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Bank of Japan

The Bank of Japan's Budget for Expenses for Fiscal 2025

The Bank of Japan's budget for expenses for fiscal 2025 (the 141st fiscal year) is as follows (Table 1).¹ While securing the necessary budget to perform its role as the central bank of Japan, the Bank has also thoroughly examined each item of expenditure to achieve more streamlined overall spending.

The budget for expenses for fiscal 2025 marks an increase of 7.5 percent from the previous year, of which the amount subject to the approval of the Minister of Finance has increased by 5.3 percent. The overall increase is mainly due to changes in the following items. The cost of fixed-asset purchases has increased by 77.1 percent, mainly owing to a rise in expenses related to construction work on the Bank's premises and to the update of automatic banknote examination machines. Personnel expenses as well as other general and administrative expenses and costs have increased by 6.1 percent and 3.7 percent, respectively. On the other hand, expenses for maintenance and repairs have decreased by 25.9 percent, due to a decline in maintenance and repair work conducted at the Bank's premises.

¹ The Bank prepares a budget for expenses every fiscal year. Its budget, excluding the cost of purchasing fixed assets used for the Bank's business operations, is subject to the approval of the Minister of Finance under Article 51, paragraph 1 of the Bank of Japan Act before the beginning of each fiscal year. After obtaining authorization from the Minister of Finance, the Bank implements the budget from the start of the fiscal year. For fiscal 2025, the Bank sought approval on March 21, 2025. All figures, including those in Table 1, are rounded off.

Table 1

Budget for Expenses for Fiscal 2025 (The 141st Fiscal Year)

Item	Initial budget (thous. yen)	Change from the previous year (percent)
Cost of production of banknotes	63,947,300	2.1
Administrative expenses for treasury business and Japanese government securities	21,755,823	1.3
Personnel expenses	56,682,837	6.1
Remuneration of the officers	437,324	-0.1
Remuneration of the employees	46,243,871	4.5
Retirement allowances	10,001,642	14.7
Expenses for transportation and communications	4,641,072	-3.1
Expenses for transportation	2,440,132	-4.6
Expenses for communications	2,200,940	-1.4
Expenses for maintenance and repairs	2,426,487	-25.9
Other general and administrative expenses and costs	62,819,767	3.7
Cost of expendable supplies	1,143,403	-1.4
Expenses for electricity and water supply	2,510,593	-14.1
Leasing fees for buildings and equipment	5,969,779	-10.4
Expenses for maintenance of buildings and equipment	11,223,531	-6.6
Miscellaneous expenses	41,972,461	11.0
Subtotal	212,273,286	3.0
Cost of fixed-asset purchases	23,950,254	77.1
Of which: Subject to the approval of the Minister of Finance ¹	6,949,226	232.9
Contingency funds	1,000,000	0.0
Total²	237,223,540	7.5
Of which: Subject to the approval of the Minister of Finance ¹	220,222,512	5.3

Notes: 1. Excludes the cost of purchasing fixed assets used for the Bank's business operations.

2. Of the budget for expenses, those related to computerization amount to 35,352,585 thousand yen, a 3.6 percent increase from the previous year, and are included in expenses for communications, leasing fees for buildings and equipment, expenses for maintenance of buildings and equipment, and miscellaneous expenses.

Budget estimates of computerization expenses assume required outsourcing of approximately 12,145 person-months (one person-month is the workload equivalent of one person working for one month in system development), and a total of approximately 15,586 person-months when the workload of the Bank's employees is included.