Extension of Financing Support for SMEs

Japan's Financial Conditions: Improved on the Whole

Large firms: <u>Issuance conditions for CP and corporate bonds have been favorable</u>. Precautionary <u>demand for liquidity has subsided</u> in the loan market.

SMEs: Financial positions have been on an improving trend on the whole, but <u>weakness has remained in</u> <u>some segments</u>, such as the face-to-face services industry.

Partial Extension of the Special Program to Support Financing in Response to COVID-19 (until end-March 2022 → until end-September 2022)

Purchases of CP and corporate bonds	Special Funds-Supplying Operations to Facilitate Financing in Response to COVID-19		
	Against private debt pledged as collateral	Against government- supported loans	Against non-government- supported loans
Additional purchases to be completed Continue purchasing the same amount as prior to the COVID-19 pandemic	To be completed	Extend by six months the fund-provisioning to financial institutions against their loans > Under the revised terms and conditions • Applied interest rate: 0% • Amount added to the Macro Add-on Balances: the amount outstanding of funds provided	 Extend by six months ➤ Under the current terms and conditions • Applied interest rate: 0.2% • Amount added to the Macro Add-on Balances: twice as much as the amount outstanding of funds provided

Mainly for large firms and housing loans

Mainly for SMEs

For the time being, the Bank will closely monitor the impact of COVID-19 and will not hesitate to take additional easing measures if necessary.