

## NEWS RELEASE

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### Summary of June 2010 Activities at TOCOM

Tokyo Commodity Exchange today announced that total trading volume for the first quarter of the fiscal year (April to June) and for the first half of the calendar year (January to June) increased 16.2% and 1.3% year-on-year, respectively.

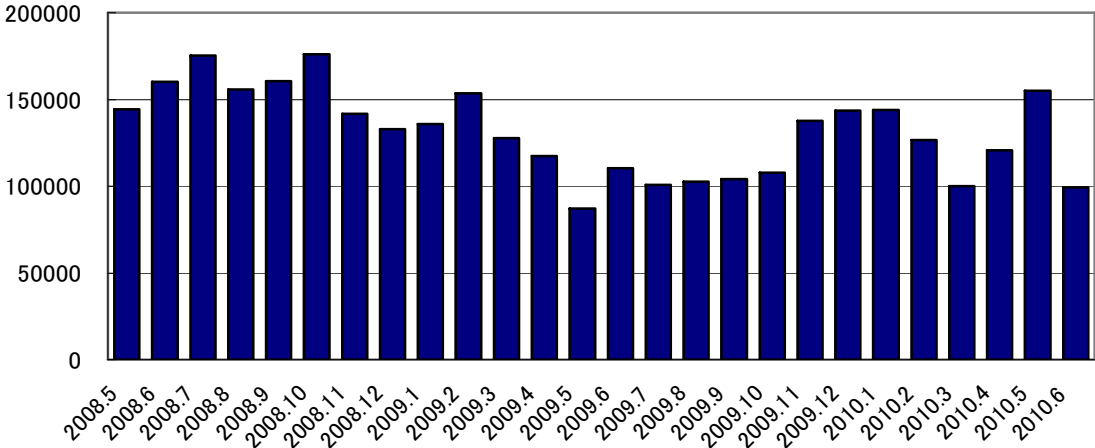
However, June 2010 trading volume averaged 99,213 contracts per day, down 35.9% from May 2010. The average daily volume in most of the listed commodities decreased from the previous month; gold standard, which is the Exchange's most traded commodity, decreased by 36.9% from the previous month to 41,847 contracts per day, gold mini decreased by 35.9% to 7,469 contracts, platinum decreased by 41.0% to 17,096 contracts, crude oil decreased by 28.9% to 3,819 contracts, gasoline decreased by 26.9% to 11,104 contracts and rubber decreased by 28.0% to 11,279 contracts. For other listed commodities, please refer to the below table.

On the other hand, open interest in all listed commodities totaled 311,891 contracts at the end of June 2010, an 8.0% increase of 23,121 contracts from the end of the previous month.

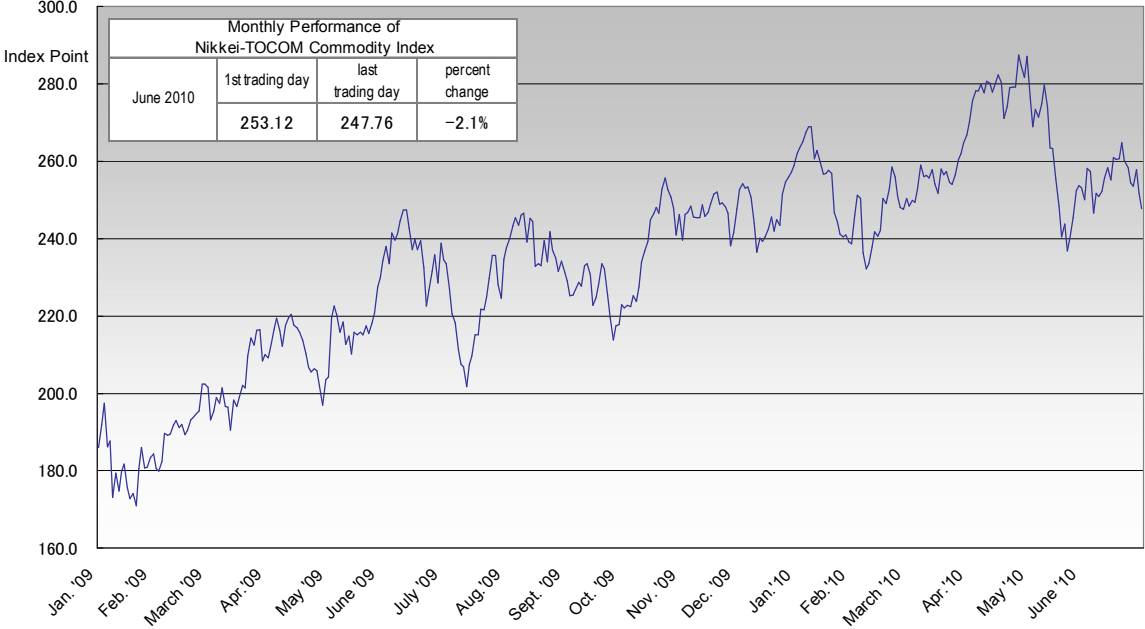
### TOCOM – Trading Volume Breakdown

Contract	Calendar Year		Fiscal Year		Average Daily Volume			
	January to June 2010	January to June 2009	April to June 2010	April to June 2009	June '10	May '10	June '10/ May '10	June'10 / June'09
Gold	6,620,811	5,476,158	3,155,453	2,198,368	41,847	66,354	63.07%	100.16%
Gold Mini	1,282,460	3,124,314	585,309	1,013,930	7,469	11,651	64.10%	41.29%
Silver	84,190	57,770	39,626	25,230	524	763	68.76%	113.65%
Platinum	2,552,898	1,915,984	1,373,068	1,159,504	17,096	28,981	58.99%	98.50%
Platinum Mini	198,568	260,782	100,598	152,885	1,197	2,190	54.65%	55.52%
Palladium	81,007	62,041	49,577	35,793	383	1,094	35.01%	65.44%
Crude Oil	442,429	258,543	251,407	146,682	3,819	5,372	71.09%	135.22%
Gasoline	1,284,196	1,206,951	730,318	661,511	11,104	15,196	73.07%	93.17%
Kerosene	600,493	507,453	332,556	261,319	4,161	6,740	61.74%	93.24%
Gas Oil	437	-	437	-	10	12	82.95%	-
Aluminum	244	2,714	98	1,347	1	1	106.72%	9.15%
Rubber	1,634,031	1,770,687	839,081	802,148	11,279	15,661	72.02%	106.12%
TOCOM NEXT	56,051	-	44,893	-	323	813	39.73%	-
Gold Options	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	-
Total	14,837,815	14,643,397	7,502,421	6,458,717	99,213	154,827	64.08%	89.97%

TOCOM Average Daily Volume by Month



Performance of Nikkei-TOCOM Commodity Index (January 2009-today)



**TOCOM and SICOM Collaborate to Develop Commodities Markets**

Singapore Commodity Exchange (SICOM) and TOCOM announced the signing of a Heads of Terms agreement on June 1 to develop cross-listing collaboration and enhance liquidity of the Singapore and Japan commodity markets.

The collaboration will pave the way for the cross-listing of each exchange’s key contracts including rubber and commodity index. In addition, SICOM and TOCOM shall seek to offer cross-membership so that members can remotely access each other’s exchange readily, subject to relevant regulatory approvals.

Through these initiatives, market participants on both exchanges would be able to access and trade products listed on each other's market conveniently, thereby promoting arbitrage opportunities and overall liquidity.

#### About Singapore Commodity Exchange (SICOM)

SICOM, a company of Singapore Exchange (SGX), is Singapore's marketplace for the trading of commodity futures and is regulated by The Monetary Authority of Singapore (MAS). SICOM is the world's price discovery centre for natural rubber with its two key rubber contracts - Ribbed Smoked Sheet (RSS) 3 and Technically Specified Rubber (TSR) 20 rubber futures contracts.

Positioned as a premier commodity trading hub in Asia, SICOM is expanding its product suite with the recent launch of a Gold Deferred Settlement contract and a Robusta Coffee futures contract.

### **TOCOM to Extend Trading Hours on September 21, 2010**

TOCOM has decided to change the closing time of its night session from 23:00 JST to 4:00 JST (following day) as of September 21, 2010. TOCOM has applied to the Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry for authorization of the necessary alterations to its Market Rules defining trading hours, and will implement the changes upon receiving the approval.

From September 21, 2010 onwards, TOCOM's day session will commence at 9:00 JST and close at 15:30 JST, followed by the night session starting at 17:00 JST and closing at 4:00 JST on the following day. However, trading hours for the night session of the rubber market will remain unchanged, from 17:00 JST until 19:00 JST.

TOCOM's listed products are internationally traded commodities and their prices fluctuate while TOCOM's market is closed. Therefore, by keeping its market open longer, TOCOM aims to offer more trading opportunities to market participants, which will improve the overall convenience of the market.

### **First ETFs Backed by Physical Commodities in Japan to be Listed**

The four exchange-traded funds with gold, platinum, silver and palladium as the underlying assets, which have recently been set up jointly by Mitsubishi UFJ Trust & Banking Corp. and Mitsubishi Corporation, have been approved for listing on the Tokyo Stock Exchange on July 2, 2010. These are the first ETFs backed by physical precious metals held domestically.

The ETF index prices are calculated based on the futures prices of the TOCOM precious metals market. Consequently, the listing of these ETFs is expected to stimulate arbitrage and hedge trading at TOCOM.

## **TOCOM to Launch a New Oil Market in October 2010**

TOCOM has decided to launch a new Oil Market, to be called "Chukyo Oil Market", on October 12, 2010 taking over the market currently operated by Central Japan Commodity Exchange ("C-COM") in response to C-COM's request.

At the new market, named after the region where C-COM is located, gasoline and kerosene will be the listed commodities and their contract specifications will be identical to the current C-COM product, except for the trading method and trading hours. (At the launch of the market, the listed contract months will consist of the February 2011, March 2011 and April 2011 contracts.)

Despite the decrease of trading volume in recent years, C-COM's oil market has played an important role as a public utility in this region with a good track record of physical delivery of the products. TOCOM intends to not only offer a forum where trading participants of the C-COM oil market can continue to trade, but also improve trading opportunities through the introduction of a new trading method and extended trading hours. It is expected that the Chukyo Oil Market will also attract new market players, which shall lead to the revitalization of the commodity market as well as to the enhancement of TOCOM's corporate value.

TOCOM has applied for government approval and is moving forward with its preparations to commence trading of the new oil market on October 12, 2010, upon receipt of said approval.

Please see the attached document (1) for the contract specifications of Chukyo Oil Market.

## **TOCOM Appointed Board of Directors**

The Board of Directors was appointed at the second regular general meeting of shareholders held on June 23.

At the Board of Directors meeting that followed, along with the appointment of Executive Officers, the members and chairmen of the Audit Committee and Compensation Committee, as well as the members of the Self-regulatory Committee were selected.

Please see the attached list (2) for a list of the appointed Board of Directors, Executive Officers and members of the above-mentioned committees.

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## (1) Contract specifications of the Oil Markets at TOCOM and C-COM

	TOCOM		C-COM
	Oil Market (Current)	<b><u>Chukyo Oil Market (Tentative)</u></b>	Oil Market (Current)
Trading Method	Individual auction by electronic trading (multiple executions, continuous trading)		Single price session by electronic trading
Contract Months	Six consecutive months		
Last Trading Day	Day session on the 25th of the month preceding the current contract month (if the day is a holiday, Last Trading Day is advanced.)		
First Trading Day of a New Contract Month	Day session on the business day following the Last Trading Day of the current contract month.		
Delivery Point	Refineries and oil tanks having maritime shipment facilities located in Kanagawa, Tokyo and Chiba	Oil tank facilities located in Nagoya city and Amanokori-gun of Aichi Prefecture, as designated by the Chairman and CEO based on the resolution of the board of directors meeting	
Delivery Method	Inland water vessel (Barge)	Tanker lorry	
Trading Hours (JST)	Day session: 9:00 - 15:30 Night session: 17:00 - 4:00 (next day)		Morning sessions: 9:15, 10:15, 11:15 Afternoon sessions: 13:15, 14:15, 15:15
Contract Unit	50 kiloliter / contract	10 kiloliter / contract	
Delivery Unit	100 kiloliter / contract	10 kiloliter / contract	
Price Increment	JPY 10 per 1 kiloliter		
Circuit Breaker	Operating (e.g: Initial Circuit Breaker trigger level was JPY 2,400 in June 2010)	Operating *Circuit breaker trigger level is planned to be equal to TOCOM's current oil market.	N/A (Price limit) (e.g:JPY 2,200 in June 2010)
Base amount of initial clearing margin	Determined based on price movement within a recent certain period of time (e.g:JPY 150,000 in June 2010)	Determined based on price movement within a recent certain period of time *Planned to be between JPY 30,000 to 50,000.	Determined based on the standard price range (e.g: JPY 33,000 in June 2010)

## (2) Appointed Board of Directors, Committee Members, Executive Officers

### Board of Directors

Director	Fumio Arai	(reappointment)
Director	Kazuhito Ikeo	(reappointment)
Director	Eiji Ueda	(reappointment)
Director	Tadashi Ezaki	(reappointment)
Director	Mikio Kawamura	(reappointment)
Director	Jitsuo Tatara	(reappointment)
Director	Umetaro Nagao	(reappointment)
Director	Minoru Hatada	(newly appointed)
Director	Toshihiko Fukui	(reappointment)
Director	Mitsuo Minami	(reappointment)

### Committee Members

Nominating Committee	Chairman	Toshihiko Fukui	(reappointment)
	Member	Kazuhito Ikeo	(reappointment)
	Member	Tadashi Ezaki	(reappointment)
Audit Committee	Chairman	Mitsuo Minami	(reappointment)
	Member	Fumio Arai	(reappointment)
	Member	Mikio Kawamura	(reappointment)
Compensation Committee	Chairman	Toshihiko Fukui	(reappointment)
	Member	Tadashi Ezaki	(reappointment)
	Member	Mikio Kawamura	(reappointment)
Self-regulatory Committee	Chairman	Fumio Arai	(reappointment)
	Member	Kazuhito Ikeo	(reappointment)
	Member	Umetaro Nagao	(reappointment)

### Executive Officers

Position	Name	Responsibilities
President & CEO	Tadashi Ezaki	All departments except Self-regulatory Department
Senior Executive Managing Officer & COO	Umetaro Nagao	Self-regulatory Department and support to President & CEO
Executive Managing Officer	Kazuhiko Senzaki	Administration, Legal Departments, and support to President & CEO
Executive Managing Officer	Kazunari Hayakawa	Market, Systems Department and support to President & CEO
Executive Officer	Hiroshige Murata	Accounting & Finance Department
Executive Officer	Mitsuhiro Onosato	Corporate Planning, Marketing Departments and Research Institute of Market Structure
Executive Officer	Yuichi Fukui	Systems Department