## Toward a Sounder Financial Position

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

## NPL ratio improved by 0.19 percentage points to 3.01%

The Bank carries out write-offs and provision of reserves for its NPLs according to strict standards, based on self-assessment of assets. As of March 31, 2013, the Bank's NPL balance (subject to mandatory disclosure of claims under the Financial Reconstruction Law, non-consolidated basis) decreased by ¥4,679 million year on year, to ¥162,844 million. As a result, the NPL ratio decreased to 3.01% compared with 3.20% for previous fiscal year-end. The coverage ratio for loans subject to mandatory disclosure of claims under the Financial Reconstruction Law is 84.53% through collateral, guarantees, and the reserve for possible loan losses. Coverage ratio for bankrupt and quasi-bankrupt assets is 100%.

## Capital ratio (consolidated) is 10.29%

The capital ratio as of March 31, 2013 stood at 10.07% (a decrease of 0.38 of a percentage point year on year) on a non-consolidated basis and 10.29% (a decrease of 0.38 of a percentage point year on year) on a consolidated basis. These figures are significantly higher than the minimum level of 4% required for banks operating in Japan.

The core Tier I ratio stood at 7.93% (an increase of 0.16 of a percentage point year on year) on a non-consolidated basis and 7.89% (an increase of 0.08 of a percentage point year on year) 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.

