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- The Bank of Japan has today confirmed that the full launch of the new Bank of Japan Financial Network System (BOJ-NET) will take place on Tuesday, October 13, 2015, as scheduled.
- The BOJ-NET, which began operations in 1988, supports two separate services: 1) BOJ-NET funds transfer services, and 2) BOJ-NET JGB services.
- The new BOJ-NET has the following three main features.
  - 1. Use the latest information technology.
  - Have high flexibility to adapt to changes in financial services and various needs.

- **3.** <u>Enhance accessibility</u> to cope with changes in the financial environment such as globalization of financial transactions and networking of settlement infrastructures.
  - ---- Adoption of XML and ISO20022 for greater interoperability ---- Enhancement of system capability to extend operating hours
- Financial institutions using the BOJ-NET will <u>improve their collateral</u> and cash management efficiency and promote smoother settlement of JGBs.
- With regard to <u>the extension of the operating hours</u> of the new BOJ-NET, the Bank plans to extend the operating hours up to 9pm from February 15, 2016.
  - ---- Longer overlap of the operating hours with international financial markets will encourage smoother cross-border settlement of the Japanese yen and JGBs.