

News Release

New Year's Greeting from Nomura Research Institute

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Happy New Year to all of you. We wish you the very best in 2014.

As the effects of Japan's "Abenomics" policies continued to boost stock prices and drive down the price of the yen, signs of economic recovery slowly began to emerge throughout the country last year. Meanwhile, Tokyo's successful bid to host the Olympics and Paralympics in 2020, Mount Fuji's new place on the prestigious World Heritage list, and many other notable events also helped fill Japan with the brightness of positive energy and renewed vigor.

For Nomura Research Institute (NRI), last year marked the start of a new three-year medium-term plan aimed at seeing "Vision 2015"—the long-term vision that NRI Group laid out in 2008—to successful fruition. As corporate investment in information systems gathers added momentum, our financial sphere has enjoyed a surge in system-oriented projects for Individual Savings Account (NISA) support, while we have also secured numerous important projects in the fields of consulting, industry, and systems infrastructure. Our offices abroad, which now give NRI an even stronger presence in Asia and other areas, have not only helped Japanese companies enter the corresponding foreign markets but also worked hard to forge collaborative bonds with local enterprises and expand business in a steady, consistent fashion.

This year, the "year of the horse" in the Chinese zodiac, we will concentrate both on adeptly harnessing the thrust of contemporary trends and smoothly rounding the final two turns toward the goals at the Vision2015 finish line. With our hands securely on the reins, deftly controlling our speed, we are determined to keep building strong relationships of trust and flourish together with our clients.

Vision2015 is not the ultimate endpoint, however. Looking ahead to the Tokyo Olympics and Paralympics in 2020 and the dawning future on even more distant horizons, NRI aims to grow into a more global, diverse, and innovative force.

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