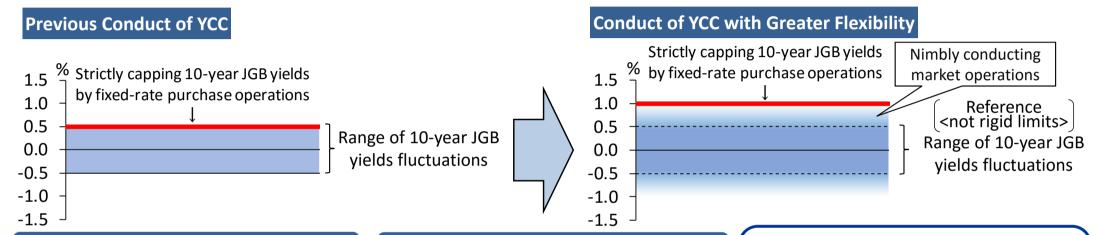
Conducting Yield Curve Control (YCC) with Greater Flexibility

- The Bank judges that sustainable and stable achievement of the price stability target of 2 percent has not yet come in sight, and thus patiently continues with monetary easing.
- With extremely high uncertainties for economic activity and prices, the Bank enhances the sustainability of monetary easing by conducting YCC with greater flexibility.

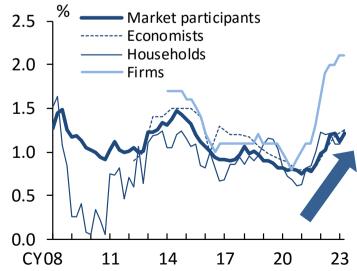


Outlook for Prices

y/y % chg. CPI (Reference) (all items less fresh food) (all items less fresh food and energy) +2.5+3.2 Fiscal 2023 Forecasts made +1.8 +2.5 in Apr. 2023 Fiscal 2024 +1.9 +1.7 Forecasts made +2.0 +1.7 in Apr. 2023 +1.6 +1.8 Fiscal 2025 Forecasts made +1.6 +1.8 in Apr. 2023

Note: Figures indicate the medians of the Policy Board members' forecasts (point estimates).

Inflation Expectations



Note: Figures for market participants, economists, households, and firms are from "QUICK Monthly Market Survey," "ESP Forecast," "Opinion Survey on the General Public's Views and Behavior," and "Tankan," respectively.

Enhancing the sustainability of monetary easing by conducting YCC with greater flexibility

- If upside risks to Japan's economic activity and prices materialize
- Decline in real interest rates
- Mitigating the effects on the functioning of bond markets, etc.
- If downside risks to Japan's economic activity and prices materialize
 - Decline in long-term interest rates