The Bank's Thinking on Monetary Policy: Toward Achieving the Price Stability Target in a Sustainable and Stable Manner

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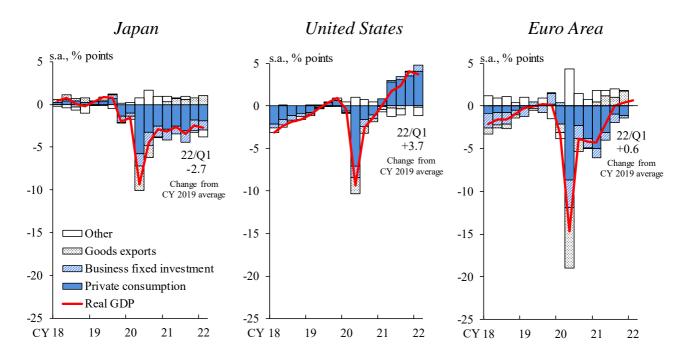
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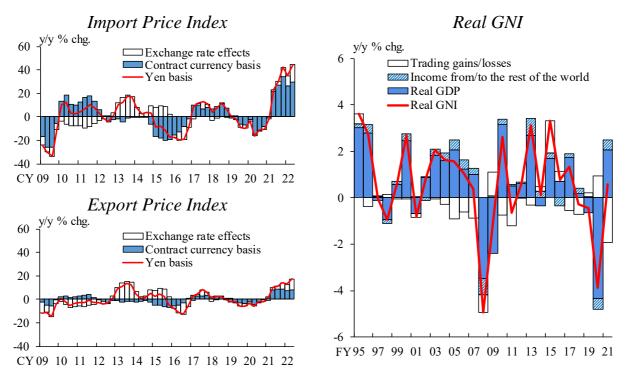
Note: The charts show the deviation from the 2019 average. Figures for business fixed investment for the euro area are those for gross fixed capital formation excluding housing investment. Sources: Cabinet Office; Haver.

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I. The Bank's Monetary Policy Conduct for the Time Being

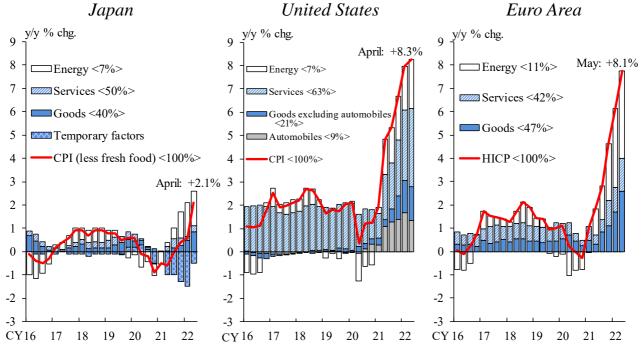
Chart 2

Import Prices, Export Prices, and Real GNI



Sources: Bank of Japan; Cabinet Office.

Consumer Prices in Japan, the United States, and the Euro Area



- 2. Figures for temporary factors for Japan are staff estimates and consist of mobile phone charges and the effects of the consumption tax hike, policies concerning the provision of free education, and the "Go To Travel" campaign, which covers a portion of domestic travel expenses
- 3. Figures in angular brackets show the share of each component. Figures for temporary factors for Japan include mobile phone charges (weight: 3%).

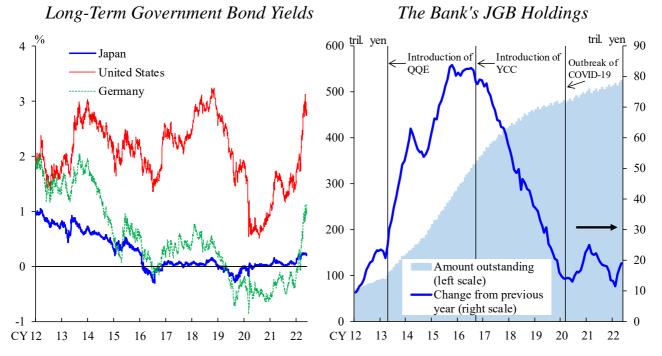
4. Figures for 2022/Q2 for Japan and the United States are for April, while those for the euro area are April-May averages Sources: Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications; Haver.

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Chart 4

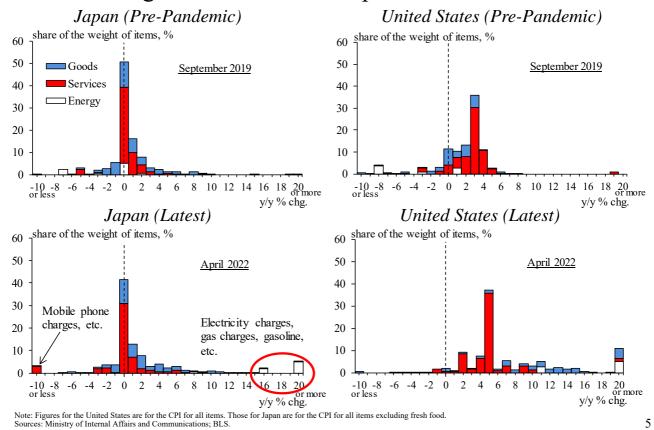
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Long-Term Government Bond Yields and the Bank's JGB Holdings



Sources: Bloomberg; Bank of Japan.

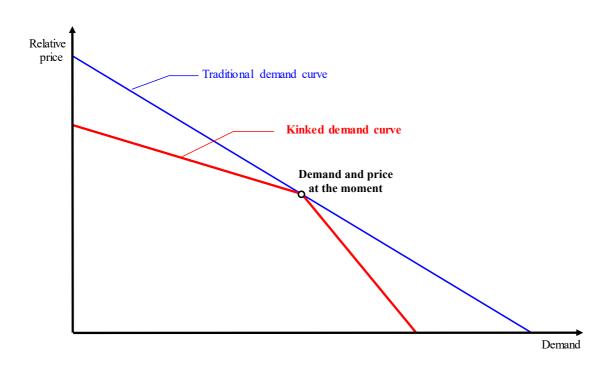
Price Change Distributions in Japan and the United States



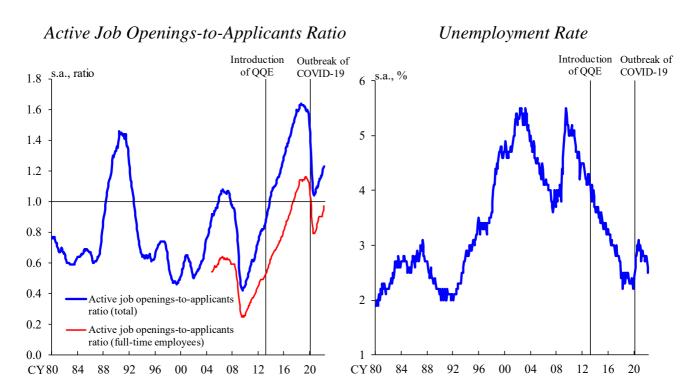
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Chart 6

Illustration of a Kinked Demand Curve



Labor Market Conditions



Sources: Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare; Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications

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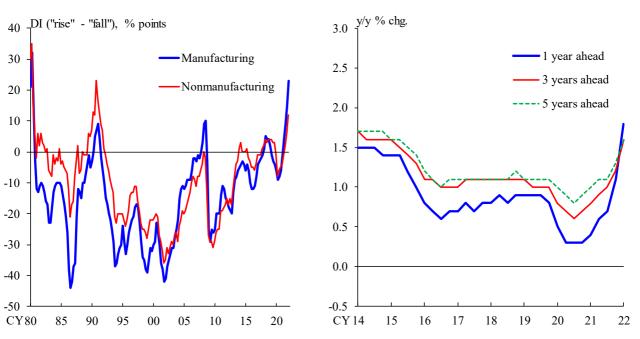
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Chart 8

Firms' Output Prices and Inflation Expectations

Output Prices (Tankan)

Inflation Expectations (Tankan)

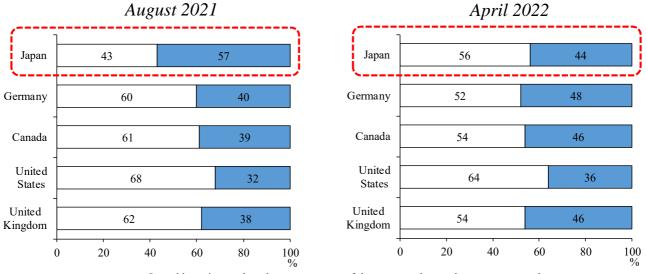


Notes: 1. In the left-hand chart, figures are for all enterprises.

2. In the right-hand chart, figures show the inflation outlook of enterprises for general prices (all industries and enterprises, average). Source: Bank of Japan.

Survey on Households' Response to Price Increases

Suppose that the price of a product that you always buy in your supermarket goes up by 10 percent. What would you do?



 $[\]square\operatorname{I}$ would continue to buy the same amount of the same product at the same supermarket.

Source: Watanabe, T., "'5-kakoku no kakei o taishō to shita infure yosō chōsa' (2022-nen 5-gatsu jisshi bun) no kekka," May 30, 2022, https://www.centralbank.e.u-tokyo.ac.jp/wp-content/uploads/2022/05/household_survey_May_2022.pdf.

 $[\]blacksquare$ I would switch to a different supermarket.