(Reference) September 22, 2021 Bank of Japan

Outline of Climate Response Financing Operations

Purpose	 To provide funds to financial institutions within the amount outstanding of their investment or loans that contribute to Japan's actions to address climate change, with a view to supporting private sector efforts on climate change
Eligible Counterparties	 Financial institutions that disclose information on (1) and (2) below concerning their efforts to address climate change: (1) Four thematic areas (governance, strategy, risk management, and metrics and targets) in the TCFD recommendations (2) Targets and actual results for their investment or loans
Duration	 One year in principle (counterparties may receive long-term financing by using the operations successively)
Interest Rate, etc.	 The interest rate is 0 percent per annum. In the Interest Scheme to Promote Lending, the operations fall under Category III, for which the applied interest rate is 0 percent. Twice as much as the amount outstanding of funds counterparties receive is added to the Macro Add-on Balances in their current accounts at the Bank.
Investment or Loans to Contribute to Addressing Climate Change	 (1) The investment or loans that comply with international standards or the Japanese government's guidelines Counterparties are required to disclose which standards or guidelines they used as criteria. (2) The investment or loans that are substantially equivalent to those prescribed in (1) Counterparties are required to disclose the contents of their own criteria they established.
Implementation Period	 Through March 31, 2031, unless the smooth conduct of market operations is interfered with
Schedule	 The Bank starts accepting applications for the operations today. The first loan disbursement is planned to take place in late December. Thereafter, loans will be offered biannually in principle.