

# The Challenge to Japan's Economy in the Global Setting



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#### Section1

# Outlook of World and Japanese Economy

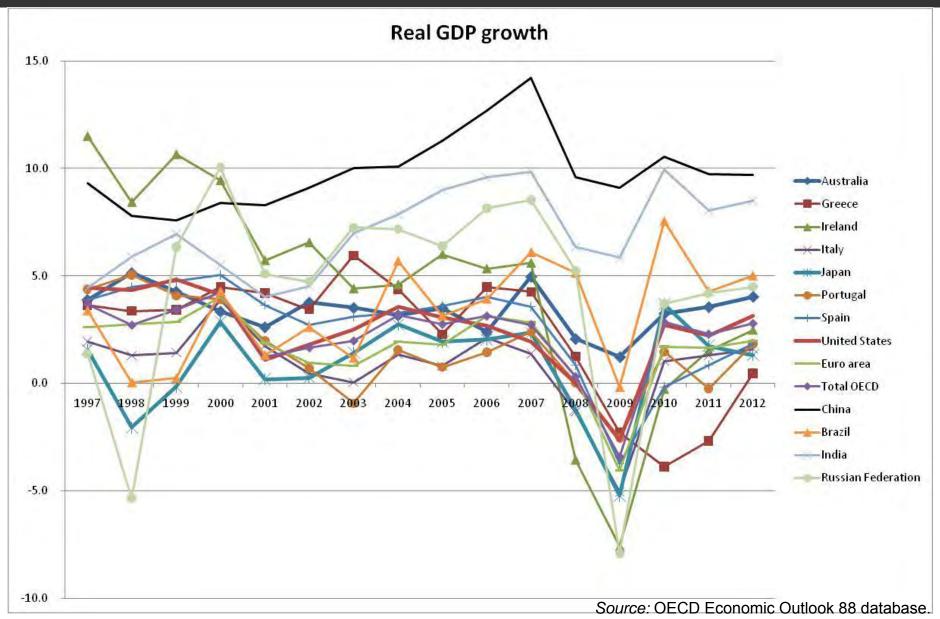


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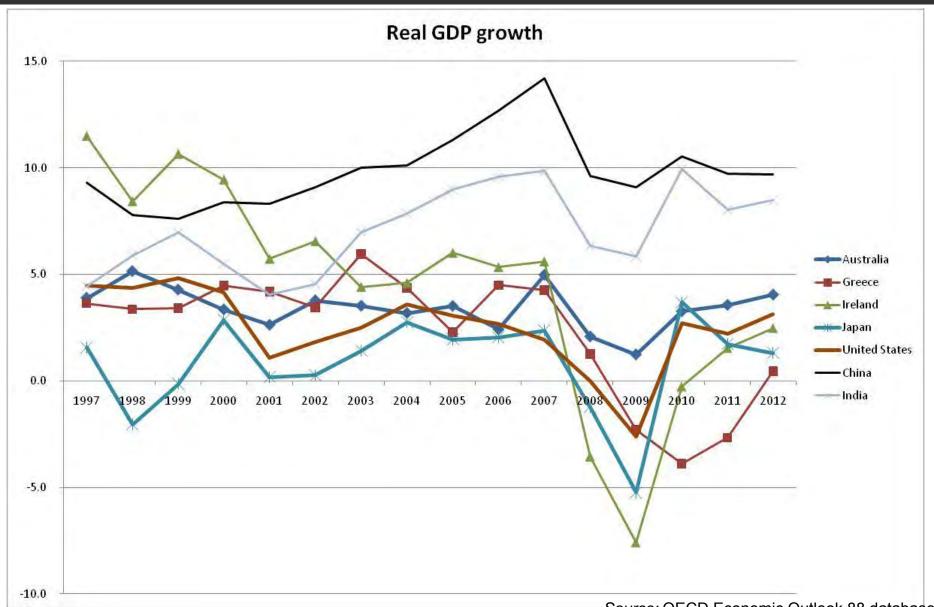


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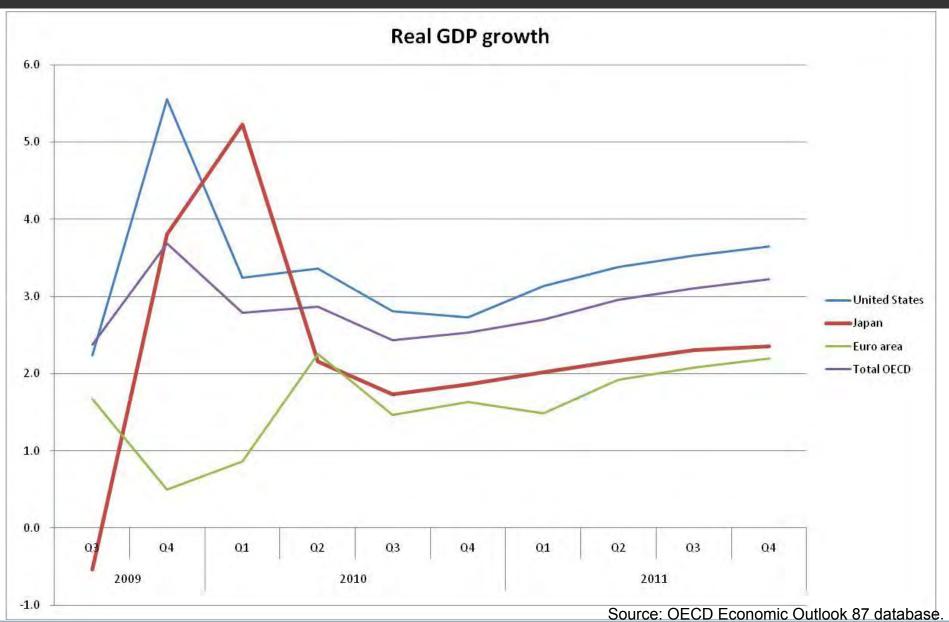








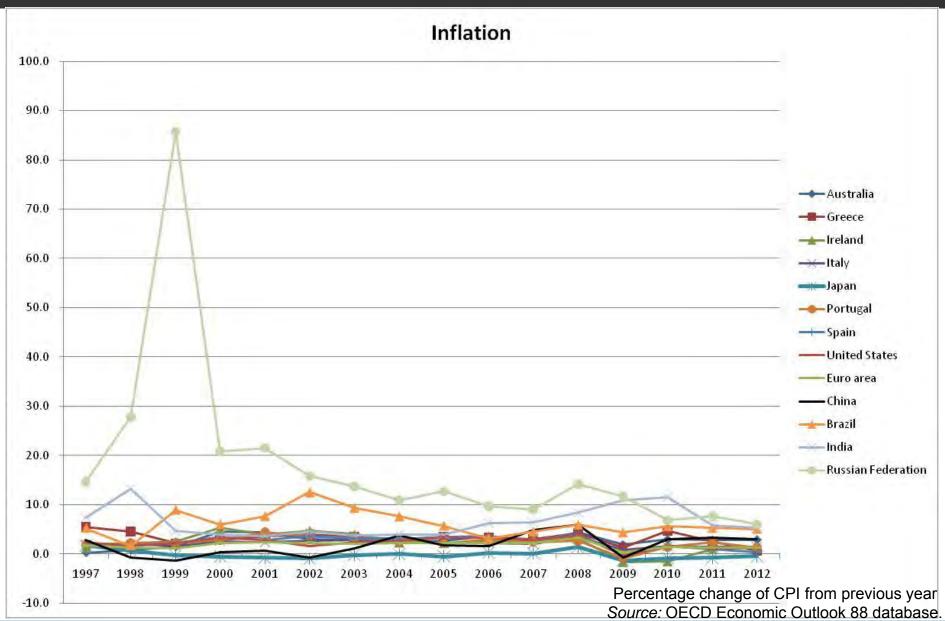




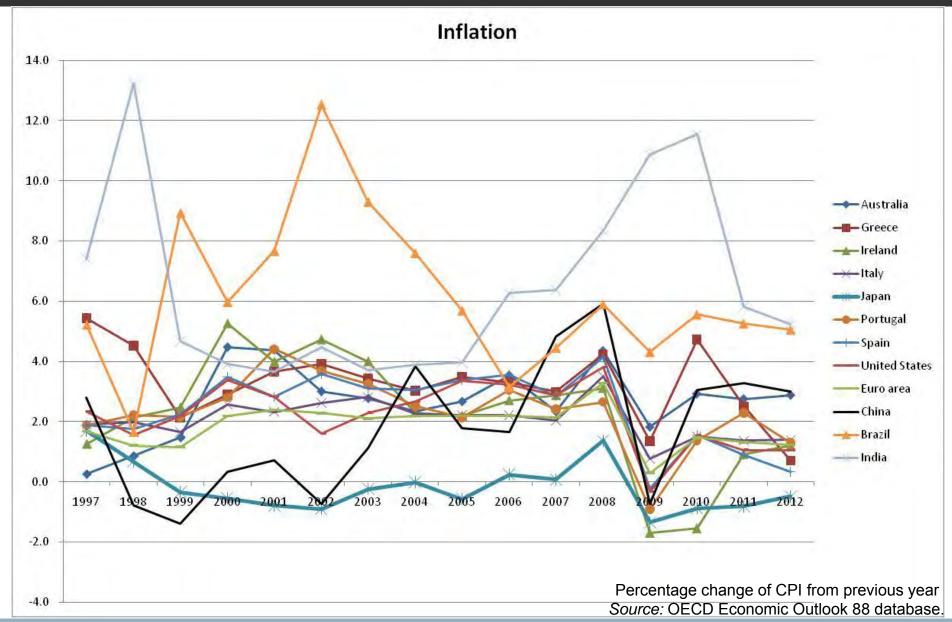


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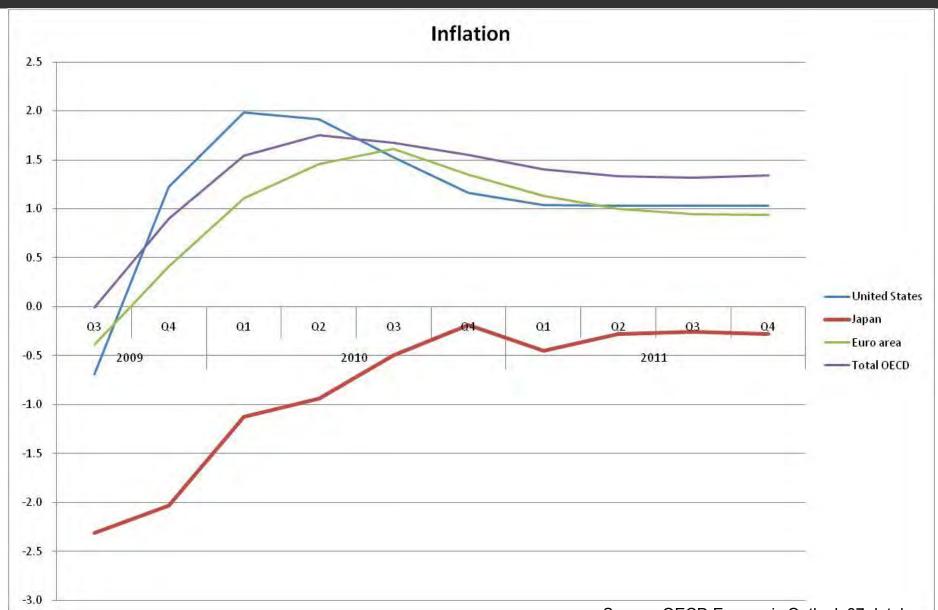








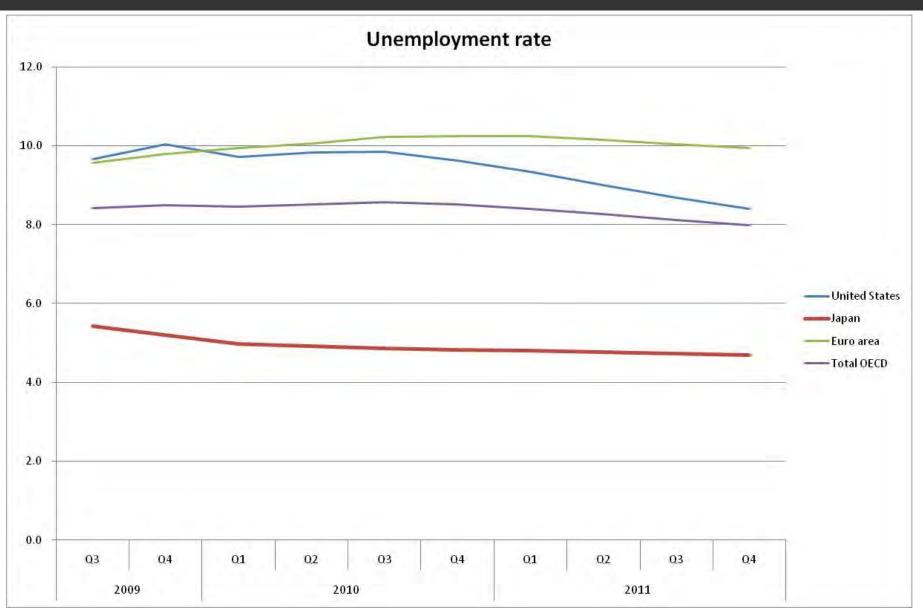




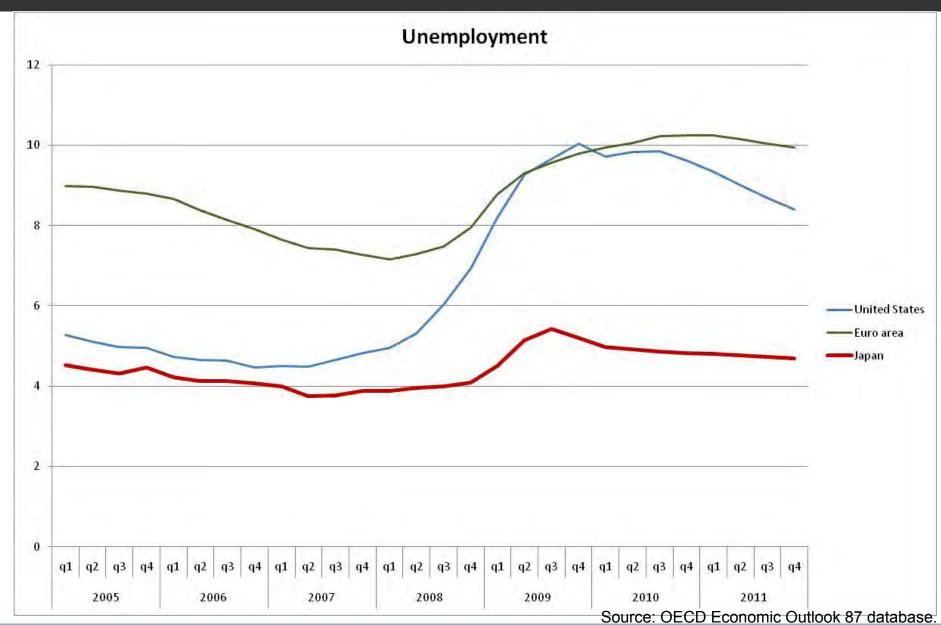


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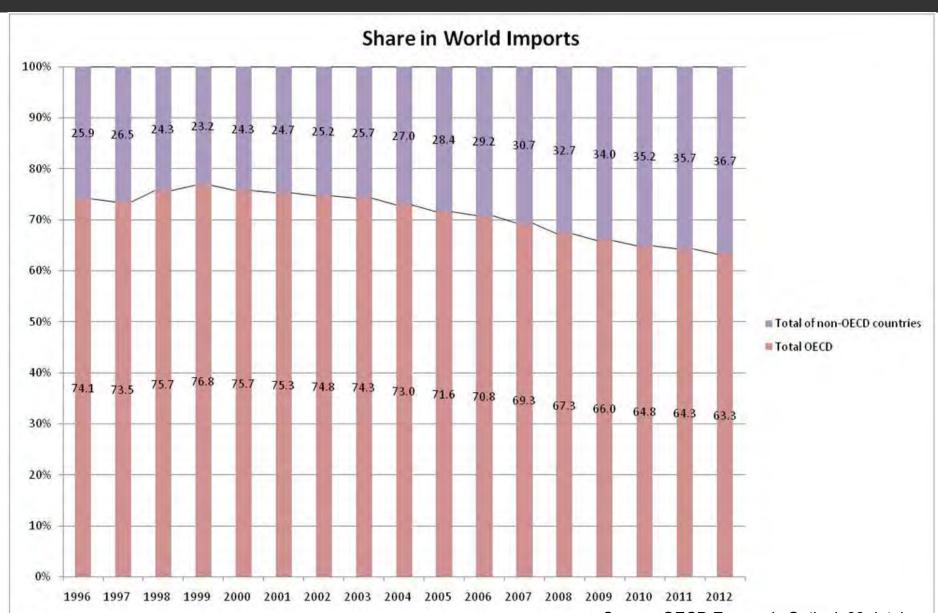




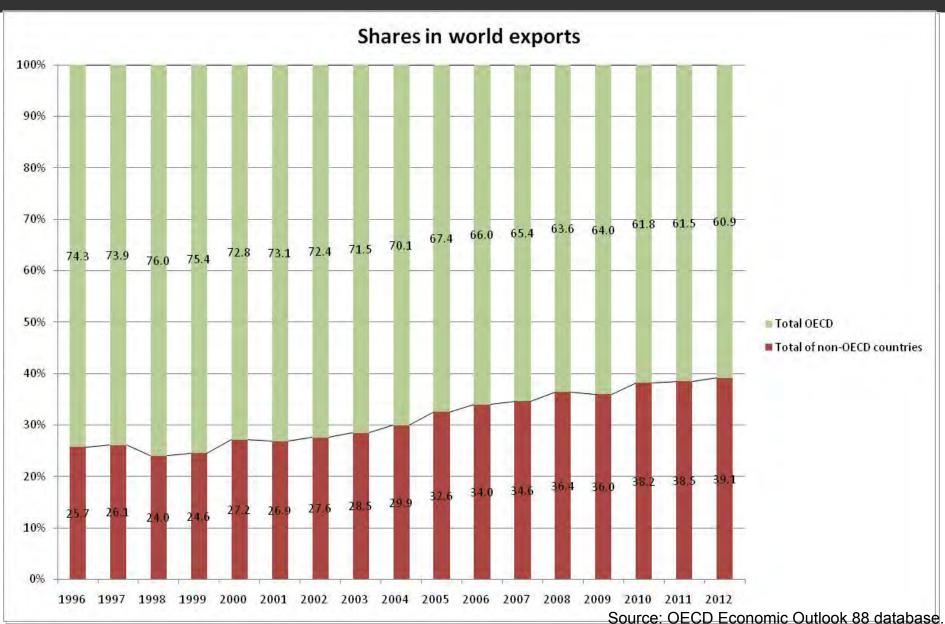


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#### Section 2

# **Financial Tsunami**

---How They Damaged the Japanese Economies---



# **Purpose**

- Retest two hypotheses by using the evaluation of investors: a risk premium for bonds issued by such industries
- 2. Check the policy announcement effects by event studies.

Implication of retest? (If both hypotheses are correct)

- relief policy should be prescribed with an emphasis in non-manufacturing industry causing tsunami
- the lessons from the Japanese tsunami are not necessarily applicable to the present Japanese slump by the US tsunami.

Implication of checking the policy effects?

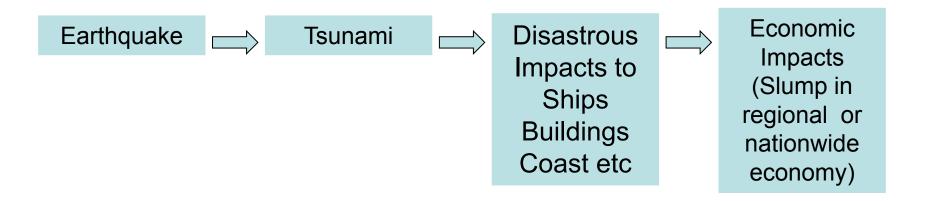
It shows us whether the policy is appropriate to an identified cause of economic slump based on retest.

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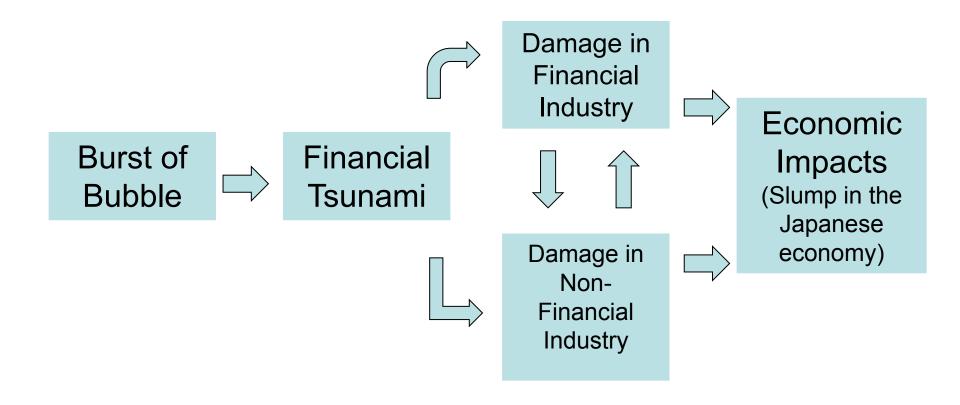
#### Tsunami

# 津波(Tsu-Nami)=津harbor +波wave





### Financial Tsunami





#### The specification of risk change process:

$$\begin{pmatrix}
\mathbf{r}_{\text{SWAP,t}} \\
\mathbf{r}_{\text{IND,t}}
\end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix}
\alpha_{1} \\
\alpha_{2}
\end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix}
\beta_{11} & \beta_{12} \\
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\end{pmatrix} \mathbf{r}_{\text{EURO,t-1}} + \begin{pmatrix}
\varepsilon_{1,t} \\
\varepsilon_{2,t}
\end{pmatrix}$$

$$\downarrow \mathbf{F} \rightarrow \mathbf{NF} \qquad \mathbf{Out} \rightarrow \mathbf{NF}$$

$$\begin{split} \left( \frac{\varepsilon_{1,t}}{\varepsilon_{2,t}} \right) & \Psi_{t-1} \sim N \\ \left( 0 \right), \left( \frac{h_{1,t}}{\rho \sqrt{h_{1,t} h_{2,t}}} \quad \frac{\rho \sqrt{h_{1,t} h_{2,t}}}{h_{2,t}} \right) \\ & \log h_{i,t} = \gamma_{i0} + g \\ \left( z_{i,t-1} \right) + \gamma_{i3} \log h_{i,t-1} + \gamma_{i4} \log h_{j,t-1} \\ & g \\ \left( z_{i,t-1} \right) = \gamma_{i1} \\ \left( \frac{\left| \varepsilon_{i,t-1} \right|}{\sqrt{h_{i,t-1}}} - 2\pi \right) + \gamma_{i2} \frac{\varepsilon_{i,t-1}}{\sqrt{h_{i,t-1}}} \end{split}$$

The maximum likelihood estimate  $\hat{\theta}$  for  $\theta = (\alpha, \beta, \gamma, \delta, \rho)$  will be assumed to be asymptotically normal and consistent with a covariance matrix equal to the inverse of Fisher's information matrix (traditional inference procedures are available).

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# Financial Tsunamis hit Japanese Economy

## 1. Japanese Tsunami

 Burst of the bubble in the Japanese Stock and Real estate markets in 1990

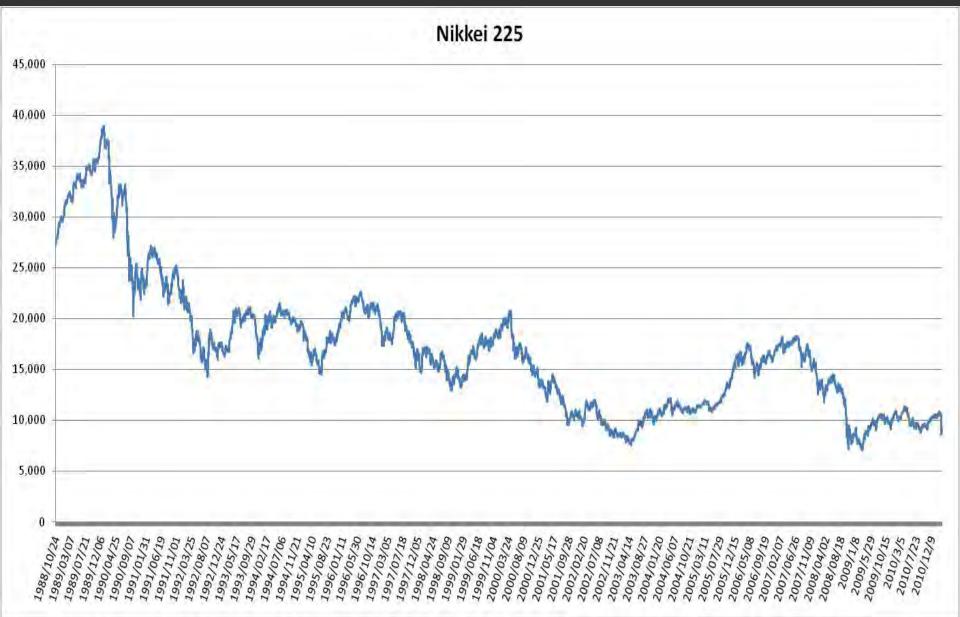
#### 2. Asian Tsunami

Asian Financial Crisis in 1997

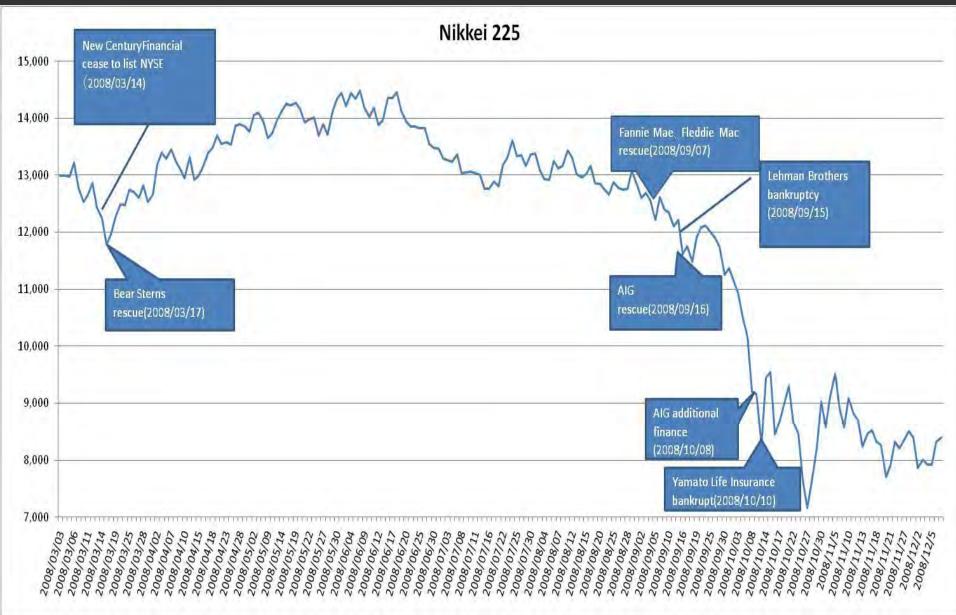
#### 3. US Tsunami

global financial crisis in 2008



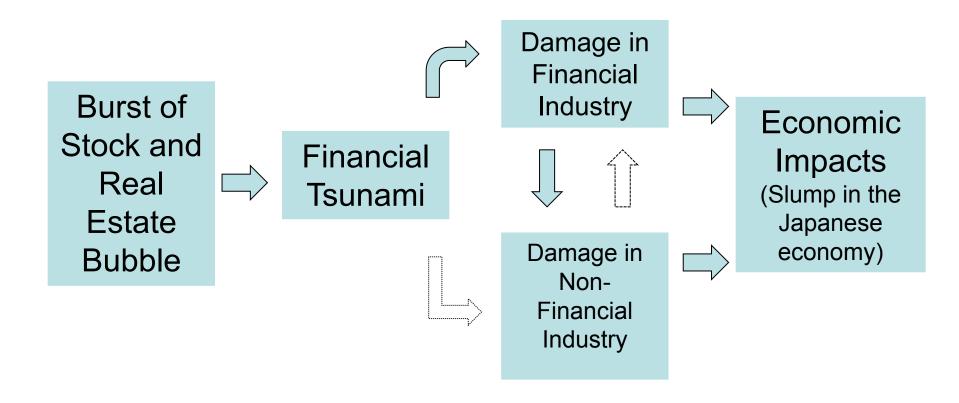








# Japanese Financial Tsunami 1990





#### Asian Financial Tsunami 1997

**Burst of** Exchange Rate Bubble



**Financial** Tsunami



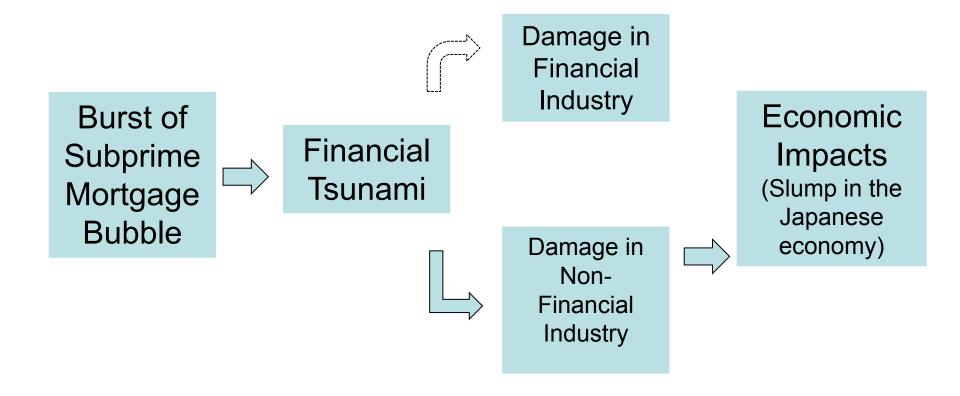
Damage in **Financial** Industry

**Economic Impacts** (Slump in the Japanese economy)

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#### **US Financial Tsunami 2008**





#### Effectiveness of Policies

- JP tsunami
  - Most of the banking policies were effective at least for the financial industry
- Asian tsunami
  - Most of the international policy harmonization were effective
- US tsunami
  - No domestic policy was effective
  - International policy coordination was effective



#### Section 5

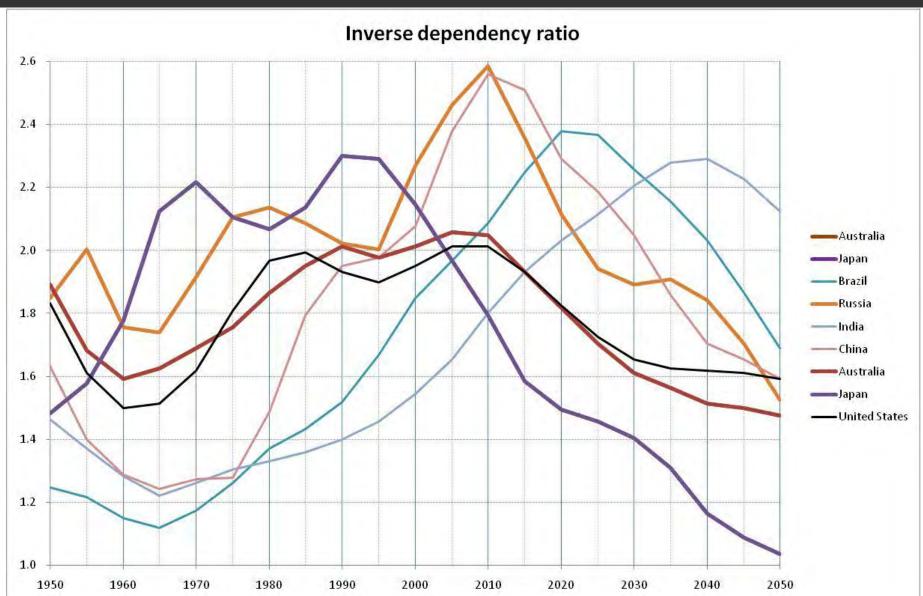
## **AGING SOCIETY**



# **Population Aging**

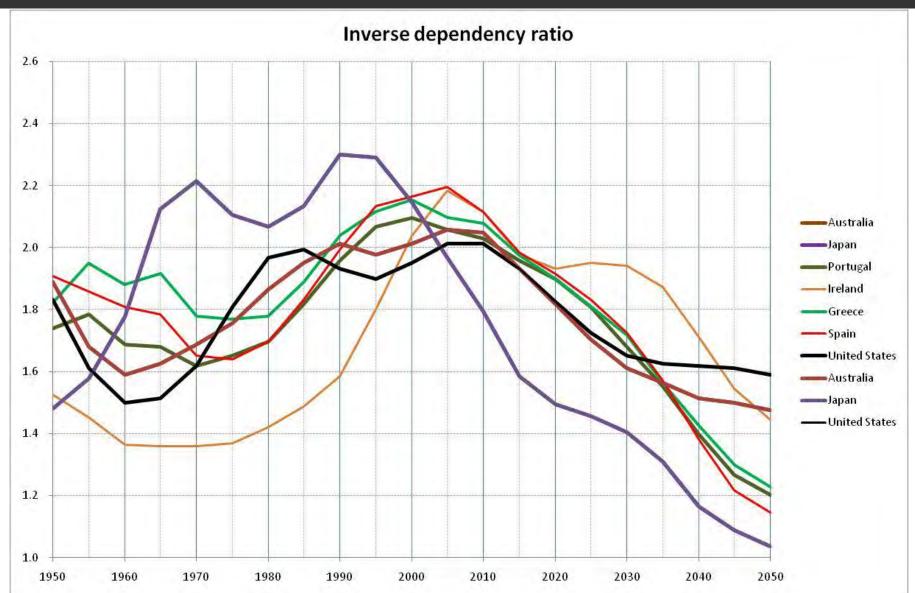
- Inverse Dependency Ratio
  - # of working age/ # of non-working age
  - How many working people is/will be supporting one non-working people
  - Working age=15 to 64
  - Non-working age= 0-14 & 65+





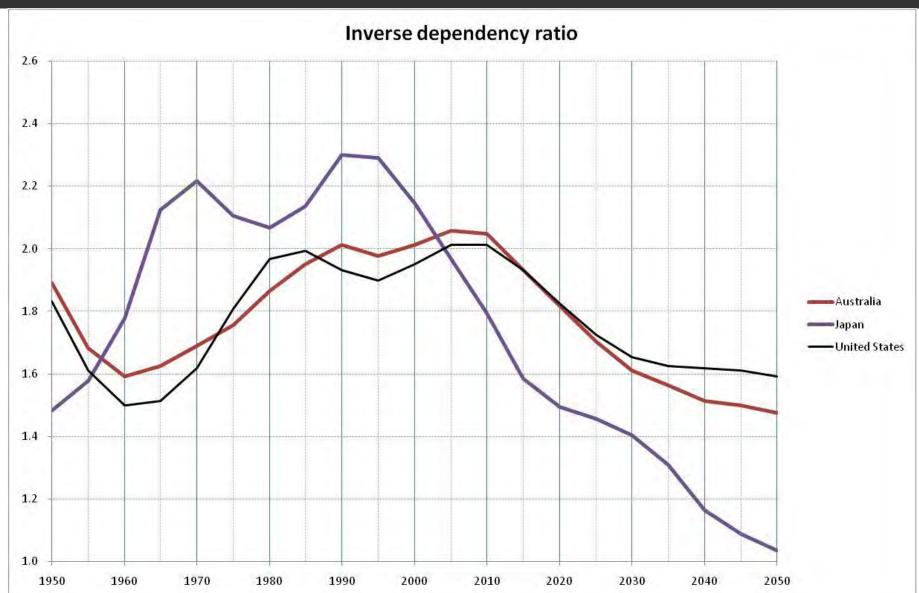
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# Policies for aging

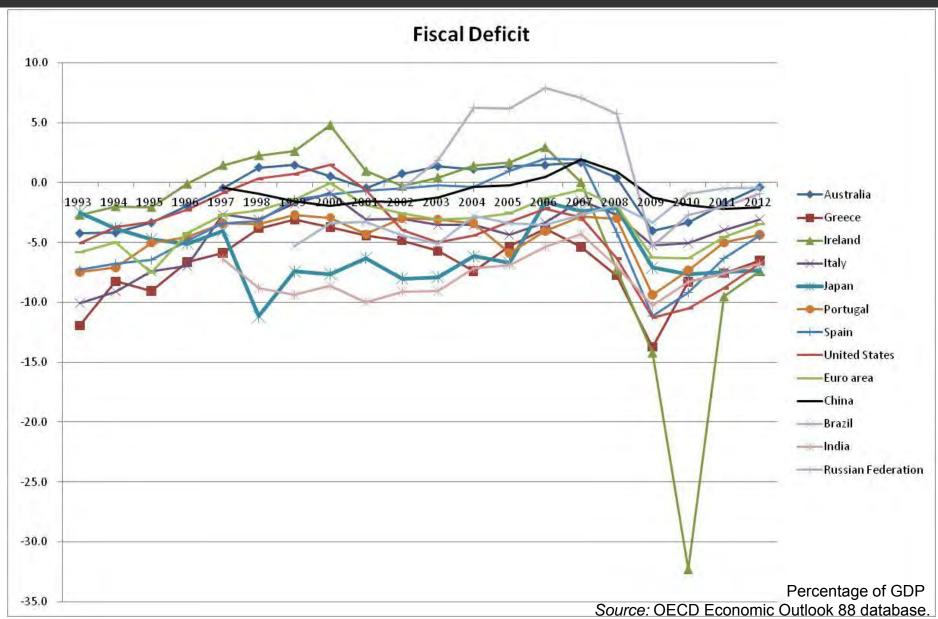
- Child allowance
  - The DPJ has promised a 26,000yen a month child allowance.
  - "Women don't need a child allowance, they need services," she says, especially more day-care centers open longer hours.
- Reform on pension funds



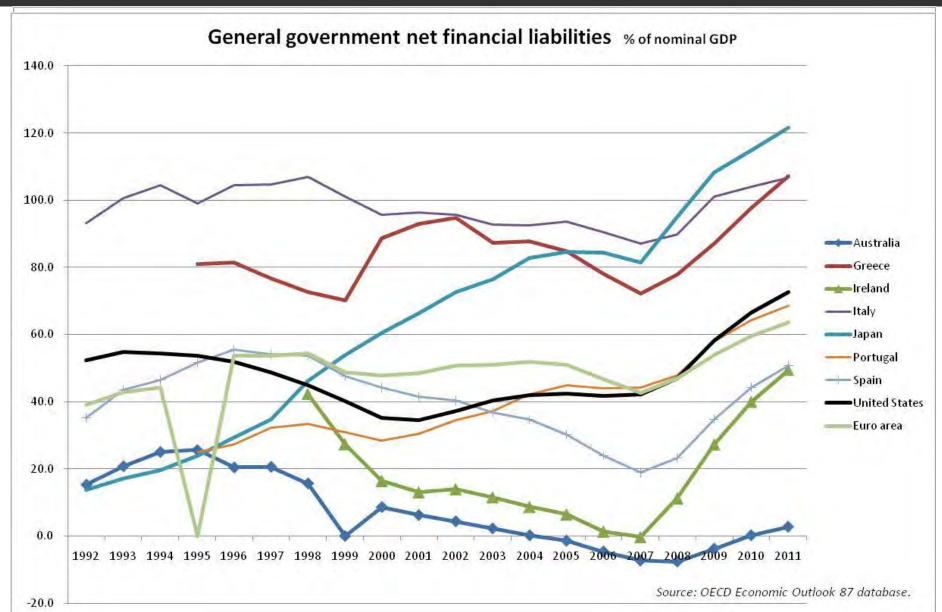
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# Japanese Fiscal Deficit and Yield on JGB

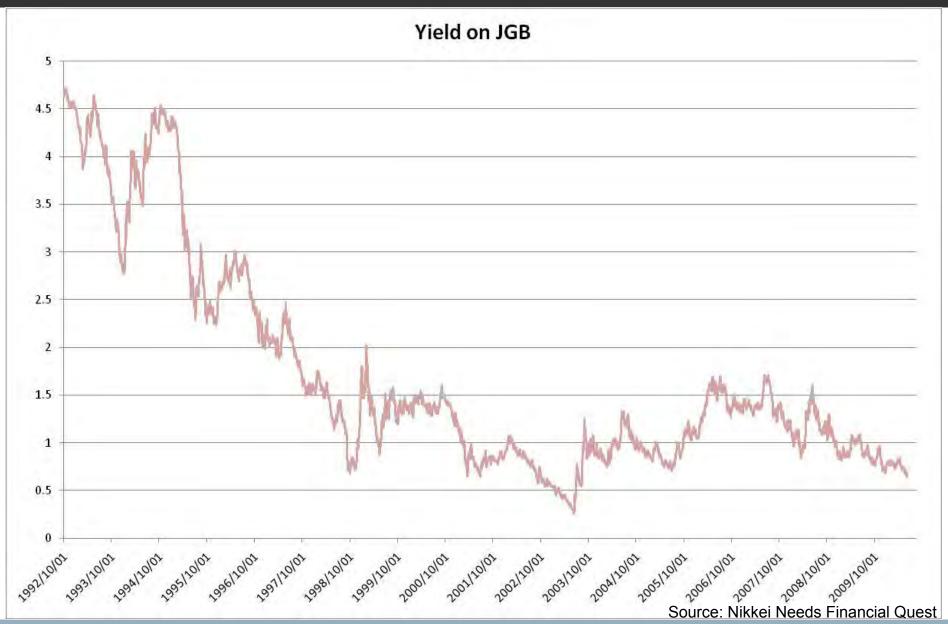




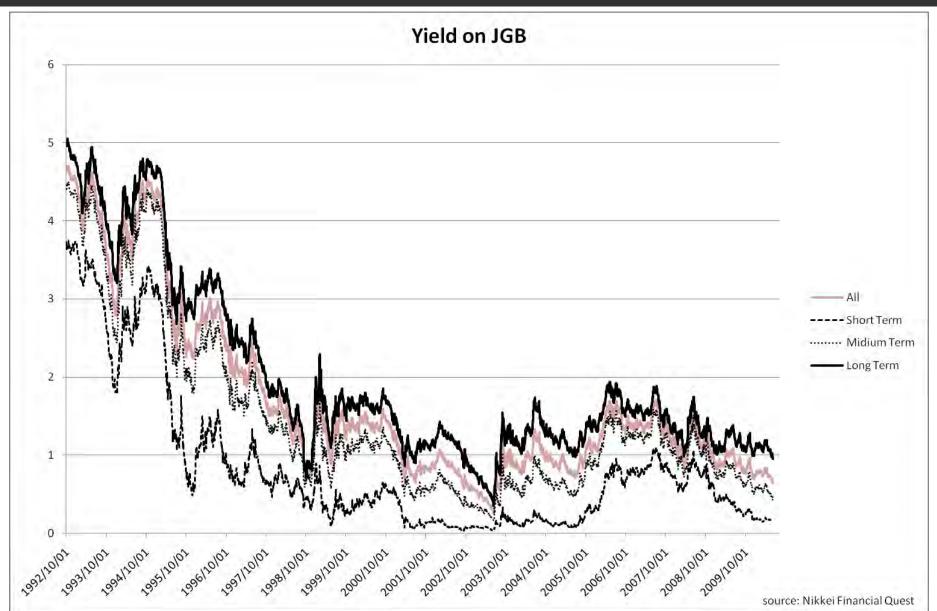




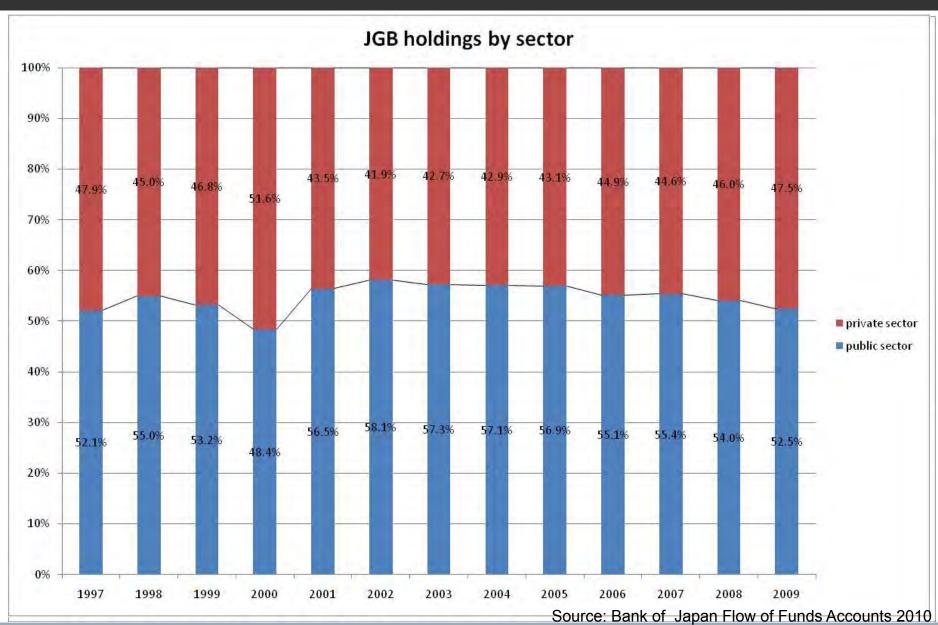




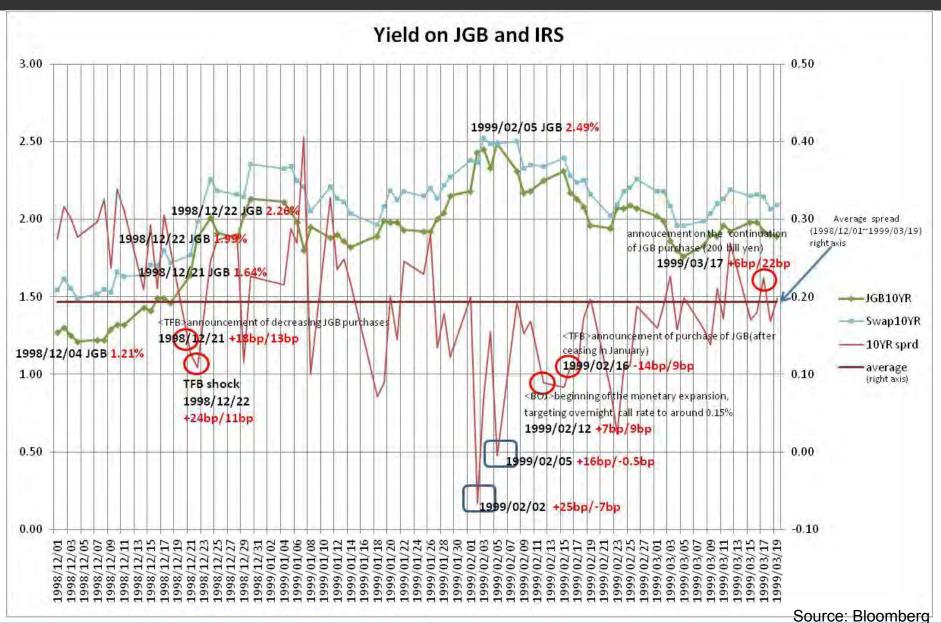










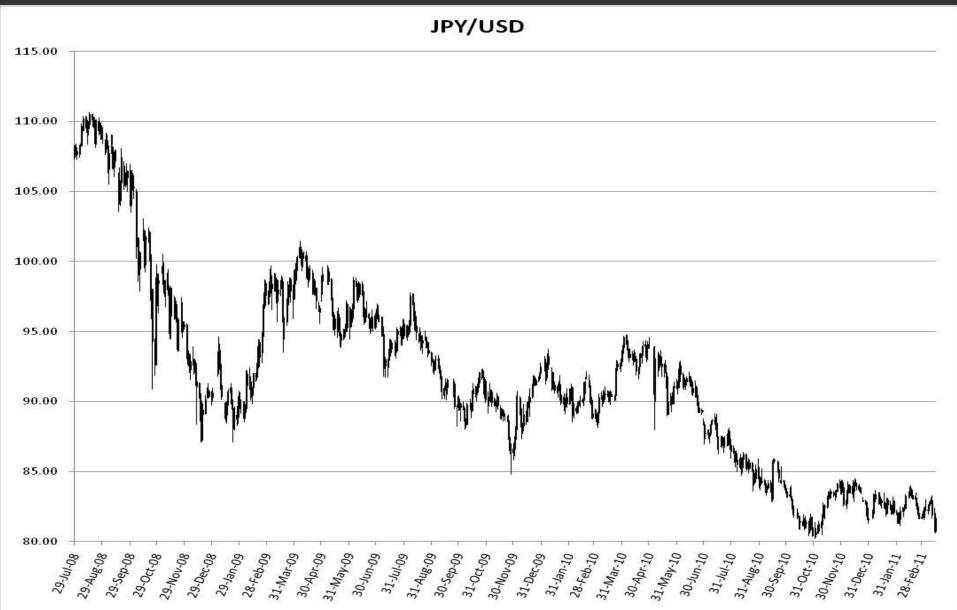




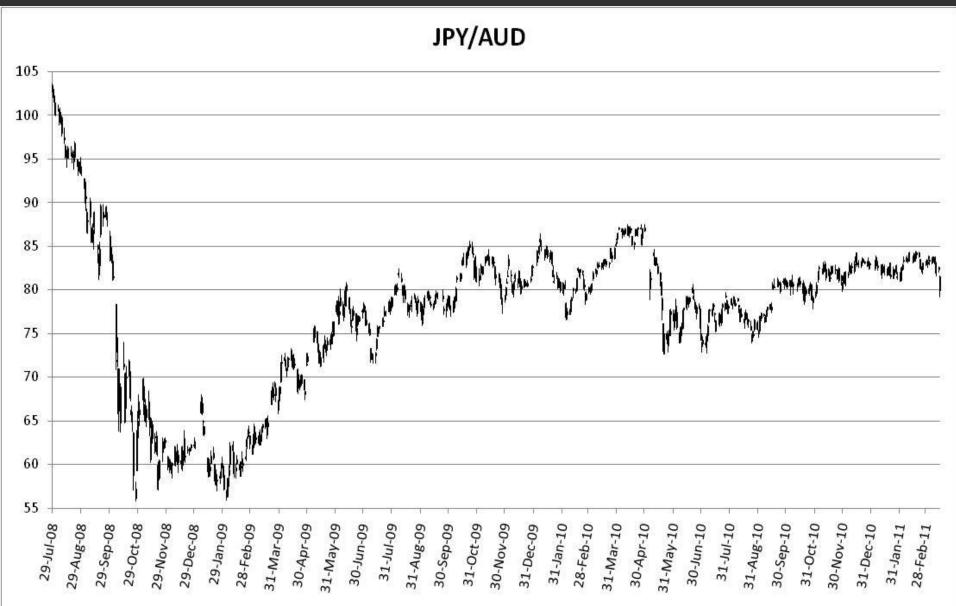
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## STRONG JAPANESE YEN

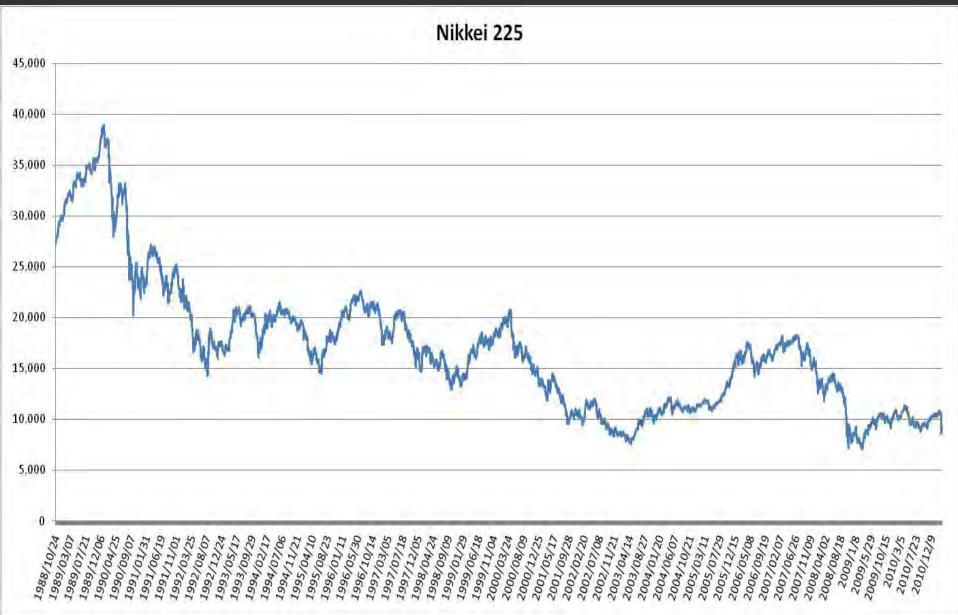




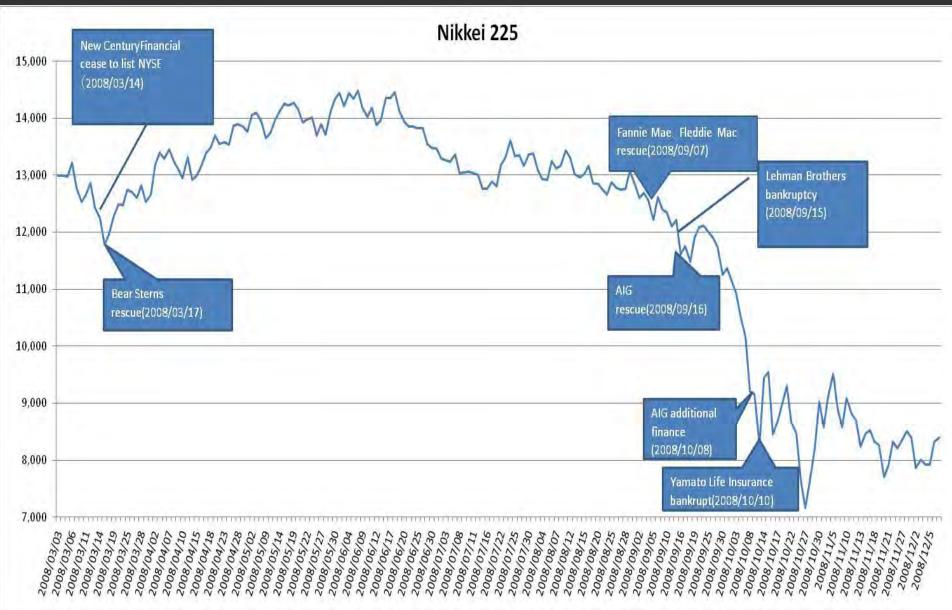














#### Section 6

## **Concluding Remarks**



#### Future of the Japanese Economies

- Crisis Scenario
- Positive Scenario
- Muddle Through



#### Crisis Scenario ⇒ road to bankruptcy

- Society aging can't support social welfare system
- Lack of political leadership for the tax increase
- Government deficit grow too rapid to finance
- Economic growth remains low level due to an accelerated overseas production



### Positive Scenario⇒ V-shaped recovery

- Political accord will be made
- Total fiscal reform will accomplished
- Domestic demand will increase due to the increase in confidence of future economic situation
- Productivity will increase



## Muddle Through

- Fiscal deficit remains high level
- Yield on JGB still low, due to the low demand for funds in private sector



#### **THANK YOU!**

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