# Why Economic Capital Now?

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# Importance of Economic Capital Management

Growing Importance of Economic Capital Management:

#### Background:

- (1) Transition to Basel II
- (2) Progress of Financial Innovation
- (3) Expanding Scope of Business in the Finance Industry

## Viewpoints Required for Economic Capital Management

- (1) Functionality as a tool to enhance profitability and soundness
- A framework for precise assessment of risks
- A device to increase profits in relation to risks
- A device to maintain capital adequacy in relation to risk
- (2) Ability to communicate with various stakeholders

## Challenges for Japanese Banks

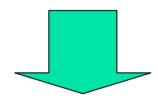
- Japanese banks currently adopt business models which focus on long-term relationships with customers by using B/S.
  - <Examples>
    - Loans by main banks (EAD tends to increase)
    - Holding of stocks of large borrowers

Japanese banks may need a unique approach to economic capital management.



### Purpose of the Workshop

 To explore wide-ranging possibilities in economic capital management, and to share knowledge and expertise.



Active discussion is expected among the participants.