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# **Comments to the IMF Presentation**

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# **Comment1: Monetary policy**

- The most effective transmission channel of the QQE was through massive yen depreciation
- With the end of the economic recovery in sight, probably in a couple of years, yen weakness may be behind us with downside risk on stock prices

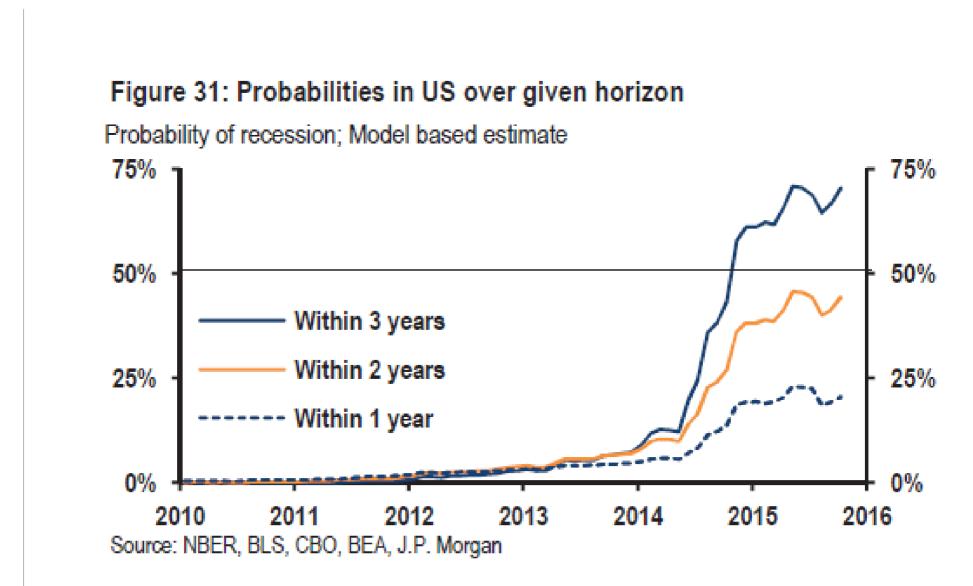
#### What the BoJ can do?

- > We assume that the BoJ's response function changed; not pre-emtive anymore
- > The BoJ is in dilemma: If the BoJ turns to be less aggressive, yen would appreciate
- > Marginal effectiveness of asset purchases is diminishing

#### IOER cut (negative rate policy) should not be ruled out

- > What will happen to the financial stability?
- > JGB market is being killed.....
- Has the QQE spoiled the government by lowering the debt-service costs?

# US recession probability: in one year 20%, two years 40%, three years 70%



## **Comment 2: Corporate behavior**

- To increase the capex in Japan...
- Further deregulation in Japan is definitely needed.
- But <u>China's excess production capacity weighs on Japan's (ROW's)</u> <u>capex in manufacturing, e.g. in material industries</u>
- How can China's excess capacity problem be solved?
  > Any recommendation from the IMF?
- Without an increase in immigrants, will the domestic market and capex grow fast?
  - > Any Japanese way of inviting foreign workers as immigrants?

#### China's excess production capacity problem

China (% of GDP)	]				
÷	<u>2002-07ave</u>				
Consumption	54.1	$\rightarrow$	44.2		
Investment	39.1	$\rightarrow$	51.2		
(note) Real GDP growth (%)					
	11.2	$\rightarrow$	7.4		
Japan (% of GDP)	1				
	<u>2002-07av</u>	<u>'e</u>	<u>2014</u>		
Consumption	75.9	$\rightarrow$	81.1		
Investment	22.5	$\rightarrow$	22.5		
(note) Real GDP growth (%)					
(note) Real OD	1.6	$\rightarrow$	-0.1		
US (% of GDP)	]				
	<u>2002-07av</u>	<u>'e</u>	<u>2014</u>		
Consumption	82.2	$\rightarrow$	83.3		
Investment	22.1	$\rightarrow$	<mark>19.3</mark>		
(note) Real GD	P growth (% 2.6	‰) →	2.4		
Source: individual governments, J.P.Morgan					

China's production capacity: 900million ton/yr China's domestic demand: 700million ton/yr

⇒Excess capacity: 200million ton/yr Japan's production capacity: 110million ton/yr

How China can solve the problem? Economic growth Healthy government balance sheet

## **Comment 3: Labor market**

- Labor market has been and will be tightening...
- ...but labor mismatch prevents wage rate from rising fast
  - Job-offers to the applicant ratio for the "general office workers" remains below 0.3, compared to 1.25 for all workers
- An increase in labor mobility is urgent
- Reducing labor market duality is needed, but to do so, too much protection on the regular workers by labor law needs to be changed
  - > How can the general public be convinced that full-timers should lose the vested interests?

# **General office workers' job offers to applicant ratio remains** far below 1.0...

(Jul-Sep 2015 average)

Job d	offers	to	app	licant	ratio:	above	1.0	

	Ratio (times)	Job offers (k)	Applicants (k)
Medical doctors/Pharmacists	6.0	20.0	3.3
Security workers	5.2	59.6	11.5
Construction engineer	3.8	50.0	13.1
Waiters/Waitresses	3.1	117.9	38.0
Construction workers	3.0	92.8	31.4
Nurses	2.7	188.3	70.8
Drivers	2.1	92.6	45.1

#### Job offers to applicant ratio: below 1.0

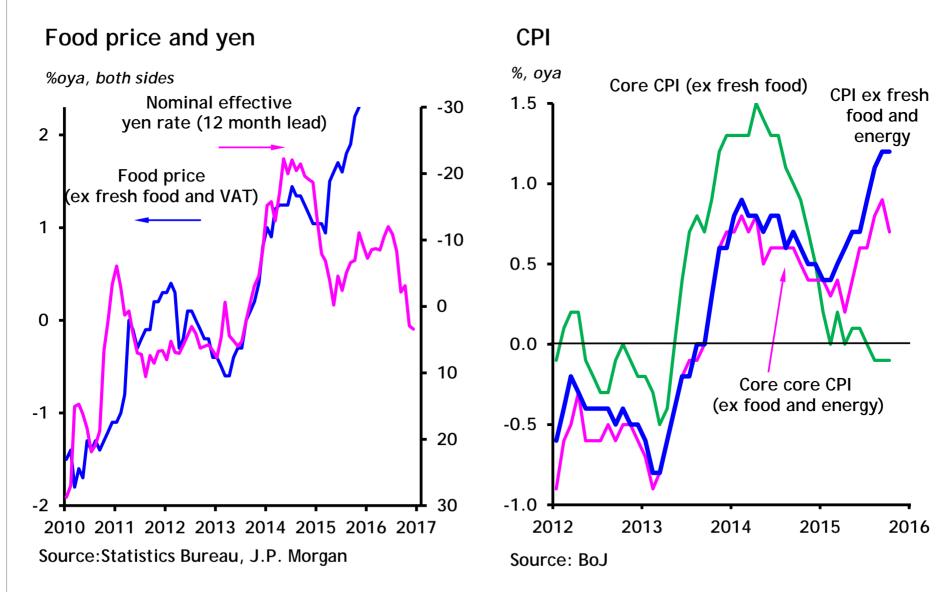
0.27	126.8	474.0
0.43	8.6	20.0
0.46	23.0	50.3
0.56	17.6	31.3
	0.43 0.46	0.43 8.6 0.46 23.0

Source: MHLW

## **Comment 4: Inflation rate**

- Agree that 2% inflation will not be achieved anytime soon
- With a fall in oil prices and yen appreciation, a risk of a fall in inflation rate in the near-term is rising.
- But genuine inflation is taking place
  - Inflation rate in processed foods is rising
  - > Why processed foods?

# Food price inflation is rising exceeding the pace of yen weakness: Genuine inflation



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