Toward a Sounder Financial Position

As the pursuit of a sounder financial position is ranked as one of the Bank's key priorities, we are strengthening our capital adequacy and reducing non-performing loans (NPL).

NPL Ratio of 3.58%

We have taken a stricter stance on bad debt write-offs and allowances in order to reflect the Bank's self-assessment of assets more faithfully. As of March 31, 2010, the Bank's NPL balance (subject to mandatory disclosure of claims under the Financial Reconstruction Law, including claims held by a subsidiary established for asset management purposes) increased by ¥16.8 billion year on year, to ¥179.4 billion. As a result, the NPL ratio increased to 3.58%, up 0.29 percentage points year on year.

The coverage ratio for loans subject to mandatory disclosure of claims is 84.79% through collateral, guarantees, and the reserve for possible loan losses. Coverage for bankrupt and quasibankrupt assets is 100%.

Capital Ratio (consolidated) is 10.42%

The capital ratio as of March 31, 2010 stood at 10.40% on a non-consolidated basis and 10.42% on a consolidated basis. This was due to an increase in retained earnings, among other factors. Non-consolidated and consolidated capital ratios grew by 0.49 and 0.55 percentage points respectively, year-on-year. These high figures met the new medium-term business plan target of the 9.5% level ahead of schedule, and are significantly higher than the minimum level of 4% required for banks operating only in Japan.

The core Tier I ratio stood at 6.95% on a non-consolidated basis and 6.97% on a consolidated basis, with both figures exceeding the levels of the previous fiscal year. We will be implementing measures to further strengthen our capital adequacy and raise the capital ratio.

