# Public Offering Joint-Local Government Bond

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# I Attractiveness

# 1. High credit

- >Joint-LGB (Local Government Bond) is publicly-offered joint obligations issued by 30 local governments throughout Japan. It was first issued in April 2003.
- ➤ Each issuer guarantees the full amount of debt payment at each issue.

#### **Article 5-7 (Joint Issuance of Local Bonds, Local Finance Law)**

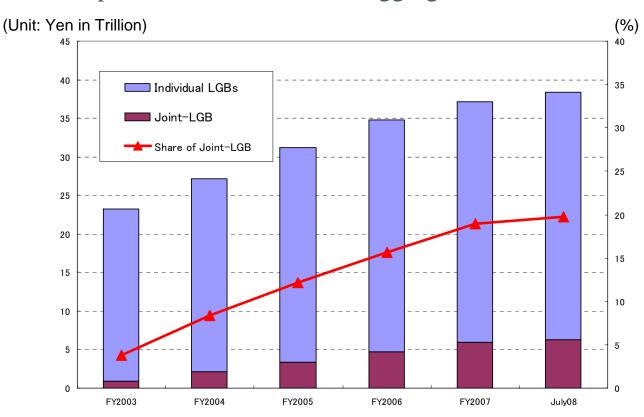
➤ When local debts are raised by issuing bonds two or more local public bodies may, on approval of their respective assemblies, issue bonds jointly. Such local public bodies shall be collectively responsible for the redemption of the local debts and the interest payment.

# 30 Issuers

Prefe	ectures	Designated Cities			
Hokkaido	Aichi	Sapporo	Kita-Kyushu		
Miyagi	Kyoto	Sendai	Fukuoka		
Ibaraki	Osaka	Chiba			
Saitama	Hyogo	Kawasaki			
Chiba	Hiroshima	Niigata			
Kanagawa	Kumamoto	Shizuoka			
Niigata	Oita	Kyoto			
Nagano	Kagoshima	Osaka			
Gifu		Kobe			
Shizuoka	Total: 18	Hiroshima	Total:12		

# 2. High liquidity

- ➤ Joint-LGB is issued monthly for ¥100 billion (equivalent to about \$1 billion), which is one of the largest sizes among Japanese non-JGB bonds.
- Currently total outstanding bonds are nearly ¥6 trillion.
- Due to large issuance amount and frequency, Joint-LGB has certain share in Yendenominated portfolio of the Lehman Aggregate Index.



# 3. Special Sinking Fund for liquidity

- Funds are established with the commissioned bank to ensure timely payment of principal and interest without delay in the event of an unforeseen emergency. These are from the debt payment sinking funds of each issuer.
- Specifically, the 30 issuers as a whole put aside approximately 10% of the amount of one month payment each year.

# 4. Benchmark bond, future potential

- >Thus, Joint-LGB becomes one of the leading benchmark bonds among non-JGB bonds.
- >More local governments plan to become the Joint-LGB issuers and outstanding Joint-LGB will keep accumulating.
- >Thus, this will increase the presence in the bond market more in the future.

# 5. Trading Indication

>We are about to start Joint-LGB trading indication in English site of Bloomberg in order to provide transparent price of major underwriters every day.

#### 6. Issue Outline of Joint-LGB

> We prepared the issue outline of the Joint-LGB. Please refer to the attached document or web site. (http://www.chihousai.or.jp/english)

Issuance Terms					
FY2008 total Issuance	Total of ¥1.23 trillion (about ¥100 billion issued every month)				
Redemption method/Maturity	Bullet redemption/ 10 years				
Amount of Minimum Unit	100,000 yen				
Issue Date	25 <sup>th</sup> of every month				
Coupon	Fixed (rate differs based on issuance month)				
Coupon Payment	25 February and 25 August, irrespective of issuance month				
Announcement of issuance terms	Two business days following auction of 10yr JGB				
Terms Announcement Date	Three months prior to issuance month				
Planned Funding Amount For Issuer	By one week prior to announcement of issuance terms				

II Planned and Past Issuance

#### Planned Issuance FY2008

	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Total
	105	100	100	100	105	105	100	105	100	105	105	100	1,230
Hokkaido Prefecture	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	60
Miyagi Prefecture	4	7	-	-	6	-	6	6	6	6	6	6	53
Ibaraki Prefecture	-	-	-	6	6	6	-	6	-	6	-	7	37
Saitama Prefecture	5	5	-	5	-	5	-	5	-	5	-	5	35
Chiba Prefecture	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	-	5	35
Kanagawa Prefecture	10	5	5	5	-	-	5	-	-	-	-	-	30
Niigata Prefecture	-	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	-	60
Nagano Prefecture	6	6	6	6	6	4	6	6	4	6	4	-	60
Gifu Prefecture	-	-	-	3	-	3	-	-	-	4	-	-	10
Shizuoka Prefecture	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	60
Aichi Prefecture	2	6	11	4	1	6	9	2	9	3	-	7	60
Kyoto Prefecture	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	-	5	5	5	-	50
Osaka Prefecture	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	60
Hyogo Prefecture	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	60
Hiroshima Prefecture	10	-	10	-	10	-	10	-	10	-	10	-	60
Kumamoto Prefecture	5	-	5	-	5	-	-	5	5	-	5	-	30
Oita Prefecture	-	-	-	5	-	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	10
Kagoshima Prefecture	-	-	-	-	5	5	-	5	5	5	5	5	35
City of Sapporo	8	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	8	30
City of Sendai	-	-	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	30
City of Chiba	5	5	-	-	5	5	-	5	-	-	5	-	30
City of Kawasaki	5	5	-	5	5	-	-	-	5	-	5	5	35
City of Niigata	-	-	-	-	4	3	-	-	-	-	3	-	10
City of Shizuoka	-	-	-	-	-	3	3	3	-	3	-	3	15
City of Kyoto	5	5	-	5	5	-	6	6	7	7	7	7	60
City of Osaka	2	5	12	4	2	6	10	4	8	-	-	7	60
City of Kobe	3	3	4	3	3	4	3	3	4	3	3	4	40
City of Hiroshima	-	6	-	6	-	6	-	6	-	8	-	8	40
City of Kita-Kyushu	-	-	5	-	5	-	5	5	-	5	5	-	30
City of Fukuoka	7	-	5	6	-	7	-	6	-	7	7	-	45
No. of Issuers	20	19	17	21	22	22	18	22	18	21	20	18	

#### Past Issuance

#### **FY2005**

Month	Issuance (Billion Yen)	Coupon	Issue Price	Subscription yield	T- Spread
April	108	1.4%	99.75	1.428%	4.6
May	108	1.3%	99.50	1.356%	7.7
June	109	1.3%	99.95	1.305%	6.2
July	110	1.3%	99.90	1.311%	6.8
August	110	1.4%	99.70	1.434%	7.1
September	109	1.3%	99.25	1.385%	4.7
October	109	1.5%	99.50	1.557%	5.0
November	110	1.6%	99.40	1.670%	5.3
December	108	1.6%	100.00	1.600%	3.9
January	109	1.4%	99.15	1.497%	5.4
February	109	1.6%	99.85	1.617%	5.9
March	109	1.6%	99.30	1.681%	4.8

#### **FY2006**

Month	Issuance (Billion Yen)	Coupon	Issue Price	Subscription yield	n T- Spread
April	111	1.8%	99.25	1.889%	4.7
May	111	2.0%	99.55	2.054%	5.3
June	109	1.9%	99.75	1.929%	6.5
July	111	2.1%	99.75	2.130%	14.6
August	110	2.0%	99.40	2.072%	15.5
September	111	1.8%	99.50	1.859%	15.5
October	111	1.8%	99.35	1.877%	14.6
November	109	1.8%	99.30	1.883%	13.6
December	109	1.7%	99.30	1.782%	13.3
January	110	1.8%	99.35	1.877%	13.2
February	111	1.8%	99.45	1.865%	12.6
March	111	1.7%	99.60	1.746%	11.8

#### Past Issuance

#### **FY2007**

Month	Issuance (Billion Yen)	Coupon	Issue Price	Subscription yield	T- Spread
April	100	1.8%	99.90	1.811%	11.3
May	100	1.7%	99.25	1.788%	10.2
June	100	1.9%	99.80	1.923%	9.0
July	104	1.9%	99.45	1.965%	6.1
August	102	1.8%	99.30	1.883%	11.4
September	100	1.7%	99.30	1.782%	15.1
October	100	1.85%	100.00	1.850%	15.3
November	105	1.72%	99.98	1.722%	11.7
December	100	1.65%	100.00	1.650%	16.0
January	100	1.59%	99.92	1.599%	15.1
February	103	1.57%	100.00	1.570%	13.9
March	100	1.49%	99.94	1.496%	12.5

#### **FY2008**

Month	Issuance (Billion Yen)	Coupon	Issue Price	Subscription yield	T- Spread
April	105	1.55%	99.95	1.555%	17.5
May	100	1.74%	100.00	1.740%	14.1
June	100	1.88%	99.98	1.882%	11.0
July	100	1.78%	99.95	1.785%	8.1
August	105	1.62%	99.97	1.623%	10.5
September	105	1.55%	99.95	1.555%	9.8
October					
November					
December					
January					
February					
March					

Ⅲ Q&A

#### **Q**1)

> Why do 30 prefectures and designated cities issue Joint-LGB?

#### A1)

- >Joint-LGB will increase liquidity due to their large-scale issuances and ensure favorable terms (fiscal scale, population, economic strength, etc) from collaboration between large-scale local government issuers. The goal is to offer products with superior marketability and ensure stable fund procurement.
- Also, jointly-issued local government bonds are expected to be the benchmark for local government bonds. They are expected to contribute to the growth of the local government bond market.

Q2)

➤ What is the joint obligation bond system?

#### A2)

Solution local government bonds were created under Article 5-7 of the Local Government Finance Law, and are issued under joint obligation methods. Each joint debtor bears responsibility for repayment in full of each debt (Civil Code Article 432): the 30 issuers of joint local government bonds are responsible for the full issuance value. This system ensures extremely strong credit regarding bond redemptions.

**Q**3)

➤ How do special sinking funds for liquidity work?

#### A3)

The funds are meant to protect repayment resources. For example, (1) in case of a system breakdown caused by unforeseen disaster, issuers may use funds to make full repayment, or (2) commissioned banks, given the authority by law to receive principle and interest on behalf of bondholders to protect their rights, may offset deposits liabilities with liabilities related to principal/interest repayments.

#### Q4)

Aren't credit assessment difficult for issuers that changes their fund procurement methods each time?

#### A4)

While the issuers procuring funds do change with each issuance, the issuance is always made under the joint obligation methods. So regardless of whether an certain issuer is involved in fund procurement or not, each and every issuer is responsible for repayment of the issuance amount. Therefore, joint local government bonds can be regarded as having the same credit quality each time.

IV Appendix

# Offer-Bid Spreads (LGBs)

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