FY2020 Earnings Results Briefing

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Section I

Earnings Results for FY2020 and Numerical Targets for FY2021



FY2020 Earnings Results –Summary–

(biillion yen)	FY2017	FY2018	FY2019	FY2020		
[Consolidated]					YoY	vs. Plan*
Consolidated ordinary income	30.9	23.6	17.4	21.2	3.8	3.7
Profit attributable to owners of parent	21.2	16.1	11.9	14.4	2.5	2.4
[Non-consolidated]						
Core business gross profit	79.5	77.0	74.7	76.3	1.6	1.1
Net interest income	66.2	63.0	58.2	58.8	0.6	0.4
Net fee income	14.6	14.8	15.8	15.6	-0.2	0.3
Net other operating profits	-1.2	-0.8	0.6	1.8	1.2	0.5
Expenses (-)	55.6	54.2	54.0	52.7	-1.3	-1.1
OHR (%)	69.9	70.3	72.2	69.1	-3.1	-2.5
Core business net profit	23.9	22.8	20.7	23.5	2.8	2.2
Excl. gains or losses on cancellation of investment trusts	22.2	21.7	20.6	23.4	2.8	2.6
Credit cost (-)	-1.7	4.1	5.6	8.0	2.4	-0.9
Bond trading loss, write-off	-2.4	1.1	-0.5	-0.5	-0.0	-1.7
Equity trading and evaluation loss	4.4	1.4	0.0	5.5	5.5	3.2
Other	0.2	0.6	0.7	-1.5	-2.2	-1.0
Ordinary profit	27.9	21.9	15.4	19.0	3.6	3.5
Extraordinary gain/loss	-0.1	-0.2	-0.6	-0.3	0.3	0.1
Net income	19.4	15.3	10.8	13.0	2.2	2.0

*Forecast published on Nov. 13, 2020.

• Core business net profit Increased by 2.8 billion yen year on year due to growth of net interest income and net other operating profits (derivative transactions for clients, etc.), and a decrease in expenses.

Ordinary profit Increased year on year both on a consolidated and non-consolidated basis due to an increase in gains/losses related to securities, despite an increase in credit costs.

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FY2020 Earnings Results – Supplementary Information on Net Interest Income-



• Net interest income increased by 0.6 billion yen year on year due to growth in interest on yen loans and discounts and an increase in foreign currency net interest income due mainly to a drop in foreign currency procurement expenses.

Major Accounts (1) Deposits & Assets in Custody



• In FY2020, deposits + NCD increased significantly for both corporate and retail clients due to payment of COVID-19-related benefits and securing funds on hand.

• A continued inflow of funds related to COVID-19 is expected mainly for corporate and retail clients in FY2021.



Major Accounts (2) Loans





*1 Local: Regions other than Tokyo and Osaka *2 Urban: Tokyo and Osaka *3 Loans to the headquarters: Non-Japanese loans and SF centers

- In FY2020, total loans grew significantly by 5.0% year on year mainly due to the aggressive financial support during the COVID-19 pandemic.
- In FY2021, we will continue to provide aggressive financial support mainly in the local communities.

Major Accounts (3) Securities





 In FY2020, the total balance increased by 47.5 billion yen year on year due to an increase in yen bonds on the back of the growth of deposit/loan balance due to an increase in deposits. Unrealized gains/losses improved significantly due to the recovery of the stock market.

• In FY2021, we will take positions flexibly in foreign currency bond investments and equity-type assets (including investment trusts).

Net Fee Income





*Four products in custody (investment trusts, insurance, municipal bonds, financial instrument brokerage) + inheritance-related business

- In FY2020, the impact of the decrease in revenue due to refraining from face-to-face sales activities in 1H remained minor, helped by the utilization of remote meetings.
- In FY2021, we will strive to increase revenue mainly from assets in custody (including inheritance-related business).



Corporate Solution-related Revenues

[Revenues from solutions for corporate customers] (Net interest income, net fee income, net other operating profits) +224



• In FY2020, corporate solution-related revenues increased significantly, reflecting the growth of intermediary fees and the execution of large-volume derivatives transactions.

• In FY2021, we will expand the provision of solutions in response to diversified customer needs and further take risks and returns into consideration in loans to the headquarters by paying close attention to changes in the market environment.



[Breakdown of revenues related to assets in custody]



• In FY2020, the group total increased year on year due to an increase in investment trusts that captured the recovery of the market and revenue improvement at group subsidiaries, despite the negative impact of refraining from face-to-face sales activities during the pandemic.

• In FY2021, we will aim to increase life insurance and inheritance-related revenue by strengthening consulting sales according to customers' life plans.

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Expenses



[Expenses]



• In FY2020, expenses decreased significantly by 1.3 billion yen year on year due to a decrease in business trip travel expenses and training expenses, as well as a reduction in personnel expenses due to the streamlining of operations.

• In FY2021, we expect to see expenses unchanged from FY2020 overall due to further streamlining, despite increases in personnel system-related costs and branch-related costs.

Credit Costs and Non-performing Loans





(Reference) Calculation method of general allowance for loan losses

• Expected loss rate is calculated based on the actual loan loss rates for three consecutive calculation periods, with one period being three years and each moved one year forward.

• The expected loss rate shall be either the "three-period average" or the "most recent two-period average," whichever is larger.

• Loans to healthy accounts and substandard I accounts are adjusted by taking into consideration the average remaining period of the receivables.

- General allowance for loan losses increased on the back of an increase in loans. Specific allowance for loan losses also increased year on year, resulting in an increase of 2.4 billion yen in the total allowance.
- Although the NPL ratio has risen, it remains low (1% level).

Capital Adequacy



[Capital adequacy ratio]



[Capital adequacy (consolidated)]

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(billion yen)		FY2019	FY2020	Change
Total equity		502.1	561.1	59.0
	Common equity Tier 1 capital	501.9	550.9	49.0
	Valuation difference on available-for-sale securities	44.3	84.9	40.6
Risk-weighted assets, etc.		3,848.5	4,155.6	307.1
	Credit risks	3,693.7	4,002.5	308.8
Operational risks		154.7	153.0	-1.7

[Other Basel regulations]

	FY2019	FY2020	<regulatory standards></regulatory
Consolidated leverage ratio	5.99%	6.52%	3% or more
Consolidated liquidity coverage ratio (LCR)	165.3%	201.8%	100% or more
Consolidated stress test (IRRBB)	3.6%	5.9%	15% or less

End of Mar. 2019 End of Mar. 2020 End of Mar. 2021

 The total capital adequacy ratio rose on the back of increases in valuation difference on available-for-sale securities and in Tier 2 capital through financing by subordinate bonds (social bonds), while risk-weighted assets grew due to an increase in loans, etc.



[Earnings	forecasts]
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]	FY2020	FY2021		<net income="" interest=""></net>
(billion yen)		Result	Forecast	Change	The loan balance increased significantly due to aggressive financing support for customers during the pandemic.	
Consoli- dated	Consolidated ordinary profit		21.2	21.5	0.3	We expect robust growth of net interest income in FY2021 through
	Consolidated net income		14.4	14.7	0.3	continued financing support.
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	Core business gross profit		76.3	77.0	0.7	
		Net interest income	58.8	59.4	0.6	we have established a sales system adapted to the pandemic. Considering customers' new needs and managerial issues that
		Net fee income	15.6	16.5	0.9	became apparent during the pandemic as an opportunity for consulting, we will provide further financial and non-financial
		Net other operating profits	1.8	1.1	-0.7	support.
7	Expenses (-)		52.7	52.9	0.2	<expenses></expenses>
idateo	Core business net profit		23.5	24.0	0.5	We expect to carry out strategic investments as planned as sales and business activities recover. We will seek to accelerate
Non-consolidated	Cred	lit cost (-)	8.0	8.5	0.5	measures that contribute to the streamlining of operations, which
Von-c		Provision of general allowance for loan	3.7	3.8	0.1	were implemented during the pandemic, in an effort to perpetuate a low-cost structure.
_		Provision of specific allowance for loan	4.2	4.6	0.4	<credit costs=""></credit>
	Securities-related gains/losses		5.0	4.2	-0.8	Currently, there is no major impact of the pandemic in the local
	Othe	r	-1.5	-0.2	1.3	For FY2021, while there is no deterioration factor in particular at
	Ordinary profit Net income		19.0	19.5	0.5	present, we have incorporated credit costs equivalent to those of FY2020 into the forecast to prepare for unexpected events.
			13.0	13.5	0.5	

[Impact of COVID-19]

• We will continue to aggressively respond to customers' financing needs and problem-solving needs, as well as ensuring thorough streamlining and cost management. Through such efforts, we expect profit increases on both a consolidated and non-consolidated basis.



[Shareholder return policy for FY2021]

Shareholder return ratio of at least 35% through dividends and share buybacks

* In the calculation of the payout ratio, share buybacks are those carried out within a year from the general meeting of shareholders.

Shareholder return ratio of approx. 35%

Shareholder return ratio of at least 35%

(billion yen)		FY2017	FY2018	FY2019	FY2020	FY2021 (Plan)
Dividend per sh (Interim dividen		20 yen (10 yen)	22 yen (10 yen)	22 yen (11 yen)	<mark>23 yen</mark> (11 yen)	23 yen (11.5 yen)
Net income	<u>(1)</u>	19.4	15.3	10.8	14.4	14.7
Total dividends	2	3.8	4.1	4.1	4.3	4.3
Payout ratio	(2)÷(1)	19.7%	27.1%	38.2%	30.0%	29.2%
Share buvbacks	3	2.9	1.4	-	1.0	Consolidated
Shareholder return amount	2+3	6.8	5.5	4.1	5.3	shareholder return at least
Shareholder return ratio	(2+3)÷1	35.1%	36.2%	38.2%	36.9%	35%
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Consolidated (from FY2020)

 • FY2020 • We increased dividends by 1 yen per share to 23 yen (22+1 yen) to commemorate the Bank's 90th anniversary. Share buybacks worth 1 billion yen are currently implemented.
• FY2021 • We will revise the dividend per share to 23 yen and the shareholder return policy to "at least 35% of consolidated net income."
We will continue to seek to maximize shareholder returns through stable dividend payment and flexible share buybacks.

Section II

Management Strategies of The Chugoku Bank Group

Long-term Management Plan "Vision 2027: Plan for Creating the Future Together" as the Basis



 In March 2017, we formulated our 10-year Long-term Management Plan "Vision 2027: Plan for Creating the Future Together" based on our long-term vision to "Create with Our Community, Customers and Employees a Rich Future that We Can All Share" with the aim of establishing a sustainable business model by overcoming the declines in population and profitability.



[Framework for achieving the long-term vision]



Initiatives for creating a rich future — Improve the quality of the services we provide

Increase opportunities to provide services



Initiatives for creating the foundation of management

- Enhance our capabilities to provide services
- Reform the mindsets of individuals and the organizational culture

Positioning of the Medium-term Management Plan "Plan for Creating the Future Together: Stage II"



- Based on the achievements of the structural reforms (strategic investments and streamlining operations and enhancing sales capabilities through BPR measures) under the previous Medium-term Management Plan, we will establish "our proprietary business model," which can quickly respond to changes of the external environment and enables the Group and local communities to grow together.
- To that end, we will strengthen **our organizational power and human resources** development under the new Medium-term Management Plan.





Enhancement of initiatives for regional revitalization and the SDGs

- Confront the various issues surrounding the local areas and aim to solve the issues, create new businesses and work toward the SDGs.
- Solve social and environmental issues by providing our know-how to customers, forming various partnerships, and working toward the SDGs.

Deepening of customer-oriented sales activities

- As The Chugoku Bank Group, provide new value to customers and solve their various issues.
- Strengthen integrated sales by sales offices and the HQ, enhance services including non-financial services, enter new business areas including personnel placement, local trading companies and business consulting services, and strengthen synergies within the Group.

Vitalization of the organization

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- Position employees as the Group's important stakeholder and raise their job satisfaction and offer support in selffulfillment and development.
- Establish an organizational system where employees can work with greater job satisfaction than before by reforming the personnel system, reviewing the performance commendation system, and further delegating authority to blocks and sales offices.

Enhancement of the digitalization strategy

- The rapid progress of digitalization of finance provides a significant business opportunity for the Group.
- Aim to increase customer contact points and create new customer experience using digital technologies through increasing/improving smartphone apps for retail customers and opening a portal website for corporate customers. Further streamline banking operations through digitalization.

Establishment of a sustainable growth model

• To respond to the harsh market environment, such as sustained negative interest rates, strive to stabilize revenue in the core business, including new business areas, and fundamentally review the cost structure to achieve sustainable profit growth.

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Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) of the Medium-term Management Plan "Plan for Creating the Future Together: Stage II"



- We have set the value we can provide stakeholders as the KPIs of the Medium-term Management Plan "Plan for Creating the Future Together: Stage II."
- We will aim to increase the regional (East Setouchi Economic Zone^{*1}) population and GDP in the long run by achieving the KPIs.

Stakeholder	KPI	FY2020 Result	Final year of the Medium-term Plan (FY2022)	Final year of the Long- term Plan (FY2026)
	Number of projects addressing local issues and contributing to the SDGs	Continuous improvement	Continuous improvement	-
Local community	(1) Sum of the number of startups for which we provided support ^{*2} and the number of companies we provided support in business succession ^{*3}	65	200 companies over 3 years	-
	(2) Activities contributing to the improvement of financial literacy*4	195 (More than 3,000 participants to lectures)	Continuous improvement	-
Customers	Customer satisfaction ^{*5} (Retail and corporate)	FY2020 Corporate questionnaire 74% satisfaction (FY2018: 70%)	Continuous improvement	Continuous improvement
Employees	Labor share in core business net profit before payment of personnel cost ^{*6}	54.03%	At least 54%	-
	Profit attributable to owners of parent	14.4 billion yen (Close to final-year target)	15.0 billion yen	30.0 billion yen
Shareholders, etc. (All stakeholders)	Consolidated total capital adequacy ratio (Basel III)	13.50%	Maintained stably at 12%	Maintained stably at 12%
	Consolidated ROE	2.68%	-	At least 5% (single-year basis)

*1 East Setouchi Economic Zone: Okayama Prefecture, Kagawa Prefecture, eastern Hiroshima Prefecture (Bingo region), western Hyogo Prefecture (Harima region)

*2 Number of startups for which we provided support: Number of startups as a result of our event for startup support, etc.

*3 Number of companies we provided support in business succession: Number of companies to which we provide business succession consulting services

*4 Activities contributing to the improvement of financial literacy: Number of event and study sessions that contribute to the improvement of financial literacy and business skills, etc.

*5 Customer satisfaction: Sum of "Satisfied" and "Somewhat satisfied" replies in customer questionnaires (corporate and retail customer questionnaires are conducted every other year)

*6 Labor share in core business net profit before payment of personnel cost: Personnel expenses divided by the sum of core business net profit and personnel expenses

Section III

Major Initiatives

1. Enhancement of Initiatives for Regional Revitalization and the SDGs



<Entrepreneur support and fostering>



• Okayama Innovation Project Startup support comprising a "School," where participants learn theory, knowledge, passion and mind frame, and "Contest," which discovers and awards talented persons

<Science technology venture support>

• Tech Planter (Okayama, Kagawa)

Creates industries and incubates ventures by developing science technologies that support society of the next generation



<Business creation, dissemination of know-how>

· Chugin Open Lab (internal venture)

A program that calls for projects and ideas for

solving regional issues and new businesses within the Group, which the originators themselves work toward realizing

<Partnership with a university>

• Okayama Future Co-creation Alliance Contributes to the development of the

region by sharing information and know-how to achieve the SDGs

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<Introduction of core human resources>

Personnel placement

Introduces personnel that client companies require, especially "senior management" personnel, thereby contributing to the growth and development of the companies



1. Enhancement of Initiatives for Regional Revitalization and the SDGs –Local Trading Company



- We will establish a business model that enables the Group and local communities to grow together by using the knowhow, information and networks of the Group.
- By establishing a local trading company, we will accelerate our support for customers' main businesses and contribute to the development of the local economy.



1. Enhancement of Initiatives for Regional Revitalization and the SDGs -SDGs and ESG through Our Core Business



- We expressed our support for the recommendations of the TCFD (Task Force on Climate-related Financial Disclosures).
- We will accelerate responding to the SDGs and ESG through our core business and aim to improve our corporate value continuously over the long term.

Support for TCFD recommendations (May 2021)

We expressed our support for the TCFD recommendations to contribute to the realization of a carbon-free society while understanding and evaluating the risks and opportunities that climate change provides customers and the Bank.

(Future initiatives)



- Increase information disclosure
- Actively take the initiative in addressing climate change in the region as the leading bank of the region (A huge business opportunity)

Policy for Responsible Financing and Investment Activity (Apr. 2021)

As a provider of funds, we clarified that we will carefully examine financing and investment activities that pose a risk or a negative impact on the environment or society and make efforts to reduce or avoid the impact of such elements.

(Industries and sectors of particular attention)

- Weapons
- Coal fired power generation
- Palm oil plantation development, logging business



"Chugin SDGs Support"



2. Deepening of Customer-oriented Sales Activities

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- Corporate solution: Sales offices and the HQ unite to propose the optimal solution for the customer.
- Retail solution: We provide life plan support from both financial and non-financial aspects depending on the customer segment and channel.



3. Vitalization of the Organization



- We overhauled our personnel system for the first time in approx. 17 years to vitalize the organization and seek further progress of diversity.
- We will create an environment where employees can maximize their potential in order to provide high-quality services that further supports customers.



4. Enhancement of the Digitalization Strategy



- Digital strategy vision of The Chugoku Bank: "Pursue comprehensive services business to serve every aspect of customers' lives and businesses"
- We will powerfully promote digitalization by using people (sales), products (sales offices) and information as a regional financial institution.



information

base network

5. Establishment of a Sustainable Growth Model

- We have succeeded in thoroughly streamlining operations due to the digitalization and BPR that we promoted under the previous Medium-term Plan.
- We will carry out fundamental cost reductions toward a sustainable growth model while maintaining and improving customer convenience.



*Non-consolidated number of employees (excluding part-time and contract employees)

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- We pursue sound and sustainable growth concurrently with medium- to long-term improvement of corporate value by enhancing and enriching corporate governance.
- We pursue improvement of capital efficiency by constantly reducing cross-held shares.

Strengthening of governance

- Percentage of independent outside directors: <u>37.5%</u> (6 of 16 directors; <u>1 is female</u>)
- Established a Nomination and Compensation Committee (Dec. 22, 2017)
 - Chaired by an outside director, it carries out appropriate deliberations.
- Continuously assess the effectiveness of the Board of Directors
- Formulated the "Basic Policy for Successor Plan and Development Plan of Representative Director"
- ➢ Appropriate measurement of cost of capital → Use in reviewing cross-shareholding, etc.

Initiatives toward reducing cross-held shares

- The relevant shares are held only when it is considered as necessary for continuous growth and corporate value improvement of the issuers of the shares and the Group.
- From the perspectives of capital efficiency and the reduction of shareholding risks, we will reduce the shares through communication with the issuers.

[Judging whether or not the shares should be held]

- Profitability, taking cost of capital into account
- Relationship with local economy
- Viewpoint on managerial strategy

[Shares not satisfying the shareholding criteria]

- Negotiate improvement of transaction profitability
- Negotiate reduction of the number of shares held

The Board of Directors will examine the status on a regular basis.



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The Okayama Co-creation Partnership contributes to further development of the local economy by sharing the knowledge of the member financial institutions.





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