

## CURRENT ECONOMIC INDICATORS – JAPAN

November 10, 2009

## Japan's economy at a glance

Year-over-year % change unless otherwise indicated

		<u>Q1-08</u>	<u>Q2-08</u>	<u>Q3-08</u>	<u>Q4-08</u>	<u>Q1-09</u>	<u>Q2-09</u>	<u>Q3-09</u>
Real GDP		1.3	0.6	-0.3	-4.3	-8.7	-7.2	#N/A
	Q/Q annualized	3.5	-2.8	-5.1	-12.8	-12.4	2.3	#N/A
<b>BOJ Tankan business outlook</b>								
	Forecast	-2	-7	-12	-19	-38	-52	-41
	Actual	-4	-7	-14	-24	-46	-45	-38
		<u>Apr-09</u>	<u>May-09</u>	<u>Jun-09</u>	<u>Jul-09</u>	<u>Aug-09</u>	<u>Sep-09</u>	<u>Oct-09</u>
<b>Employment</b>								
Unemployment rate		5.0	5.2	5.4	5.7	5.5	5.3	#N/A
Job offers ratio (Ratio of job openings to applicants)		0.46	0.44	0.43	0.42	0.42	0.43	#N/A
Real wages		-2.54%	-1.22%	-5.17%	-2.93%	0.00%	0.93%	#N/A
<b>Housing market</b>								
Housing starts (thousands, sa)		-32.60%	-30.81%	-32.44%	-32.04%	-38.43%	-37.02%	#N/A
Total floor space (6-month moving average)		6.344	6.117	5.881	5.675	5.473	5.340	#N/A
<b>Consumer</b>								
Retail sales (month-over-month%, sa)		0.72%	0.10%	-0.20%	0.51%	1.02%	0.91%	#N/A
Retail sales (year-over-year%, nsa)		-2.82%	-2.75%	-2.97%	-2.43%	-1.75%	-1.37%	#N/A
Family income & expenditure survey - Average household living expenditure	Ex-agriculture, forestry & fishing (y/y%, 3-mma)	-1.6	-0.5	-0.2	-0.6	0.1	0.3	#N/A
ESRI consumer survey - Diffusion index	Consumer sentiment	33.2	36.3	38.1	39.7	40.4	40.7	#N/A
<b>Prices</b>								
Tokyo CPI (year-over-year %)		-0.10%	-0.79%	-1.48%	-1.77%	-1.67%	-2.07%	-2.36%
Tokyo core CPI (Excl. fresh food, year-over-year %)		0.00%	-0.69%	-1.28%	-1.67%	-1.87%	-2.07%	-2.17%
Nationwide CPI		-0.10%	-1.08%	-1.76%	-2.25%	-2.24%	-2.24%	#N/A
	(Month-over-month %, sa)	-0.10%	-0.40%	-0.20%	-0.10%	-0.10%	-0.10%	#N/A
Nationwide core CPI (excl. fresh food)		-0.10%	-1.08%	-1.67%	-2.25%	-2.44%	-2.34%	#N/A
	(Month-over month %, sa)	-0.30%	-0.30%	-0.20%	-0.10%	-0.20%	0.10%	#N/A
Nationwide core core CPI (excl. food & energy)		-0.40%	-0.50%	-0.70%	-0.91%	-0.91%	-1.00%	#N/A
<b>Manufacturing &amp; industrial production</b>								
PMI - manufacturing		41.42	46.55	48.17	50.41	53.60	54.49	54.32
Industrial production		5.95%	5.75%	2.28%	2.10%	1.57%	1.43%	#N/A
Machinery orders		-42.52%	-44.86%	-41.18%	-33.20%	-32.07%	#N/A	#N/A
	Private core orders	-32.78%	-38.51%	-29.85%	-34.96%	-26.49%	#N/A	#N/A
Manufacturing operating rate (year-over-year %, nsa)		-35.46%	-32.46%	-26.93%	-24.79%	-20.31%	#N/A	#N/A

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<b>Merchandise trade</b>							
Trade balance (billions of yen)	66.351	296.840	505.775	377.465	181.563	525.293	#N/A
Exports	-39.10%	-40.94%	-35.69%	-36.47%	-36.04%	-30.58%	#N/A
Imports	-35.79%	-42.41%	-41.92%	-40.78%	-41.23%	-36.94%	#N/A
<b>Balance of payments</b>							
Current account (100 million yen, sa)	10100	10124	19284	11590	12336	13380	#N/A
<b>Other indicators</b>							
Construction orders							
Public sector	11.58%	-2.68%	-27.91%	-23.96%	-15.77%	56.01%	#N/A
Private sector	-28.07%	-48.75%	-32.17%	-47.03%	-27.22%	-13.71%	#N/A
Shoko Chukin Small business sentiment	30.8	34.1	38.0	41.1	41.8	43.5	43.4
Economy Watchers Survey							
Current conditions	34.2	36.7	42.2	42.4	41.7	43.1	40.9
Future conditions	39.7	43.3	45.6	44.9	44.0	44.5	42.8
<b>Financial market at a glance</b>							
Overnight call rate*	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.10
2-year yield**	0.400	0.396	0.353	0.335	0.270	0.243	0.233
5-year yield**	0.840	0.802	0.887	0.691	0.667	0.648	0.595
10-year yield**	1.353	1.451	1.527	1.354	1.452	1.329	1.257
JPY/USD**	98.92	96.64	96.61	94.37	94.90	91.27	90.37
Nikkei 225 index*	-36.26%	-33.59%	-26.13%	-22.58%	-19.74%	-10.01%	17.00%

\* End of period

\*\* Average over period

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