# Quantitative and Qualitative Monetary Easing and its Transmission Mechanism: Logic behind the First Arrow

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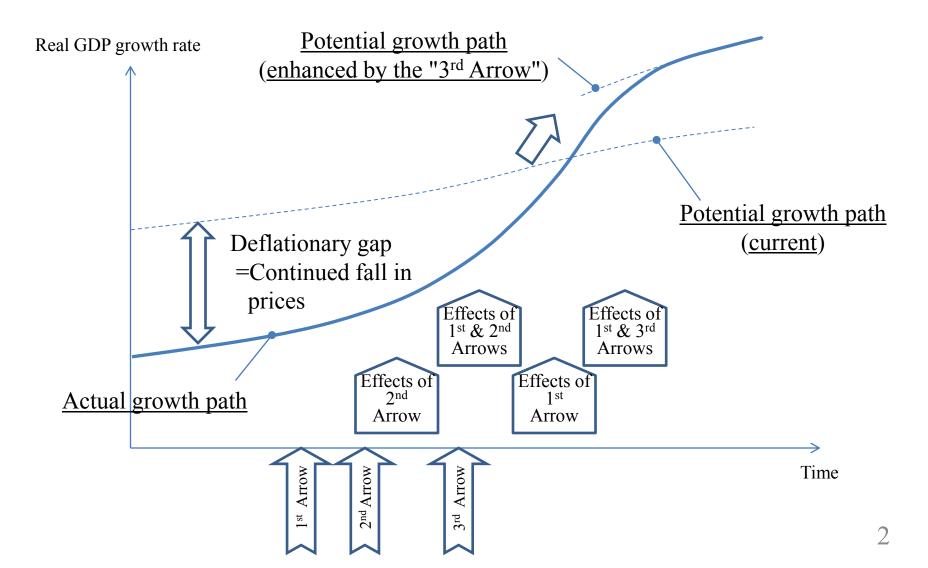
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### Components of the "Three Arrows"

- "1st Arrow": Bold Monetary Easing
  - ✓ Close the negative output gap and put Japan's economy back on track to a sustainable growth path through achieving the price stability target of 2%.
- "2<sup>nd</sup> Arrow": Flexible Fiscal Policy
  - ✓ Underpin economic activity from the demand side until favorable effects from monetary easing permeate the economy.
- "3rd Arrow": Growth Strategy to Encourage Private Investment
  - ✓ Raising the potential growth path itself.

### Respective Roles of the "Three Arrows"

∇ Complementary Relationship among the "Three Arrows"



# Key Features of the QQE (1)

### ① Commitment to the Price Stability Target of 2%

✓ The Bank will achieve the "price stability target" of 2% in terms of the year-on-year rate of change in the consumer price index (CPI) at the earliest possible time, with a time horizon of about 2 years.

### 2 Monetary Easing in Terms of Quantity

- ✓ Change the main operating target for money market operations from the uncollateralized overnight call rate to the monetary base.
- ✓ Conduct money market operations so that the monetary base will increase at an annual pace of about 60-70 tril. yen.
  - $\Rightarrow$  The monetary base is expected to double in 2 years. (138 tril. yen <end-2012>  $\rightarrow$  270 tril. yen <end-2014>)

# Key Features of the QQE (2)

### 3 Monetary Easing in Terms of Quantity and Quality

- ✓ Amount outstanding of JGB holdings: Annual increase of about 50 tril. yen. (Net: about 4.2 tril. yen <Gross: more than 7 tril. yen>/month)
- ⇒ Amount outstanding of Bank's JGB holdings: More than double in 2 years.
  (89 tril. yen <end-2012> → 190 tril. yen <end-2014>)
- ⇒ Average remaining maturity of JGB purchases:

slightly less than 3 years  $\rightarrow$  around 7 (6 to 8) years.

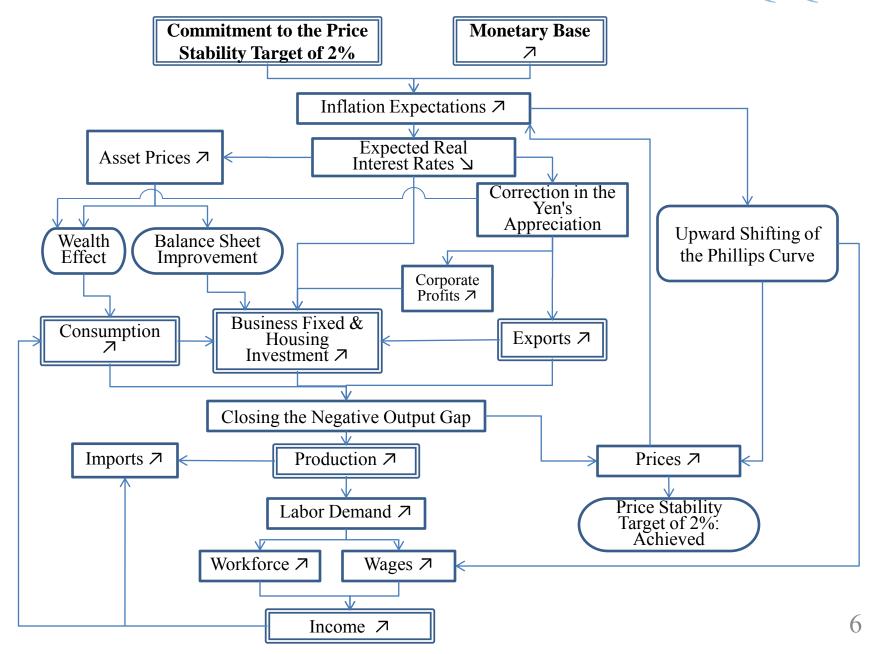
### 4 Monetary Easing in Terms of Quality

- ✓ Amount outstanding of ETF holdings: Annual increase of about 1 tril. yen. (1.5 tril. yen <end-2012> → 3.5 tril. yen <end-2014>) • • • 2.3 times in 2 years
- ✓ Amount outstanding of J-REIT holdings: Annual increase of about 30 bil. yen. (0.11 tril. yen <end-2012> → 0.17 tril. yen <end-2014>)

# Key Features of the QQE (3)

- 5 Commitment regarding the Continuation of the QQE
  - ✓ The Bank will continue with the QQE, aiming to achieve the "price stability target" of 2%, as long as it is necessary for maintaining that target in a stable manner.
- 6 Enhanced Dialogue with Market Participants
  - ✓ The Bank will set forums for enhanced dialogue with market participants in order to exchange views pertaining to money market operations and market transactions more generally.

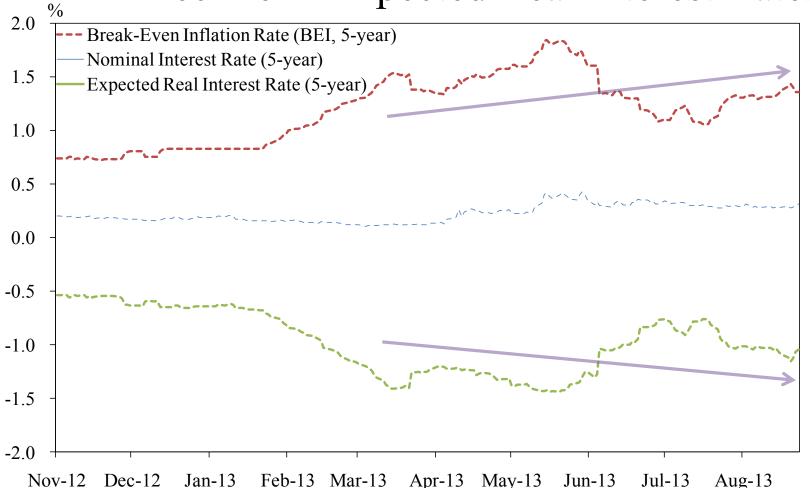
# Transmission Channels of the QQE



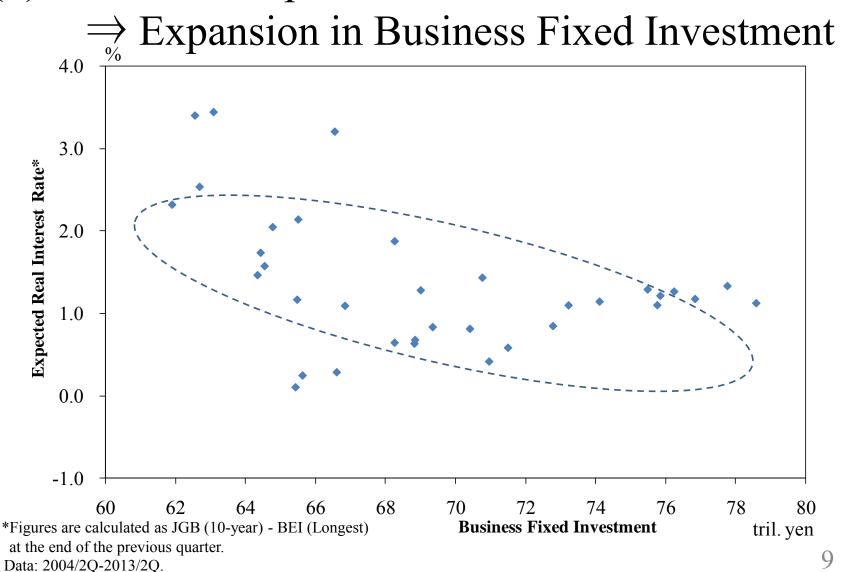
- (1) Deflationary Expectations
   ⇒ Inflationary Expectations
  - Price Stability Target: <u>2%</u>.
  - Time Horizon: At the earliest possible time, with a time horizon of about 2 years.
  - Stabilizing the actual inflation rate around the target.

(2) Rise in Inflation Expectations

⇒ Decline in Expected Real Interest Rates

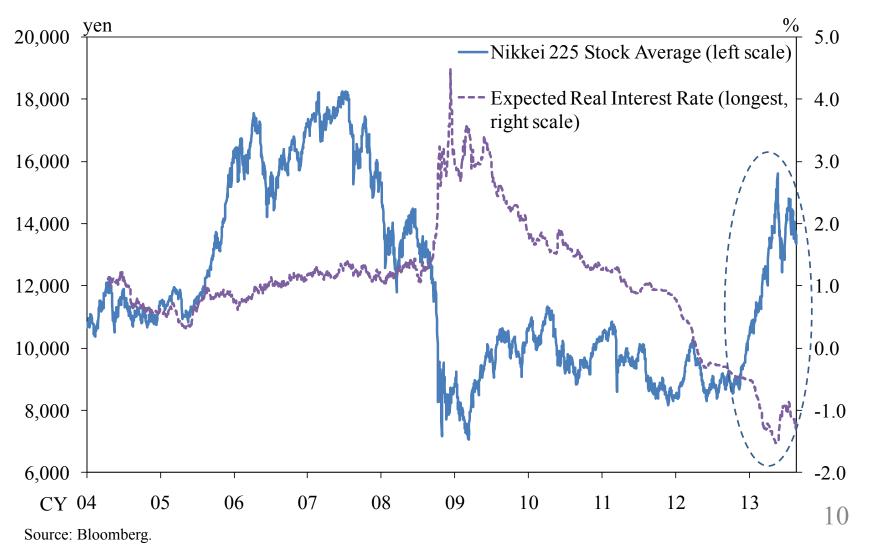


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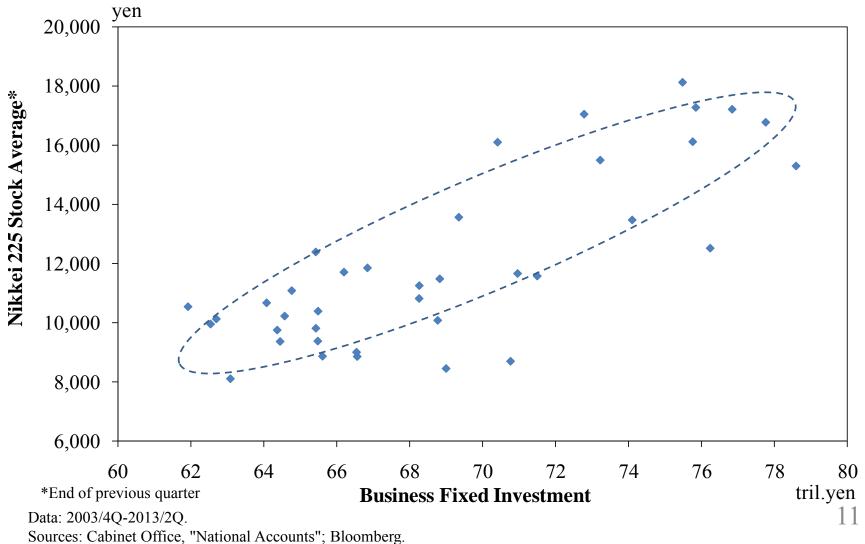
Sources: Cabinet Office, "National Accounts"; Bloomberg.

# (4) Decline in Expected Real Interest Rates ⇒ Rise in Asset Prices



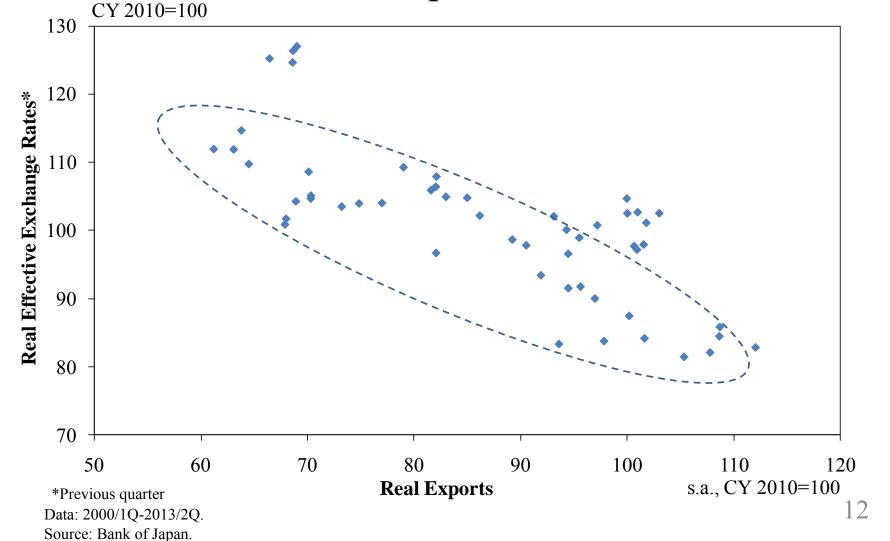
### (5) Rise in Asset Prices

⇒ Increase in Business Fixed Investment



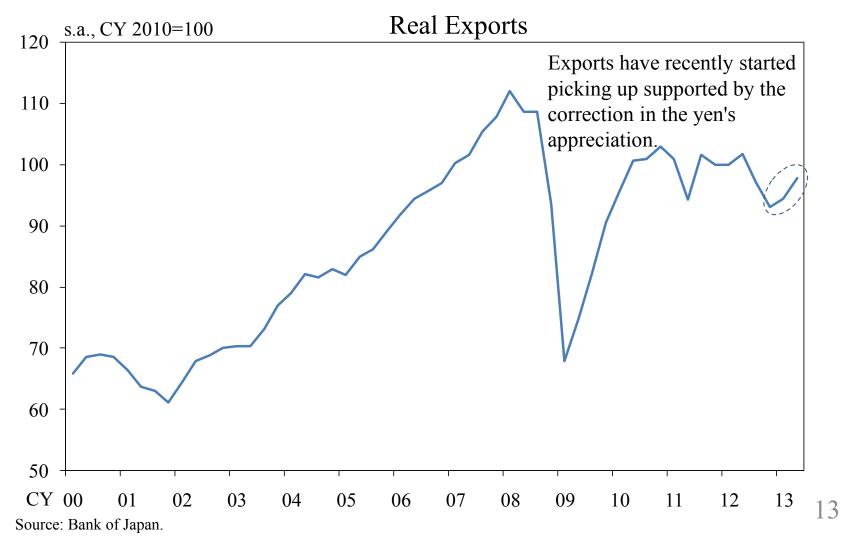
(6) Correction in the Yen's Appreciation

⇒ Increase in Exports



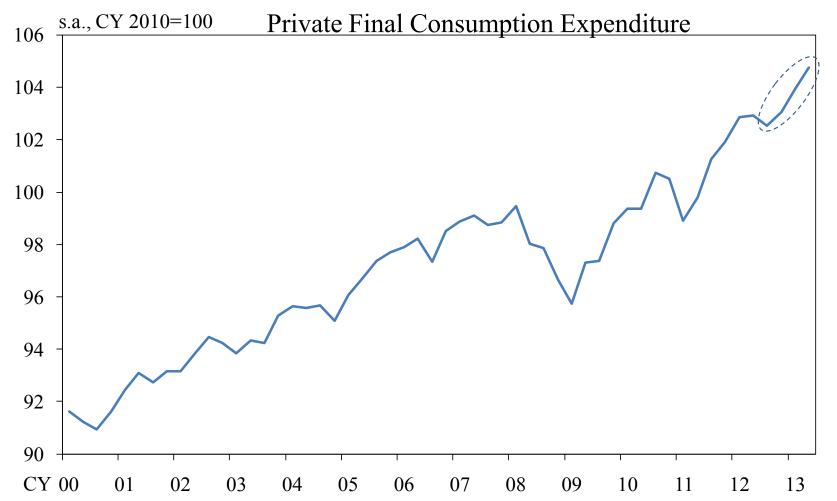
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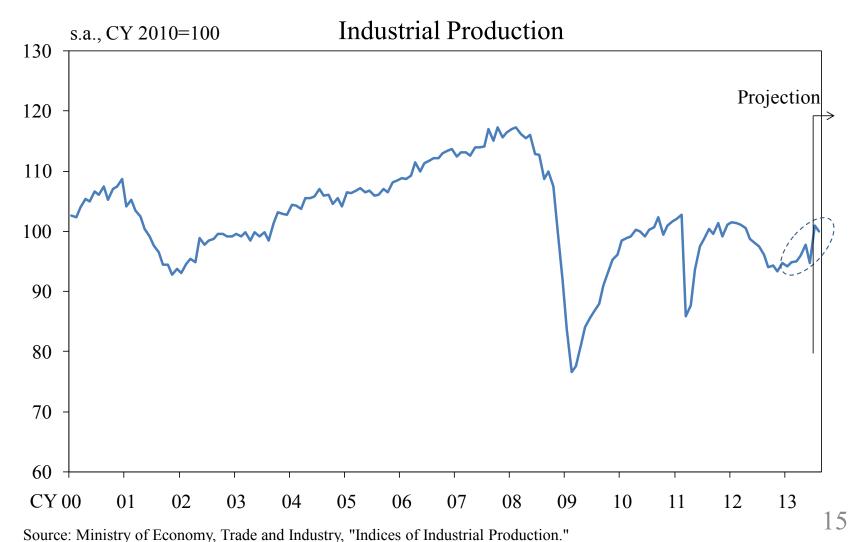
(7) Rise in Asset Prices

⇒ Rise in Consumption



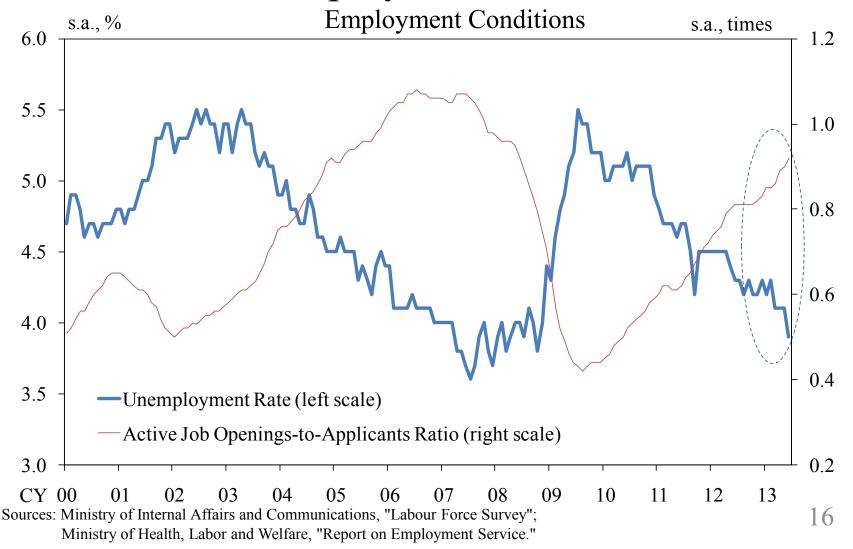
(8) Increase in Aggregate Demand

⇒ Increase in Production



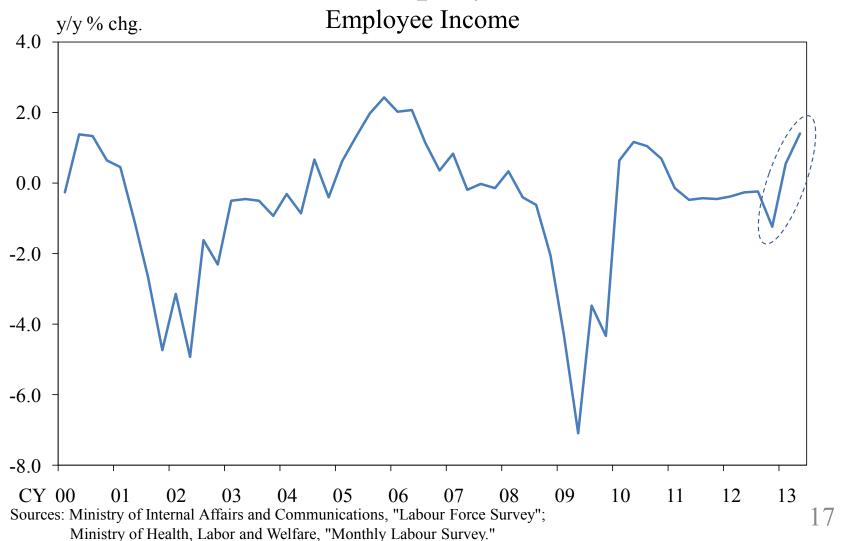
### (9) Increase in Production

⇒ Rise in Employment



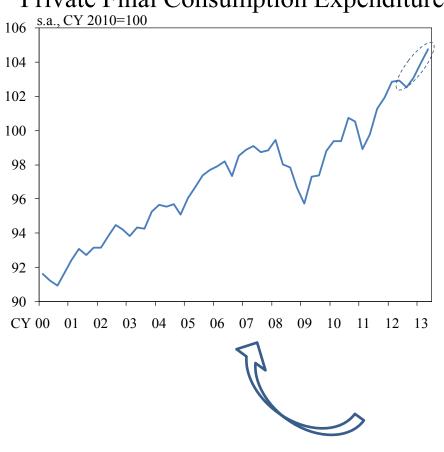
(10) Rise in Employment

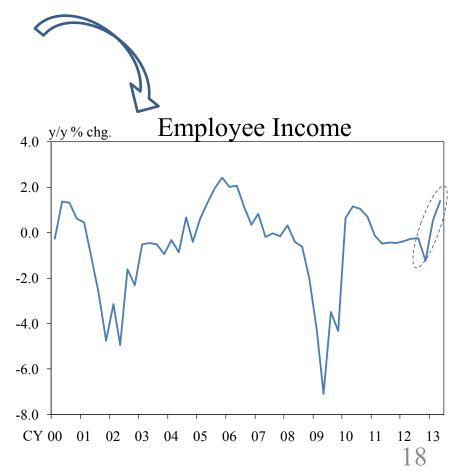
⇒ Increase in Employee Income



### (11) Increase in Employee Income $\Rightarrow$ Rise in Consumption

Private Final Consumption Expenditure





- (12) Inflation Rate Starts to Rise
  - ⇒ Rise in Inflation Expectations
  - ✓ CPI (less fresh food) turned positive (+0.4%, y/y) in June 2013, for the first time in 14 months after April 2012.
- (13) Rise in Inflation Expectations
  - ⇒ Amplified Cycle
     [from Channels (2) through (12)]
  - → Actual Inflation Rates to Approach
    the Price Stability Target of 2%