

# NEWS RELEASE

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## Summary of October 2009 Activities at TOCOM

Tokyo Commodity Exchange today announced that October trading volume averaged 107,853 contracts per day, up 3.7 percent from September 2009, down 38.7 percent from October 2008. During the month, many of the listed commodities increased in price and some reached their highest prices for the year. As the prices have gone up, trading volumes also increased. Monthly average daily volume per product was as follows:

- Gold: 50,408 contracts, up 15.0% from September 2009, down 19.5% from October 2008
- Silver: 536 contracts, up 29% from September 2009, down 36.6% from September 2008
- Crude Oil: 2,844 contracts, up 12.6% from September 2009, up 7.6% from September 2008
- Kerosene: 4,558 contracts, up 34.2% from September, down 5.9% from September 2008
- Rubber: 11,361 contracts, down 28.3% from September 2009, down 57.4% from September 2008

TOCOM monthly trading volume for October increased by 14.6 percent compared to September 2009, to amount to a total of 2,264,912 contracts, which represented 81.0 percent of the total volume traded on Japan's four commodity exchanges.

## TOCOM – Trading Volume Breakdown

Contract	Monthly Trading Volume			Monthly Average Daily Volume			
	Oct 09	Sept 09	Share	Oct 09	Sept 09	Oct 09/ Sept 09	Sept 09 / Sept 08
Gold	1,058,559	832,722	46.74%	50,408	43,827	115.01%	80.48%
Gold Mini	288,969	221,563	12.76%	13,760	11,661	118.00%	34.17%
Silver	11,254	9,895	0.50%	536	521	102.90%	43.17%
Platinum	255,977	250,326	11.30%	12,189	13,175	92.52%	52.89%
Platinum Mini	17,196	22,716	0.76%	819	1,196	68.49%	-
Palladium	8,612	6,039	0.38%	410	318	129.02%	63.40%
Crude Oil	59,729	47,990	2.64%	2,844	2,526	112.61%	107.61%
Gasoline	230,183	218,821	10.16%	10,961	11,517	95.17%	78.55%
Kerosene	95,718	64,534	4.23%	4,558	3,397	134.20%	94.12%
Aluminum	133	198	0.01%	6	10	60.77%	6.39%
Rubber	238,582	301,134	10.53%	11,361	15,849	71.68%	42.58%
Gold Options	0	0	0.00%	0	0	-	-
Total	2,264,912	1,975,938		107,853	103,997	103.71%	61.26%
Business Days	21	19					

## **TOCOM and TSE Agree to Establish Joint Venture Aiming to Form Emissions Trading Exchange**

On October 29, TOCOM and Tokyo Stock Exchange Group, Inc. reached an agreement to establish a joint venture in the future. The objective of the new company will be to set up an emissions trading exchange, in order to contribute to the reduction of greenhouse gases and facilitate emissions trading.

In a bid to stop global warming, worldwide efforts are being made to reduce greenhouse gases. On the other hand, the recent financial crisis has led to the renewed awareness of the importance of the features of an exchange market such as high levels of liquidity and transparency as well as stable and reliable settlement.

The two parties expect to establish the joint venture before the end March 2010, and they will set to schedule setting up the exchange based on the development in the international discussions for post-Kyoto Protocol as well as progress of Japanese government's policymaking efforts.

## **Ezaki Leads TOCOM's Marketing Activities in the U.S.**

In late October, Tadashi Ezaki, President & CEO of TOCOM, visited the U.S. and promoted the TOCOM markets among investors, and to raise its presence in the global futures trading community. In Chicago, TOCOM participated in FIA EXPO as an exhibitor, and also hosted a seminar with NYSE Liffe U.S. and Trading Technologies to promote arbitrage opportunities in Gold Futures trading between the two exchanges utilizing sophisticated technology. Ezaki met with a number of major prop firms and institutional investors individually to fully understand their requests and needs as well as to explain the benefits of participating in the TOCOM markets.

In the meetings, the US market participants expressed their confidence in the development of the Japanese commodity futures market, and also their expectations towards our market. TOCOM is committed to fulfilling such expectations while continuously improving reliability and convenience of its markets.

## **TOCOM Starts to Prepare for Launching Nikkei-TOCOM Commodity Index Contract**

TOCOM has taken a step towards the listing of Nikkei-TOCOM Commodity Index contract, which is currently scheduled for before the end of March 2010, by drafting its contract specification. CFD (Contract for Difference), which has become common in FX margin trading, will be adopted as a

trading method of this index futures contract. CFDs have no expiry date and will simply remain open until the investor decides to close the position.

**Nikkei-TOCOM Commodity Index – Contract Specification (draft)**

Market	Commodity index market (pilot)
Trading Method	CFD (Contract for Difference)
Type of Trade	Nikkei-TOCOM Commodity Index
Swap Point	N/A
Trading Hours	Day session: 9:00-15:30 (JTS) / Night session: 17:00-23:00 (JTS)
Settlement Price	Index price calculated based on settlement prices of the underlying commodity futures contracts at the end of day session (15:30). (Index price is calculated to two places of decimals.)
Contract Size & Minimum Price Fluctuation	5,000 * the futures price / 0.1 point
Position Limits	N/A
Margins	Initial Clearing Margin: Approx. JPY50,000-100,000/contract Spot Month Additional Clearing Margin: N/A Other margins: it will be set according to the same principle as those applied to the other contracts.

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