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Summary of December 2010 Activities at TOCOM

(Tokyo, January 7, 2010) Tokyo Commodity Exchange today announced that December 2010 trading volume averaged 104,162 contracts per day, down 24.6% from November 2010. This records the first decrease in four months. It was largely affected by the decrease in gold standard, which is TOCOM's most traded commodity, by 25.1% from the previous month to 45,907 contracts per day, decrease in gold mini by 39.8% to 10,142 contracts per day and decrease in rubber by 26.8% to 14,450 contracts per day. It appears that the record-breaking surge in gold and rubber prices did not translate in trading volume due to the low volatility and holiday season.

The annual trading volume of the year 2010 totaled 27,636,367 contracts, which is a 4.3% decrease from the previous year. All the standard contracts increased by 5.9% while mini contracts (gold and platinum) decreased by 48.6%. Total trading value of 2010 increased by 24.2% from the previous year to 70,402,036,193,900 yen.

Average daily trading volume has been on a gradual rise from 82,000 contracts in August 2010. At the end of December 2010, open interest in all listed commodities totaled 348,032 contracts, an increase of 22,581 contracts from the previous year-end, recovering to the level of August 2008, before Lehman's fall.

Please refer to the below tables for the monthly and annual trading data of all listed commodities.

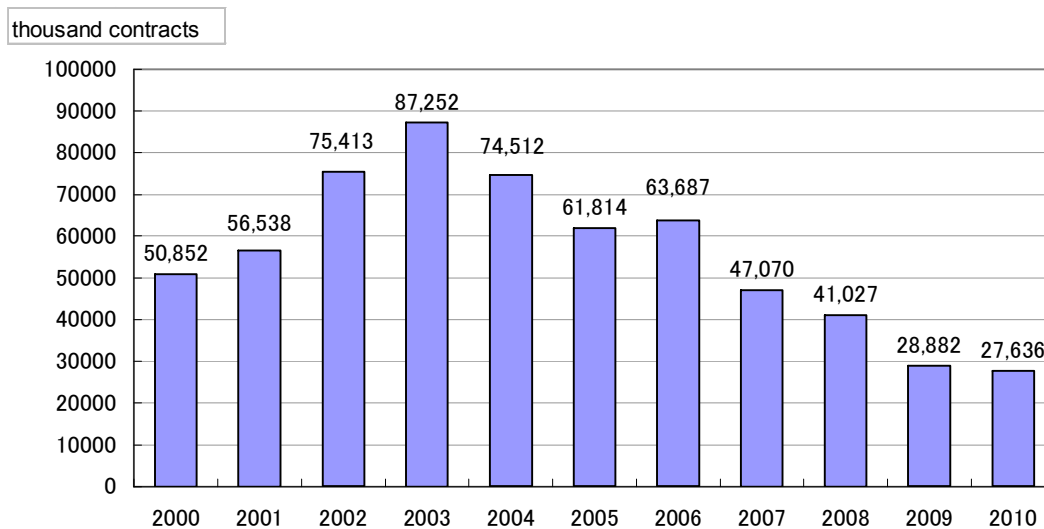
TOCOM – Trading Volume Breakdown

Contract	Monthly Trading Volume			Average Daily Volume			
	Dec '10	Nov '10	Dec'10 ratio	Dec '10	Nov '10	Dec'10/ Nov'10	Dec'10 / Dec'09
Gold	964,049	1,226,332	44.1%	45,907	61,317	74.87%	58.41%
Gold Mini	212,989	336,789	9.7%	10,142	16,839	60.23%	57.45%
Silver	39,505	50,436	1.8%	1,881	2,522	74.60%	321.20%
Platinum	268,545	326,260	12.3%	12,788	16,313	78.39%	87.58%
Platinum Mini	15,591	18,644	0.7%	742	932	79.64%	64.56%
Palladium	17,893	22,880	0.8%	852	1,144	74.48%	228.17%
Crude Oil	82,286	78,974	3.8%	3,918	3,949	99.23%	117.59%
Gasoline	168,560	190,616	7.7%	8,027	9,531	84.22%	77.88%
Kerosene	108,879	107,967	5.0%	5,185	5,398	96.04%	115.21%
Gas Oil	1,165	1,077	0.0%	55	54	103.02%	-
Chukyo-Gasoline	1,929	3,249	0.1%	92	162	56.54%	-
Chukyo-Kerosene	1,165	1,649	0.0%	55	82	67.28%	-
Aluminum	0	-	-	0	-	-	-
Rubber	303,447	394,757	11.2%	14,450	19,738	73.21%	115.75%
TOCOM NEXT	1,392	2,163	0.1%	66	108	61.29%	-
Gold Options	0	0	0.0%	0	0	-	-
Total	2,187,395	2,761,793		104,162	138,090	75.43%	72.55%
Trading Days	21	20					

TOCOM – Annual Trading Volume Breakdown

	Annual Volume		Year-on-Year Change	
	2010	2009		
Gold	12,198,340	11,913,502	284,838	2.4%
Gold Mini	2,477,688	5,010,476	-2,532,788	-50.5%
Silver	236,296	111,775	124,521	111.4%
Platinum	4,390,452	3,617,988	772,464	21.4%
Platinum Mini	308,711	413,310	-104,599	-25.3%
Palladium	156,946	107,829	49,117	45.6%
Crude Oil	943,450	624,307	319,143	51.1%
Gasoline	2,509,734	2,732,376	-222,642	-8.1%
Kerosene	1,196,729	1,026,529	170,200	16.6%
Gas Oil	4,366	-	n/a	n/a
Chukyo-Gasoline	7,800	-	n/a	n/a
Chukyo-Kerosene	3,856	-	n/a	n/a
Aluminum	280	3,768	-3,488	-92.6%
Rubber	3,130,073	3,320,088	-190,015	-5.7%
TOCOM NEXT	71,646	-	n/a	n/a
Gold Options	0	0	0	0
Total	27,636,367	28,881,948	-1,245,581	-4.3%

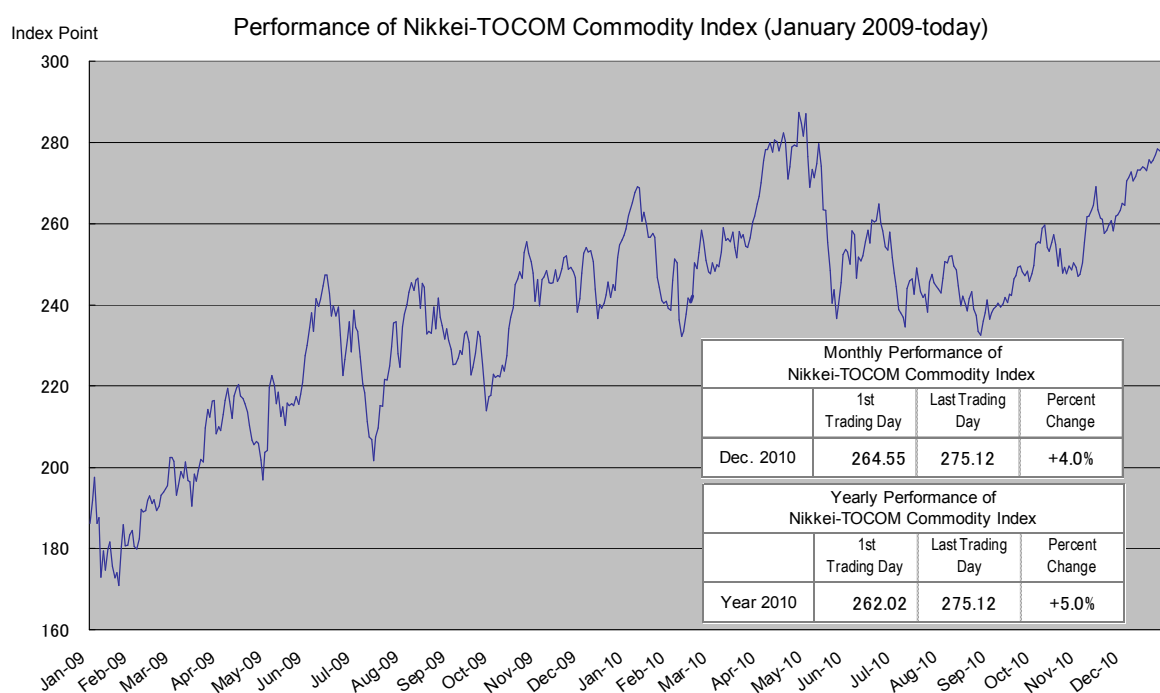
TOCOM – Annual Trading Volume Since 2000



TOCOM Prices in 2010 – Increase in All Listed Commodities Palladium Price Jumps 1.8 Fold from Previous Year

In 2010, price of all the listed commodities at TOCOM increased as shown below. Rubber hit its highest since listing, gold recorded a 27 year-high and palladium jumped by 80% from the previous year.

	Settlement Price of the Back Contract Month as of Dec. 30, 2010	Year-on-Year Change
Gold	3,715 yen / gram	14.0%
Silver	81.0 yen / gram	56.7%
Platinum	4,688 yen / gram	7.0%
Palladium	2,097 yen / gram	80.0%
Gasoline	59,810 yen / kl	5.6%
Kerosene	59,280 yen / kl	8.5%
Crude Oil	46,650 yen / kl	0.8%
Rubber	414.5 yen / kg	50.2%



2011 Starts with Comprehensive Regulatory and Systemic Reforms Enforced in Commodity Futures Industry

From the beginning of 2011, important regulatory and systemic reforms have been enforced, bringing about changes across the entire commodity derivatives industry in Japan.

1. Commodity Derivatives Act

The Commodity Exchange Act (CEA) was amended and is now effective as the “Commodity Derivatives Act (CDA).” This amendment aiming at establishing an “investor-friendly,” “transparent” and “trouble-free” market introduces a comprehensive regulatory framework covering all commodity derivatives trading on-exchange and OTC, both within Japan and overseas.

2. Loss Cut Transactions

“Loss Cut Transactions” were introduced in line with the prohibition of unwanted solicitation, under the CDA, with regards to retail investors’ exchange-traded transactions that may, due to market fluctuation, result in losses exceeding the amount of margin deposited.

3. SPAN

JCCH introduced SPAN (Standard Portfolio Analysis of Risk) system in order to improve investor convenience. SPAN is an internationally adopted margin system, developed by CME, which calculates margin on the basis of overall portfolio risk. The introduction of SPAN is expected to encourage major financial institutions in Japan and overseas as well as a wide range of investors to enter the TOCOM market.

4. TGE Products Now Traded On TOCOM System

As of the first trading day of the New Year, Tokyo Grain Exchange has started operating its markets on the TOCOM system. Now that both hard and soft commodities are available on a single platform, participants benefit from an enhanced marketplace and reduced overall costs, which should help boost liquidity.



On January 4, 2011, the Opening Bell was rang by President and CEO's of TOCOM and TGE: Tadashi Ezaki, left, and Yoshiaki Watanabe, right

TOCOM to Establish Backup Center Within OSE's Emergency Backup Facility

TOCOM and Osaka Securities Exchange (OSE) agreed on December 21, 2010 to TOCOM's use of a part of the backup facility which OSE has established for its next generation derivatives trading system named J-GATE in case of emergencies.

Specifically, TOCOM will set up a backup system in the space within OSE's backup facility, which shall reduce cost in comparison to the case TOCOM establishing its own facility independently. TOCOM plans to proceed with the preparations so as to start operating the backup system in the next fiscal year (May 2011-April 2012).

TOCOM Accepts Yuanta Futures As First Taiwanese Member

On December 16, 2010, Yuanta Futures, one of the largest Futures Commission Merchants of Taiwan, was approved to acquire TOCOM membership. It is the first Taiwanese FCM to become a TOCOM member.

Taiwan's futures market has been rapidly growing with trading volume expanding by 70 folds in the past ten years. It is said that 44 percent of the market participants are retail investors, for which the government encourages financial institutions to develop investment funds. The financial institutions are required to allocate part of the investment funds to overseas markets for risk diversification. TOCOM hopes to attract such investment needs to its market, where there is only one hour time difference with Taiwan.

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