Global Economy in Transition Comments

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Deflation and Growth Rate

1995	FY	101.0	-0.1	1995 F Y	504,594.3	1.8
1996	FY	101.4	0.4	1996 FY	515,943.9	2.2
1997	FY	103.5	2.0	1997 FY	521,295.4	1.0
1998	FY	103.7	0.2	1998 FY	510,919.2	-2.0
1999	FY	103.2	-0.5	1999 FY	506,599.2	-0.8
2000	FY	102.6	-0.5	2000 FY	510,834.7	0.8
2001	FY	101.5	-1.0	2001 FY	501,710.7	-1.8
2002	FY	100.9	-0.6	2002 FY	498,008.7	-0.7
2003	FY	100.7	-0.2	2003 FY	501,889.1	0.8
2004	FY	100.6	-0.1	2004 FY	502,760.8	0.2
2005	FY	100.4	-0.1	2005 FY	505,349.4	0.5
2006	FY	100.6	0.2	2006 FY	509,106.4	0.7
2007	$\mathbf{F}\mathbf{Y}$	101.0	0.4	2007 FY	513,023.3	0.8
2008	FY	102.1	1.1	2008 FY	489,520.1	-4.6
2009	FY	100.4	-1.7	2009 FY	473,996.3	-3.2
2010	FY	99.9	-0.4	2010 FY	480,527.5	1.4
2011	$\mathbf{F}\mathbf{Y}$	99.8	-0.1	2011 FY	474,170.5	-1.3
2012	FY	99.5	-0.3	2012 FY	474,635.4	0.1
2013	FY	100.4	0.9	2013 FY	r 483,074.4	1.8
2014	FY	103.4	2.9	2014 FY	r 490,599.0	r 1.6
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Monetary and Fiscal Policy USA and Europe

- 1, Inflation targeting = goal 2%, Other goals ?
- 2, too easy monetary policy for so long period \rightarrow high rate of inflation / bubble
- 3, Change in monetary policy (=interest rate)
 - \rightarrow Capital inflow to the USA
 - \rightarrow Capital outflow from EME

(Asian Financial Crisis of 1997)

4, Easy Monetary Policy \rightarrow Structural Change

5, US QE \rightarrow EM stocks go up, commodity prices

Target rate of inflation, lower oil price, 2% → lower rate



Asset Price Bubbles of Japan of late 1980s

Land Price of Japan

Figure: Land price and deposit insurance of Japan's (DICJ) financial assistance for banking failures



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Source: Yoshino, Taghizadeh-Hesary and Nili (2013)

Local Banks start to increase real estate lending

- 1, Too long QE policy leads to Bubble Real-estate loans / Total bank loans
- 2, USA will tighten its monetary policy in this fall.
 - Europe should tighten monetary policy If Europe does not,

Japan faces with trouble

3, gradual monetary tightening is needed

Gross Debt/GDP ratio, 2014 Selected OECD Countries



Japan's Debt /GDP Ratio

1995	2014
95.1%	229.6%

Greece Debt / GDP Ratio

1995	2014
101.2%	188.7%

Source: OECD Economic Outlook

Holders of Government bonds

Holders of Japanese Government Bonds (JGB)	% of total	Holders of Greek Government Bonds	% of total
Banks and postal savings	45	Overseas investors	33
Life and non-life insur.	20	Domestic investors	21
Public pension funds	10	European Central Bank	18
Private pension funds	4	Bilateral Loans	14
Bank of Japan	8	Social pension funds	6
Overseas investors	5	IMF	5
Households	5	Greek domestic funds	3
Others	3		9



Japanese Debt, 92% are held by Domestic Investors (2014)

HOLDERS	%
Banks and Postal Savings	27.8%
Bank of Japan	21.2%
Life and Non-life Insurances	19.3%
Overseas' Investors	8.5%
Public Pension funds	6.4%
Private Pension Funds	3.4%
General Government	2.6%
Households	2%
Others	1.5 %

Stable bond market of Japan

The Difference between Japan and Greece

The Government Bond Markets (Japan and Greece)



Source: Yoshino and Mizoguchi (2013).

Changes in Japan's Money Flow **High Growth Period** Households Savings \rightarrow Corporate \rightarrow Capital Investment Stock S \rightarrow \rightarrow Κ **Recent Period** Corporate Savings \rightarrow Government \rightarrow Elderly people \rightarrow G \rightarrow Social Welfare **Abolish Retirement Age Increase working population** Pension payment will start 65 or later Wage rate be based on marginal productivity SME and Startup business finance 13 Hometown Investment Trust Funds

Increase of Social Welfare Spending

Transfers from central to local governments

Figure: General Account Budget for FY 2015

Expenditures



Note: Units are in billions of yen Source: Ministry of Finance (2013)

Increase of Social Welfare Spending

Figure: Budget Allocation of Central Government (Japan, 1985-2012)



Source: MOF Unit=billion yen



SMEs' and Start ups difficulty to raise money

Bank Lending to SMEs

Figure: Access to Finance by SMEs and Large Firms in Japan



Notes: DI = Diffusion index, CY = Commercial year Source: Yoshino and Taghizadeh-Hesary (ADBI WP, Lost Decade of Japan, 2015)

Bank-based SME financing and regional financing to riskier borrowers

- 1. Bank Loans to relatively safer borrower
- 2. Hometown Investment Trust Funds/
- **E-Finance, Internet financing**



Investment in SMEs and start up businesses





Agricultural Funds Beans and Wine











ANALYTICAL FRAMEWORK ON CREDIT RISKS FOR FINANCING SMALL AND MEDIUM-SIZED ENTERPRISES IN ASIA

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SMEs in Japan



Source: White Paper on SMEs, Japanese Government, METI, 2011.

Borrower, Lender and Market



Four Accounts by SME

- 1, Account to show Banks
- 2, Account to show tax authority
- 3, His own account
- 4, Account to show his wife

Lack of Data for SMEs



5.B Credit Risk Database of Credit Guarantee



Source: Yoshino (2012).

Analysis of SME credit risk using Asian data

- Selection of the variables
- Principal Component Analysis
- Cluster Analysis

Examined Variable

No.	Symbol	Definition	Category	
1	Equity_TL	Equity (book value)/total liabilities	Levenene	
2	TL_Tassets	Total liabilities/total assets	Leverag	
3	Cash_Tassets	Cash/total assets		
4	WoC_Tassets	Working capital/total assets	Liquidity	
5	Cash_Sales	Cash/net sales		
6	EBIT_Sales	Ebit/sales		
7	Rinc_Tassets	Retained earnings/total assets	Profitability	
8	Ninc_Sales	Net income/sales		
9	EBIT_IE	Ebit/interest expenses	Coverage	
10	AP_Sales	Account payable/sales	A	
11	AR_TL	Account receivable/total liabilities	Activity	

Note: Retained earnings = the percentage of net earnings not paid out as dividends, but retained by the company to be reinvested in its core business or to pay debt. It is recorded under shareholders' equity in the balance sheet. Ebit = earnings before interest and taxes. Account payable = an accounting entry that represents an entity's obligation to pay off a short-term debt to its creditors. The accounts payable entry is found on a balance sheet under current liabilities. Account receivable = money owed by customers (individuals or corporations) to another entity in exchange for goods or services that have been delivered or used, but not yet paid for. Receivables usually come in the form of operating lines of credit and are usually due within a relatively short time period, ranging from a few days to a year.

Cluster analysis: the average linkage method

Dendogram Using Average Linkage



Factor Loadings of Financial Variables after Direct Oblimin Rotation

Variables	Component		_	
(Financial Ratios)	Z1	Z 2	Z 3	Z4
Equity_TL	0.009	0.068	0.113	0.705
TL_Tassets	-0.032	-0.878	0.069	-0.034
Cash_Tassets	-0.034	-0.061	0.811	0.098
WoC_Tassets	-0.05	0.762	0.044	0.179
Cash_Sales	-0.937	0.021	0.083	0.009
EBIT_Sales	0.962	0.008	0.024	-0.004
Rinc_Tassets	0.014	0.877	0.015	-0.178
Ninc_Sales	0.971	-0.012	0.015	0.014
EBIT_IE	0.035	0.045	0.766	-0.098
AP_Sales	-0.731	-0.017	-0.037	-0.016
AR_TL	0.009	-0.041	-0.104	0.725

Note: The extraction method was principal component analysis, The rotation method was direct oblimin with Kaiser normalization.

Financial Education for SMEs Education Program and Textbooks

- 1, Financial Planners Association Individual Borrowing
- 2, Central Bank of Japan
 Text books, Educate School teachers Regional Education Program
 3, Various Financial Associations

Bankers Association, Stock Exchange

Grouping Based on Principal Component (Z1-Z2) and Cluster Analysis



Credit Rating for SMEs by Use of SME Database

- 1, Credit Rating is only applicable to large companies
- 2, Credit Rating for SMEs based on SME Data
- 3, Three ranking of SMEs (Asian country) Five ranking of SMEs (Japan's case)
- 4, SME data can produce default risk ratio
- 5, Risk based Interest rate

Causes of Japan's long-term recession

Problem of Vertical IS curve rather than Liquidity trap

Figure: The ineffectiveness of Monetary Policy in Japan



Source: Yoshino and Sakakibara (2002).

Vertical IS curve

$$y = \alpha - \sigma(i - p) + u_{is}$$
 (IS equation)

$$m - p = \beta + \phi y - \lambda i + u_{lm}$$
 (LM equation)

Table 5. Empirical result

Sample: 1990Q2-2013Q4

Eq.	Dependent variable	Explanatory Variable	Coefficient	Std. Error	t-Statistic	Prob.		
IS	У _t	α	-0.16	0.08	-1.98*	0.049		
		$(i-p)_t$	-0.0002	0.0004	-0.53	0.60		
		${\cal Y}_{t-1}$	1.01	0.007	147.63**	0.00		
	R-squared= 0.99, adjusted R-squared=0.99, Durbin-Watson Stat.=1.70, Std. Error of regression=0.01							
LM	$(m-p)_t$	β	0.02	0.19	0.11	0.91		
		${\cal Y}_t$	0.70	0.26	2.67**	0.008		
		i,	-0.025	0.009	-2.72**	0.007		
		$(m-p)_{t-1}$	0.99	0.006	171.06**	0.00		
R-squared= 0.99, adjusted R-squared=0.99, Durbin-Watson Stat.=1.93, Std. Error of regres					Error of regression=	0.03		
Note: Es	Note: Estimation Method: Iterative Seemingly Unrelated Regression, IS stands for "investment-saving", LM is "liquidity preference-							

money supply" Std Error is Standard error. Prob is the probability

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