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Establishment of the “Cross-Industry Committee on
Japanese Yen Interest Rate Benchmarks”

In light of the global climate of the discussion on benchmark reform and the measures taken so far in Japan, such as the TIBOR reform and the identification of the Japanese Yen (JPY) risk-free rate, the “Cross-Industry Committee on Japanese Yen Interest Rate Benchmarks” will be established. The Committee will conduct necessary deliberations with aims to facilitate market participants and interest rate benchmark users to appropriately choose and use JPY interest rate benchmarks in ways suited to the characteristics of financial instruments and financial transactions.

Considering the potential impact that the act of choosing among JPY interest rate benchmarks may have on various financial instruments and financial transactions, a diverse set of market participants and potential interest rate benchmark users, such as financial institutions, institutional investors and non-financial corporates will be invited to the Committee.

1. Frequency

Approximately once every two months (First meeting will be held on August 1, 2018.)

2. Place

The Head Office of the Bank of Japan

3. Participants

Parties such as financial institutions, institutional investors, and

non-financial corporates

4. Secretariat

Market Infrastructure Division at the Financial Markets Department of the Bank of Japan

5. Issues to be discussed

- (1) Developing recommendations for the stocktaking of ideas on the appropriate choice and usage of JPY interest rate benchmarks,
- (2) identifying specific challenges arising from (1) above and proposing solutions, and
- (3) developing transition plans based on (1) and (2) above for a new framework enabling the use of JPY interest rate benchmarks.

6. Other issues

The meeting minutes of the Committee and related documents will be released on the Bank of Japan's website.

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