

**CURRENT ECONOMIC INDICATORS – JAPAN**

January 19, 2012

**Japan's economy at a glance**

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		<u>Q2-10</u>	<u>Q3-10</u>	<u>Q4-10</u>	<u>Q1-11</u>	<u>Q2-11</u>	<u>Q3-11</u>	<u>Q4-11</u>	
<b>Real GDP</b>		4.4	5.4	3.1	-0.2	-1.7	-0.7	N/A	
	Q/Q annualized	4.6	2.0	0.1	-6.6	-2.0	5.6	N/A	
<b>BOJ Tankan business outlook</b>									
	Forecast	-26	-16	-17	-18	-14	-15	-11	
	Actual	-15	-10	-11	-9	-18	-9	-7	
		<u>Jun-11</u>	<u>Jul-11</u>	<u>Aug-11</u>	<u>Sep-11</u>	<u>Oct-11</u>	<u>Nov-11</u>	<u>Dec-11</u>	
<b>Employment</b>									
	Unemployment rate	4.7	4.7	4.4	4.1	4.5	4.5	N/A	
	Job offers ratio (Ratio of job openings to applicants)	0.63	0.64	0.66	0.67	0.67	0.69	N/A	
	Real wages	-0.95	-1.25	-1.23	-0.92	-0.41	-0.21	N/A	
<b>Housing market</b>									
	Housing starts (thousands, sa)	6.01	21.12	13.98	-10.84	-5.72	-0.22	N/A	
	Total floor space (6-month moving average)	6.161	6.279	6.358	6.331	6.319	6.387	N/A	
<b>Consumer</b>									
	Retail sales (month-over-month%, sa)	2.92	-0.29	-1.67	-1.40	1.42	-1.99	N/A	
	Retail sales (year-over-year%, nsa)	1.23	0.67	-2.51	-1.05	1.88	-2.21	N/A	
	Family income & expenditure survey - Average household living expenditure								
		Ex-agriculture, forestry & fishing (y/y%, 3-mma)	-2.6	-2.5	-3.5	-3.0	-2.5	-2.0	N/A
	ESRI consumer survey - Diffusion index	36.3	37.7	37.5	38.5	38.5	37.7	38.1	
	Consumer sentiment								
<b>Prices</b>									
	Tokyo CPI (year-over-year %)	-0.10	0.51	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	
	Tokyo core CPI (Excl. fresh food, year-over-year %)	0.10	0.30	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	
	Nationwide CPI	0.20	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	
	(Month-over-month %, sa)	-0.20	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	
	Nationwide core CPI (excl. fresh food)	0.40	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	
	(Month-over month %, sa)	-0.30	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	
	Nationwide core core CPI (excl. food & energy)	0.10	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	
<b>Manufacturing &amp; industrial production</b>									
	PMI - manufacturing	50.75	52.10	51.93	49.34	50.63	49.06	50.19	
	Industrial production	3.81	0.43	0.65	-3.31	2.21	-2.70	N/A	
	Machinery orders	10.88	-6.07	-3.58	0.62	-6.84	11.73	N/A	
	Private core orders	17.69	3.84	2.20	9.64	1.21	13.02	N/A	
	Manufacturing operating rate (year-over-year %, nsa)	-2.91	-2.99	1.77	-2.62	3.03	-1.65	N/A	



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<b>Merchandise trade</b>								
Trade balance (billions of yen)		67.336	67.864	-779.569	293.899	-281.814	-687.606	N/A
	Exports	-1.56	-3.36	2.82	2.35	-3.76	-4.47	N/A
	Imports	9.84	9.93	19.24	12.19	17.91	11.40	N/A
<b>Balance of payments</b>								
Current account (100 million yen, sa)		9372	8245	6726	12105	5186	4804	N/A
<b>Other indicators</b>								
Construction orders	Public sector	-7.64	8.30	15.34	30.95	114.97	-10.68	N/A
	Private sector	13.10	11.49	5.88	-14.45	7.34	18.08	N/A
Shoko Chukin Small business sentiment		43.1	47.1	46.4	47.2	46.4	45.8	45.6
Economy Watchers Survey	Current conditions	49.6	52.6	47.3	45.3	45.9	45.0	47.0
	Future conditions	49.0	48.5	47.1	46.4	45.9	44.7	44.4
<b>Financial market at a glance</b>								
Overnight call rate*		0.05	0.05	0.05	0.05	0.05	0.05	0.05
2-year yield**		0.173	0.152	0.159	0.136	0.133	0.149	0.146
5-year yield**		0.414	0.379	0.314	0.357	0.377	0.329	0.357
10-year yield**		1.173	1.169	1.043	1.084	0.995	1.025	1.085
JPY/USD**		80.43	79.24	76.97	76.80	76.64	77.56	77.80
Nikkei 225 index*		4.62	3.10	1.49	-7.14	-2.33	-15.12	-17.34

\* End of period

\*\* Average over period

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