

Minutes of the 159th Meeting
of the Tokyo Foreign Exchange Market Committee
(TFEMC)

Time and date of the meeting:	13:00-14:00 February 25 th , 2013
Venue:	Bank of Japan
Chairperson:	Mr. Akira Hoshino
Vice-Chairperson:	Mr. Hokuto Nakano
Vice-Chairperson:	Mr. Tadahiko Nashimoto
Secretary:	Mr. Yoshihito Saito
Attending committee members:	18

I. Resignation of Members

Mr. Hoshino, Chairperson of the Committee, reported that Mr. Nashimoto and Mr. Yoshikawa would resign the Committee.

II. Election of Executive Members

Following the resignation of Mr. Nashimoto, Mr. Onishi was elected unanimously as new Vice-Chairperson.

III. Activities of Sub-Committees

1. Sub-Committee on Committee Steering

Mr. Tsukada, Chairperson of the Sub-Committee, reported the summary of discussions in several Sub-Committees, which had met after the last Committee. He also mentioned that the Sub-Committee had shared the information on the issue regarding the fixing rates in Singapore and the draft of global principles regarding foreign exchange transactions prepared by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York (FRBNY).

2. Sub-Committee on BCP

Mr. Hoshino, Chairperson of the Committee, reported that the joint BCP exercise among three markets was conducted on February 19. He mentioned that he would explain the result of the exercise in detail at the Committee once

the questionnaire survey of the financial institutions, which had participated in the exercise, was completed.

IV. Global Principles regarding Foreign Exchange Transactions

Mr. Saito, Secretary of the Committee, explained the draft of global principles regarding foreign exchange transactions prepared by the FRBNY based on the discussion among secretariats of foreign exchange market committees. As Committee members had no specific objection to the content of the draft, he mentioned that the content would be finalized at the Global FX Committee Meeting in March.

V. Others

1. Fixing Rates in Singapore

Mr. Hoshino, Chairperson of the Committee, reported that the Monetary Authority of Singapore (MAS) was investigating into the several fixing rates offered by the Association of Banks in Singapore (ABS) such as SIBOR. He mentioned that the details of the investigation results had not been released yet but that the way of calculating the fixing rates of NDF transactions of Asian currencies against the yen in the Tokyo market might be affected if the MAS announced some guidelines. In this context, he asked the Sub-Committee on NDF to check whether there would be some impact on the Tokyo market. In addition, he asked the Sub-Committee on Code of Conduct to check once again the description of fixing rates in the Orange Book, which was currently reviewed, given the recent developments in the growing discussion worldwide on the fixing rates.

2. Margin Requirements for Non-Centrally-Cleared Derivatives

Mr. Hoshino, Chairperson of the Committee, reported that the Basel Committee on Banking Supervision (BCBS) and the International Organization of Securities Commissions (IOSCO) had issued a second consultative paper on margin requirements for non-centrally-cleared derivatives in the middle of February and explained the content of the paper related to foreign exchange transactions. He also reported that the Japanese Bankers Association (JBA) would send its written statements after collecting comments from member banks.

List of Tokyo Foreign Exchange Market Committee Members

(February 25th, 2013)

Members

Chairperson:

Mr. Akira Hoshino* (Bank of Tokyo-Mitsubishi UFJ)

Vice-Chairperson and Chairperson of the Sub-Committee on Market Research:

Mr. Hokuto Nakano* (Mizuho Corporate Bank)

Vice-Chairperson:

Mr. Tadahiko Nashimoto* (Barclays Bank)

Secretary:

Mr. Yoshihito Saito* (Bank of Japan)

Chairperson of the Sub-Committee on Committee Steering:

Mr. Tsunemasa Tsukada* (Mitsubishi UFJ Trust and Banking Corp.)

Chairperson of the Sub-Committee on Public Relations:

Mr. Kazuhiro Ooki* (EBS Dealing Resources Japan)

Chairperson of the Sub-Committee on Code of Conduct:

Mr. Tomoo Onishi* (Deutsche Securities)

Chairperson of the Sub-Committee on Legal Matters:

Mr. Shinji Imanishi* (Sumitomo Mitsui Trust Bank)

Chairperson of the Sub-Committee on Operation:

Mr. Ryoichi Fukushima (Mizuho Bank)

Chairperson of the Sub-Committee on E-Commerce:

Mr. Haruhisa Takagi* (Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corp.)

Chairperson of the Sub-Committee on NDF:

Mr. Taiji Hirota* (JPMorgan Chase Bank)

Chairperson of the Sub-Committee on Education:

Mr. Atsuo Ogaki* (Nomura Securities)

Mr. Yuji Sokawa* (Thomson Reuters Japan)

Mr. Masanobu Ishikawa* (Tokyo Forex Ueda Harlow)

Mr. Tomohiro Iwata* (Goldman Sachs Japan Co.)

Mr. Kosuke Hanao (HSBC)

Mr. Joseph A. Kraft Jr. (Bank of America)

Mr. Koichi Yoshikawa (Credit Suisse Securities)

Associate Members

Mr. Yusuke Ito* (Money Brokers Association)

Mr. Sinichi Tsutsui (Mizuho Corporate Bank)

Mr. Naoki Mori* (Bank of Tokyo-Mitsubishi UFJ)

Mr. Joji Ide* (Bank of Japan)

Observer

Mr. Masaaki Iizuka* (Ministry of Finance)

*Attended the meeting.