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COMMENTS ON "IN DEFENSE OF PUBLIC DEBT"

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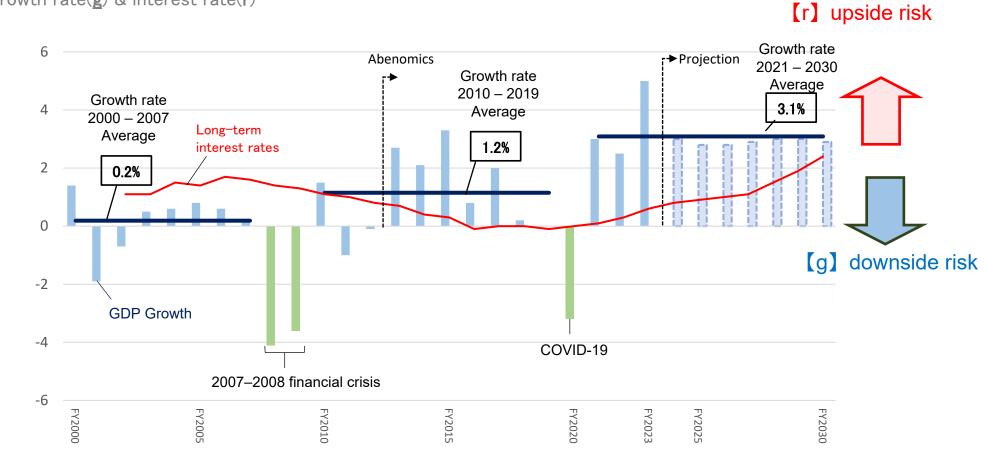
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"g vs r" in Japan

Both g & r are increasing

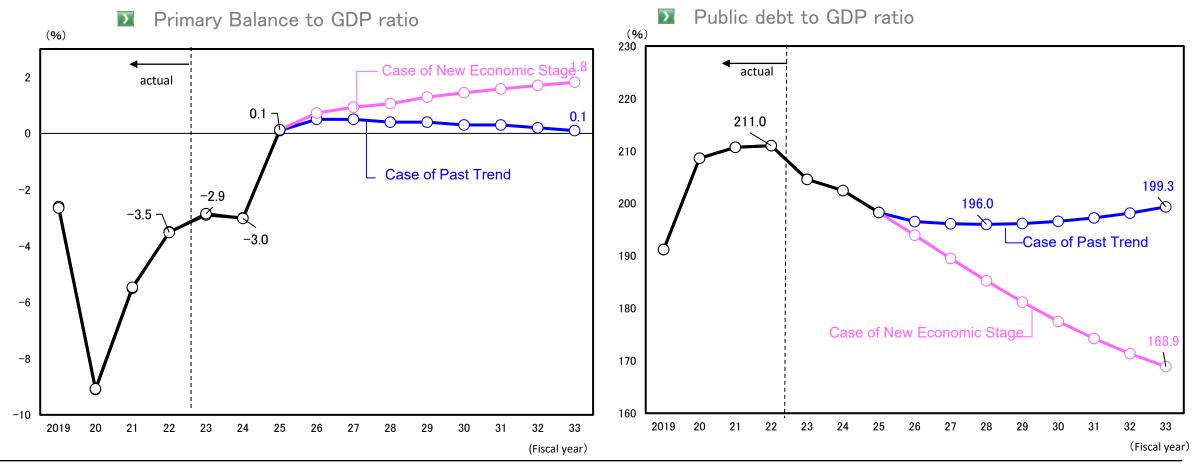
Nominal growth rate(<u>g</u>) & interest rate(r)





Economic and Fiscal Projections

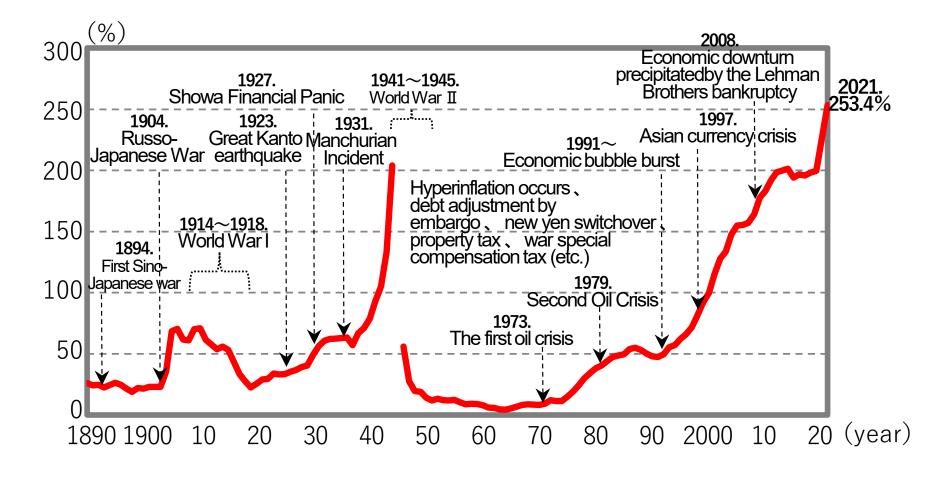
To achieve both economic growth and fiscal consolidation



Source : Cabinet office



Ratio of public debt to GDP(%, fiscal year)





List of developed country ratings

	MDY		S&P		Fitch		R&I		JCR	
	Rating	Outlook								
UNITED STATES	Aaa	NEG	AA+u	STABLE	AA+u	STABLE	AAA	STABLE	AAA	STABLE
GERMANY	Aaau	STABLE	AAAu	STABLE	AAAu	STABLE	AAA	STABLE	AAA	STABLE
FRANCE	Aa2u	STABLE	AAu	NEG	AA-u	STABLE	AAA	STABLE	AAA	STABLE
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SPAIN	Baa1	STABLE	Au	STABLE	A-u	STABLE	A	-	AA	STABLE
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Question 1 What do you think about Japan's debt problem and fiscal discipline, given the changes in interest rates and growth rates?

Question 2 Regarding the economic outlook for the United States, please tell us your thoughts on what the risks are for the United States and what we should pay attention to.



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