

## **Market Operation Measures following the Monetary Policy Decision Today**

In accordance with the guideline for market operations and other measures decided at the Monetary Policy Meeting today, the Bank of Japan will implement the following measures in its conduct of market operations.

### 1. Amounts of outright purchases of Japanese Government Bonds (competitive auction method)

#### (1) Purchases from April 2024 through June 2024

As shown in "Quarterly Schedule of Outright Purchases of Japanese Government Bonds (Competitive Auction Method) (April-June 2024)" published on March 19, 2024, the Bank will continue its Japanese Government Bonds (JGBs) purchases with broadly the same amount as before.

#### (2) Purchases through the end of March 2024

As scheduled in "Quarterly Schedule of Outright Purchases of Japanese Government Bonds (Competitive Auction Method) (January-March 2024) <Revised>" published on February 29, 2024, the Bank will conduct purchases of JGBs on March 22 and 28 with residual maturities specified in the schedule. The amount of purchases will be treated in the same manner as defined in (1).

#### (3) Other ad hoc market operations

Notwithstanding (1) and (2), in case of a rapid rise in long-term interest rates, the Bank will make nimble responses by, for example, increasing the amount of JGB purchases and conducting fixed-rate purchase operations and the Funds-Supplying Operations against Pooled Collateral.

### 2. Conduct of outright purchases of CP and corporate bonds

With regard to the outright purchases of CP and corporate bonds through the end

of April 2024, the Bank will conduct the operations, in principle, on the dates and with the purchase size per auction shown in "Schedules of Outright Purchases of CP and Corporate Bonds (March-April 2024)" published on February 29, 2024. The schedules and purchase size per auction from May 2024 will be announced at a later date.

### 3. Other notices

#### (1) Conduct of short-term Funds-Supplying Operations against Pooled Collateral

With regard to the provision of short-term funds under the Funds-Supplying Operations against Pooled Collateral, which has been conducted with no upper limit since September 2022, the Bank will set the amount of offer per auction taking account of market conditions. The amount of offer will be notified when conducting the operations.

#### (2) Conduct of the Securities Lending Facility

The current measures regarding the Securities Lending Facility, including "Relaxation of the Terms and Conditions for the Securities Lending Facility for the Cheapest-to-Deliver Issues" published on February 29, 2024, will remain effective for the time being. The Bank, however, will cease the measures specified in "Market Operations for Three On-the-Run Issues of 10-year Japanese Government Bonds" published on February 16, 2023 <sup>(note)</sup>.

Note: Under the Securities Lending Facility, the Bank sells Japanese government securities (JGSs) with repurchase agreements to provide a temporary and secondary source of JGSs to the markets, with a view to facilitating the Bank's money market operations as well as to contributing to smooth settlement of both JGSs and funds. The Bank will continue to take necessary measures when deemed appropriate.