Masayoshi, Deputy Governor

WAKATABE Masazumi, Deputy Governor

ADACHI Seiji

NAKAMURA Toyoaki

NOGUCHI Asahi

NAKAGAWA Junko

TAKATA Hajime

TAMURA Naoki

Notes: 1. Members are as of August 1, 2022.

2. The texts of speeches by Policy Board members are available on the Bank's website (https://www.boj.or.jp/en/announcements/press/koen_speaker/index.htm).

KURODA Haruhiko
Governor (the 31st) and Chairman of the Policy Board
Date of Birth

October 25, 1944

Education

 The University of Tokyo
 (1967, B.A. in Law)
 University of Oxford
 (1971, M.Phil. in Economics)

 1967 Joined Japan's Ministry of Finance (MOF)
 1987 Director, International Organizations Division, International Finance Bureau
 1988 Secretary to the Minister of Finance
 1989 Director, International Tax Affairs Division, Tax Bureau
 1990 Director, Income Tax and Property Tax Policy Division, Tax Bureau
 1991 Director, Co-ordination Division, Tax Bureau
 1993 Regional Commissioner, Osaka Regional Taxation Bureau, National Tax Agency
 1994 Deputy Director-General, International Finance Bureau, MOF
 1996 President, Institute of Fiscal and Monetary Policy
 1997 Director-General, International Finance Bureau
 1998 Director-General, International Bureau
 1999 Vice Minister of Finance for International Affairs
 2003 Special Advisor to the Cabinet and Professor, Graduate School of Economics, Hitotsubashi University
 2005 President, Asian Development Bank
 2013 Present position

AMAMIYA Masayoshi
Deputy Governor
Date of Birth

September 30, 1955

Education

 The University of Tokyo
 (1979, B.A. in Economics)

 1979 Joined the Bank of Japan
 1998 Director, Head of Planning Division II, Policy Planning Office
 Director, Head of Money and Capital Markets Division, Financial Markets Department
 1999 Director, Head of Planning Division I, Policy Planning Office
 2001 Associate Director-General, Policy Planning Office
 2002 Associate Director-General, Bank Examination and Surveillance Department
 2004 Deputy Director-General, Secretariat of the Policy Board
 2006 Director-General, Monetary Affairs Department
 2010 Executive Director
 2012 Executive Director and General Manager, Osaka Branch
 2013 Executive Director
 2018 Present position

WAKATABE Masazumi
Deputy Governor
Date of Birth

February 26, 1965

Education

 Waseda University
 (1987, B.A. in Economics; 1990, M.A. in Economics;
 and 1998, withdrew from doctoral program in
 Economics after completion of course requirements
 except for dissertation)
 University of Toronto
 (1994, M.A. in Economics; and 2002, withdrew from
 doctoral program in Economics after completion of
 course requirements except for dissertation)

 1991 Research Associate, Waseda University
 1998 Assistant Professor, Waseda University
 2000 Associate Professor, Waseda University
 2005 Professor, Waseda University
 2017 Visiting Scholar, Center on Japanese Economy and Business, Columbia Business School
 2018 Present position

ADACHI Seiji

Date of Birth	Education
July 4, 1965	The University of Tokyo (1989, B.A. in Economics) Hitotsubashi University (2014, MBA)

1989	Joined Daiwa Securities Co. Ltd.
1995	Joined Daiwa Institute of Research Ltd.
2001	Joined Fuji Investment Management Co., Ltd. Joined Credit Suisse First Boston Securities (Japan) Ltd., Tokyo Branch
2004	Joined Deutsche Securities Ltd., Tokyo Branch
2013	Joined Marusan Securities Co., Ltd. General Manager, Economic Research Department, Marusan Securities Co., Ltd.
2020	Present position

NOGUCHI Asahi

Date of Birth	Education
March 17, 1958	The University of Tokyo (1982, B.A. in Economics; and 1988, withdrew from doctoral program in Economics after completion of course requirements except for dissertation) Chuo University (2021, Ph.D. in Economics)

1988	Lecturer, Senshu University
1991	Assistant Professor, Senshu University
1997	Professor, Senshu University
2003	Visiting Fellow, Center for International and Area Studies, Yale University
2021	Present position

TAKATA Hajime

Date of Birth	Education
August 2, 1958	The University of Tokyo (1982, B.A. in Economics) University of Oxford (1986, M.Sc. in Economics for Development)

1982	Joined The Industrial Bank of Japan, Ltd. (IBJ)
1999	General Manager of Fixed Income Research Department, Fixed Income Group, IBJ Securities Co., Ltd.
2000	General Manager of Fixed Income Research Department, Fixed Income Group, Mizuho Securities Co., Ltd. (MHSC)
2011	Executive Officer Joint Head of Global Research Division, MHSC Managing Executive Officer and Chief Economist, Mizuho Research Institute Ltd. (MHRI)
2017	Senior Managing Executive Officer and Chief Economist, MHRI
2019	Vice-chairman and Executive Economist, MHRI
2020	Chairman of Global Research Center and Executive Economist, Okasan Securities Co., Ltd.
2022	Present position

NAKAMURA Toyoaki

Date of Birth	Education
August 3, 1952	Keio University (1975, B.A. in Economics)

1975	Joined Hitachi, Ltd.
2006	General Manager of Finance Department I, Hitachi, Ltd.
2007	Representative Executive Officer, Senior Vice President (SVP) and Executive Officer, General Manager of Finance Department I and Director, Hitachi, Ltd.
2009	Representative Executive Officer, SVP and Executive Officer, in charge of Finance, Pension, Group Management and Business Development, Hitachi, Ltd.
2012	Representative Executive Officer, Executive Vice President (EVP) and Executive Officer, General Manager of Finance & Accounting Group, Hitachi, Ltd.
2014	Representative Executive Officer, EVP and Executive Officer, CFO, Hitachi, Ltd.
2016	Director, Hitachi, Ltd.
2020	Present position

NAKAGAWA Junko

Date of Birth	Education
July 26, 1965	Kobe University (1988, B.A. in Literature)

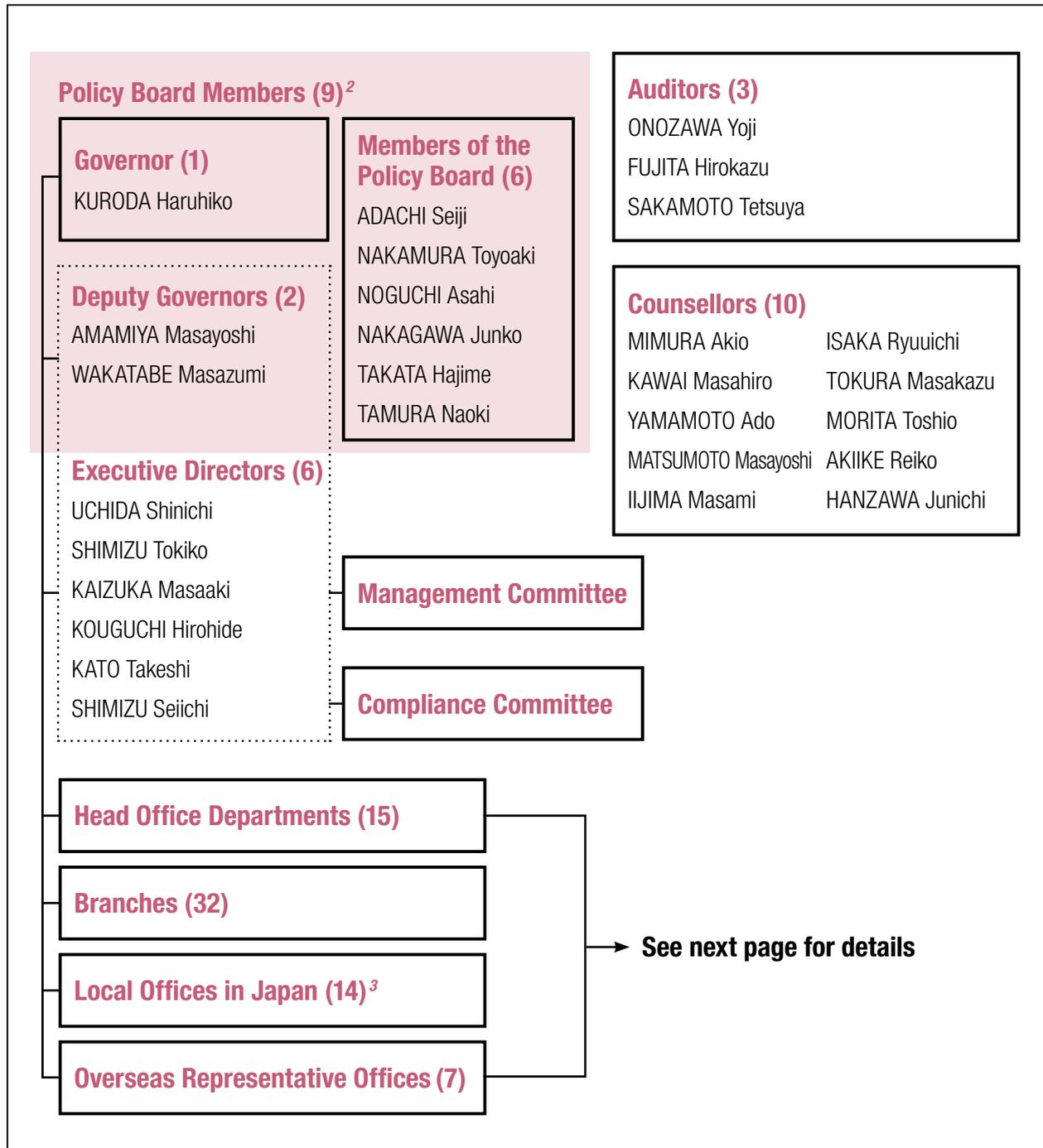
1988	Joined Nomura Securities Co., Ltd.
2001	Director of Financial Planning Group, Finance Department, Nomura Securities Co., Ltd.
2004	Resigned Nomura Securities Co., Ltd.
2008	Representative Director and President, Nomura Healthcare Co., Ltd.
2010	Co-Deputy Chief Financial Officer, Nomura Holdings, Inc.
2011	Executive Managing Director and Chief Financial Officer, Nomura Holdings, Inc.
2013	Senior Managing Director of Group Internal Audit, Nomura Holdings, Inc.
2017	Chief Risk Officer, Executive Vice President and Executive Managing Director, Nomura Asset Management Co., Ltd.
2019	President and Chief Executive Officer, Nomura Asset Management Co., Ltd.
2021	Chairperson, Nomura Asset Management Co., Ltd. Present position

TAMURA Naoki

Date of Birth	Education
July 9, 1961	Kyoto University (1984, B.A. in Law)

1984	Joined The Sumitomo Bank, Ltd.
2012	Executive Officer and General Manager, Credit & Investment Planning Department, Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corporation (SMBC), and General Manager, Corporate Risk Management Department, Sumitomo Mitsui Financial Group, Inc. (SMFG)
2015	Managing Executive Officer (Special Mission), SMBC Managing Executive Officer, Public Relations Department, Corporate Planning Department, and Subsidiaries & Affiliates Department, SMBC
2017	Managing Executive Officer, Deputy Head of Retail Banking Unit, SMBC, and Managing Executive Officer, Deputy Head of Retail Business Unit, SMFG
2018	Senior Managing Executive Officer, Head of Retail Banking Unit, SMBC, and Senior Managing Executive Officer, Head of Retail Business Unit, SMFG
2021	Advisor, SMBC, and Advisor, SMFG
2022	Present position

IV. ORGANIZATION

Organization Chart of the Bank¹

Notes: 1. As of August 1, 2022.

2. As stipulated by Article 16, paragraph 2 of the Act, the Policy Board shall consist of the Governor, two Deputy Governors, and six Members of the Policy Board.

3. Includes the Computer Center represented by the Director-General of the Information System Services Department, and the Banknote Operations Center represented by the Director-General of the Currency Issue Department.

Head office departments	Officials
Secretariat of the Policy Board	CHIDA Hidetsugu (Director-General) TAKEDA Naomi (Director-General, Senior Secretary to the Governor) FUKUDA Eiji (Director-General for Management Strategy, Budget and Accounting)
Internal Auditors' Office	YAMAGUCHI Satoshi (Director-General)
Monetary Affairs Department	NAKAMURA Koji (Director-General)
Financial System and Bank Examination Department	MASAKI Kazuhiro (Director-General)
Payment and Settlement Systems Department	KAMIYAMA Kazushige (Director-General)
Financial Markets Department	FUJITA Kenji (Director-General)
Research and Statistics Department	OTANI Akira (Director-General)
International Department	HIROSHIMA Tetsuya (Director-General)
Currency Issue Department	KANNO Hiroyuki (Director-General)
Operations Department	NAKAONE Yasuhiro (Director-General)
Information System Services Department	TANIGUCHI Fumikazu (Director-General)
Public Relations Department	KAMIGUCHI Hiroshi (Director-General)
Personnel and Corporate Affairs Department	HARIMOTO Keiko (Director-General) OKUNO Akio (Director-General for Personnel Management)
Administration Department	FUKUCHI Keita (Director-General)
Institute for Monetary and Economic Studies	SOEJIMA Yutaka (Director-General)

Overseas representative offices		Telephone numbers	General managers/ chief representatives
New York	Bank of Japan Chief Representative Office for the Americas Bank of Japan Representative Office in New York 140 Broadway, 22nd Floor, New York, NY 10005, U.S.A.	+1-212-269-6566	CHIKADA Ken (General Manager for the Americas and Chief Representative in New York)
Washington, D.C.	Bank of Japan Representative Office in Washington, D.C. 1801 Pennsylvania Ave., N.W., Suite 800, Washington, D.C. 20006, U.S.A.	+1-202-466-2228	ISHIZAKA Shingo (Chief Representative in Washington, D.C.)
London	Bank of Japan Chief Representative Office for Europe Bank of Japan Representative Office in London Basildon House, 7-11 Moorgate, London EC2R 6AF, U.K.	+44-20-7606-2454	WATANABE Shingo (General Manager for Europe and Chief Representative in London)
Paris	Bank of Japan Representative Office in Paris 17 Avenue George V, 75008 Paris, France	+33-1-4720-7295	ENOMOTO Hidetaka (Chief Representative in Paris)
Frankfurt	Bank of Japan Representative Office in Frankfurt Neue Mainzer Straße 66-68, 60311 Frankfurt am Main, Germany	+49-69-9714310	KATAOKA Masahiko (Chief Representative in Frankfurt)
Hong Kong	Bank of Japan Representative Office in Hong Kong Suite 1012, One Pacific Place, 88 Queensway, Central, Hong Kong	+852-2525-8325	TOYOKURA Chikara (Chief Representative in Hong Kong)
Beijing	Bank of Japan Representative Office in Beijing 19th Floor, Unit 12C, China World Tower 2, No. 1 Jian Guo Men Wai Avenue, Beijing 100004, China	+86-10-6505-9601	SAKASHITA Hideto (Chief Representative in Beijing)

Functions of Committees/Departments/Offices

COMMITTEES AND HEAD OFFICE DEPARTMENTS

Management Committee

Examines and manages Bank-wide issues regarding the Bank's operations. The committee comprises the Deputy Governors and all Executive Directors.

Compliance Committee

Ensures that the officers and employees perform their duties fairly and in compliance with the relevant laws and regulations. The committee comprises members appointed from among the Deputy Governors and Executive Directors by the Governor, the Director-General of the Internal Auditors' Office, and one or more legal experts from outside the Bank.

Secretariat of the Policy Board

(1) Arranges proceedings for Policy Board meetings, (2) liaises with the Diet and the media, (3) reviews the content and wording of important documents, and offers a legal perspective on them, (4) plans and formulates measures relating to the Bank's business operations and organizational management, (5) handles the Bank's budget, settlement, and accounting, (6) provides administrative services for the Bank's officers, and (7) supports Auditors in auditing.

Internal Auditors' Office

Audits the Bank's business operations.

Monetary Affairs Department

Plans and formulates monetary policy measures.

Financial System and Bank Examination Department

(1) Plans and formulates measures that contribute to the maintenance of an orderly financial system, (2) conducts on-site examinations and off-site monitoring of financial institutions that hold current accounts at the Bank, (3) judges financial institutions' eligibility to hold current accounts at the Bank and to have access to its lending facilities, and (4) determines the specifics of credit extension and discounting of bills by the Bank.

Payment and Settlement Systems Department

Plans and formulates measures in the following areas: (1) policy issues relating to payment and settlement systems; (2) financial institutions' access to payment and settlement services provided by the Bank; and (3) the Bank's business continuity planning.

Financial Markets Department

(1) Determines the specifics of daily market operations, (2) conducts foreign exchange interventions, (3) works toward improving the functioning of Japanese financial markets, including the foreign exchange market, and (4) monitors and analyzes developments in financial markets in Japan as well as overseas, including foreign exchange markets.

Research and Statistics Department

(1) Conducts research on the domestic economy and fiscal situation, and (2) compiles and releases statistics.

International Department

(1) Liaises and coordinates with overseas central banks and international organizations, (2) makes arrangements for investment in yen assets by overseas central banks, and conducts operations aimed at providing international financial support, (3) manages foreign currency assets held by the Bank, (4) conducts research on global economic and financial conditions, and (5) compiles Japan's balance of payments and other such statistics.

Currency Issue Department

(1) Conducts planning and operations relating to banknotes, and (2) conducts payment/receipt of coins, and examines and takes custody of them.

Operations Department

Conducts banking operations including the following: (1) discounting of bills; (2) credit extension; (3) purchasing/selling of bills, Japanese government securities, and other securities; (4) borrowing/lending of securities with cash collateral; (5) accepting of deposits; (6) domestic funds transfers; (7) handling of treasury funds; and (8) operations relating to stocks purchased by the Bank.

Information System Services Department

Manages the development and operation of the Bank's computer systems.

Public Relations Department

(1) Conducts public relations activities, (2) administers the Bank's library, and (3) works toward raising public awareness and understanding of financial and economic issues.

Personnel and Corporate Affairs Department

Handles business in corporate affairs, personnel policy issues relating to recruitment, assessment of job performance, career planning and training, wages and salaries, and the Bank's code of ethics.

Administration Department

Conducts administrative operations relating to the Bank's facilities, supplies, security, and transportation.

Institute for Monetary and Economic Studies

(1) Studies theoretical, institutional, technological, and historical aspects of monetary and economic issues, (2) collects, preserves, and exhibits historical materials and documents related to monetary and economic issues, and (3) exchanges views with academics.

BRANCHES AND OFFICES

Branches

The 32 branches mainly conduct operations relating to currency issue and banking operations, and research on the economic and financial situation in their respective areas.

Local Offices in Japan

The Computer Center in Fuchu City, Tokyo, operates the Bank's systems. The Banknote Operations Center in Toda City, Saitama Prefecture, receives, pays, and stores banknotes. The other 12 local offices handle some of the operations of the Head Office or branches.

Overseas Representative Offices

The seven overseas representative offices perform a liaison function, gather information, and conduct research.

The Bank's Offices

Head Office, Branches,
Local Offices, and Museums



Overseas Representative Offices¹



Note: 1. For details, see page 15.