ABENOMICS: Japan's Last Challenge and the Opportunities for Asia

Yukiko Fukagawa Waseda University

OUTLINES

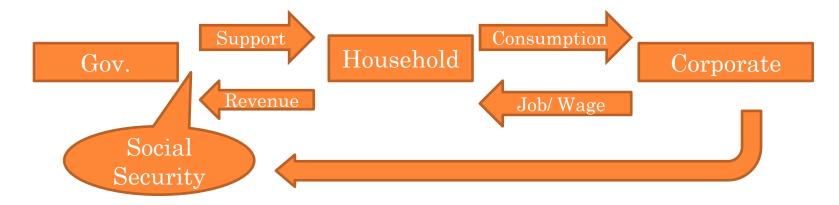
- •Political Change and "Abenomics"
- •Abenomics as the standardized policy
- oImpact of "Abenomics": Short term
- Structural reform in focus
- •Impact on Korean economy
- Opportunities rather than threats
- Temporary conclusion

POLITICAL CHANGE AND "ABENOMICS"

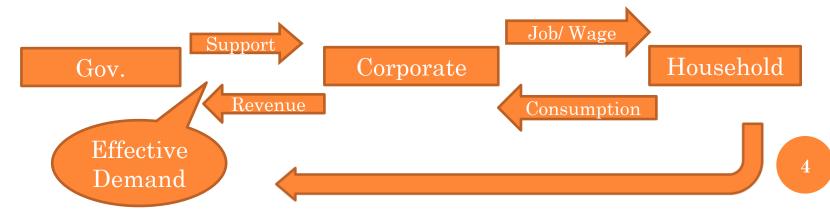
- Regime back to LDP from DPJ (Dec. 2012)
 - Changed agenda: Political reform to Growth
 - © Crisis in global economy (1): Supply Chains
 - © Crisis in global economy (2): Fiscal pressures
 - Challenges/ Opportunities: Emerging markets
 Wake-up call by Korea and China
 - Incapacity by DPJ (The Earthquake, Fukushima)
 - Security threats
- Commitments/ Consensus (1): Stop deflation
- o Commitments/ Consensus (2): Enhance growth
- Commitments/ Consensus? (3): Accept globalization

POLITICAL LOGIC OF "ABENOMICS"

DPJ's Logic against LDP



New LDP's Logic against DPJ



Until "Abenomics"

BOJ's financial policies

1999: Zero interest rate, "Liquidity trap"

2001: "Quantitative Easing"

2010: "Comprehensive Easing"

(Quasi Inflation targeting (around 1%))

Too little, too slow?

• Political myopia, Patched policies, No consensus: "Koizumi Reform" (2001~2006) and DPJ backlash (2009~2012)

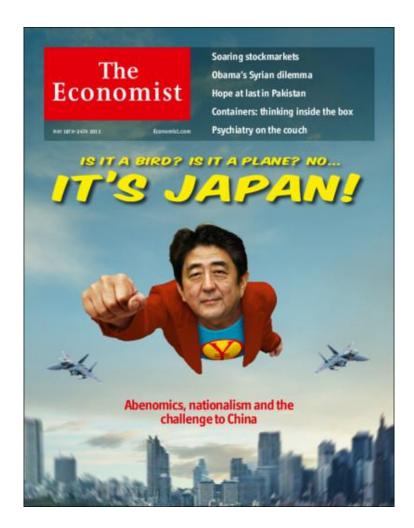
"ABENOMICS" WITH "3 ARROWS"

- (1) Right Macro policies: Government-BOJ coordination, 2% of Inflation target, 7 trillion Yen of assets purchasing per month
 - ⇒ Yen depreciation
- (2) Effective Fiscal spending: Emergency Plan in FY 2012/13
- (3) Growth Strategies: Disaster recovery/ protection, Energy Innovation, Labor market flexibilities, Globalization Programs (TPP, Business enhancement, Deregulations...)

COMBATTING DEFLATION: FOLLOWING THE NEWLY STANDARDIZED THEORIES

Central Bank	Program	Asset Purchasing	Peak Scale(Billion)	%/GDP
Fed	QE1	GSE Agency Bond	\$175	1.2
		MBS	\$1,250	8.7
		ТВ	\$300	2.1
	QE2	ТВ	\$600	4.2
	Roll-over	ТВ	\$667	4.7
	QE3	MBS	\$160	4.7
Total			\$3,152	21.3
BOE	APF	Guilt Bond	\$590	26
		CP	\$3.10	0.1
		Corporate Bond	\$2.52	0.1
Total			\$596	26.3
EC	CB Program	Covered Bond	\$81	0.7
	SMP Program	National Bonds	\$297	2.4
	CBP2	Covered Bond	\$54	0.4
Total			\$432	3.5
BOJ	Operation	JGBs	\$1,253	21.3
		CP	\$35	0.6
		Corporate Bond	\$12	0.4
	AP Program	JGBs	\$516	8.8
		SB	\$287	4.9
		CP	\$26	0.4
		Corporate Bond	\$38	0.6
		ETF	\$25	0.4
		J-REITs	\$2	0
Total			\$2,193	37.3

G7 AND G20 (Economist May 18 and May 4)



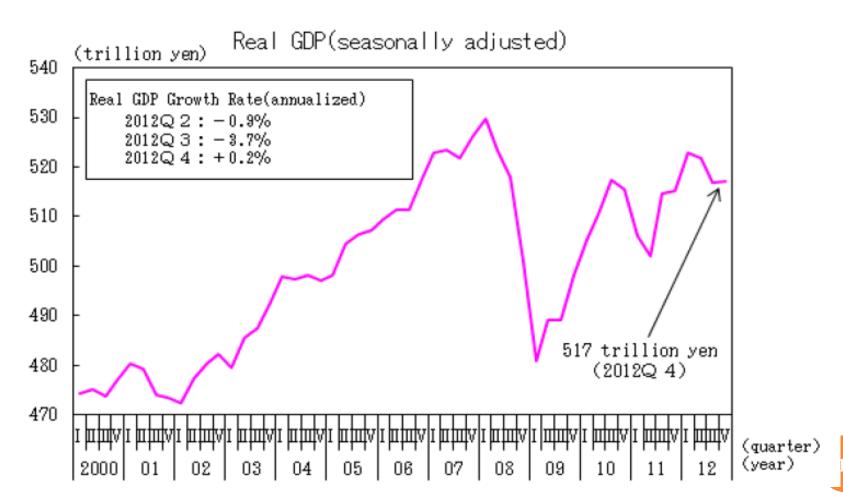


IMPACT OF "ABENOMICS"

- Stronger growth in FY 2013 with "Full" engines (1Q GDP +3.5% annual basis)

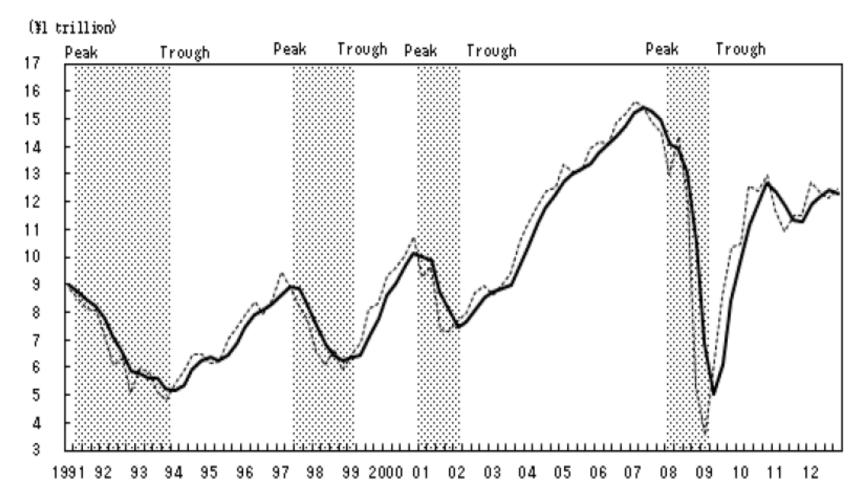
 - ⇔ Property/ Housing investment
 - □ Intensive public spending
- Technical backlash and critical turning point of FY 2014, Minus growth again?
 - ⇔ Private consumption shocked by increased VAT
 - ⇔ Public spending cut

Moderate recovery until 2012



CORPORATE PROFIT NOT RECOVERED FULLY

Trend of current profits

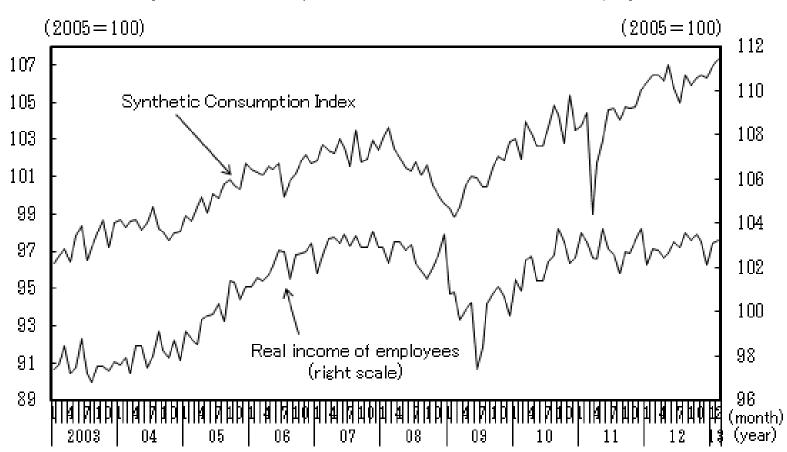


SOARING TOPIX

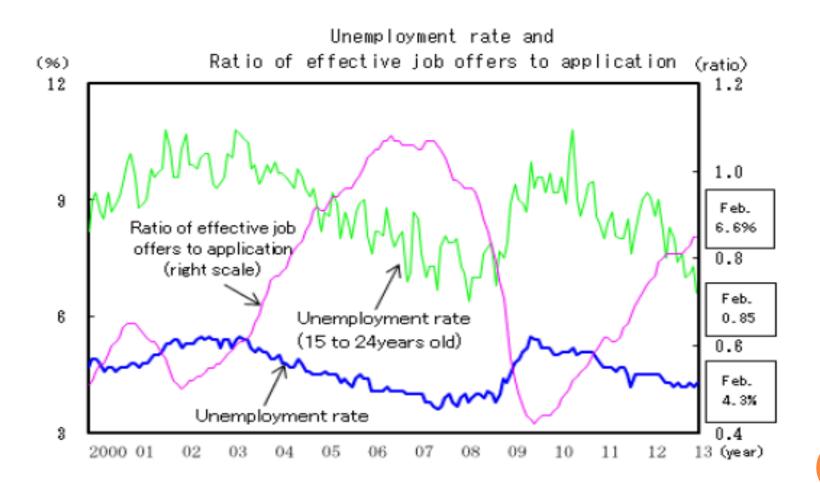


CONSUMPTION STARTED TO PICK UP

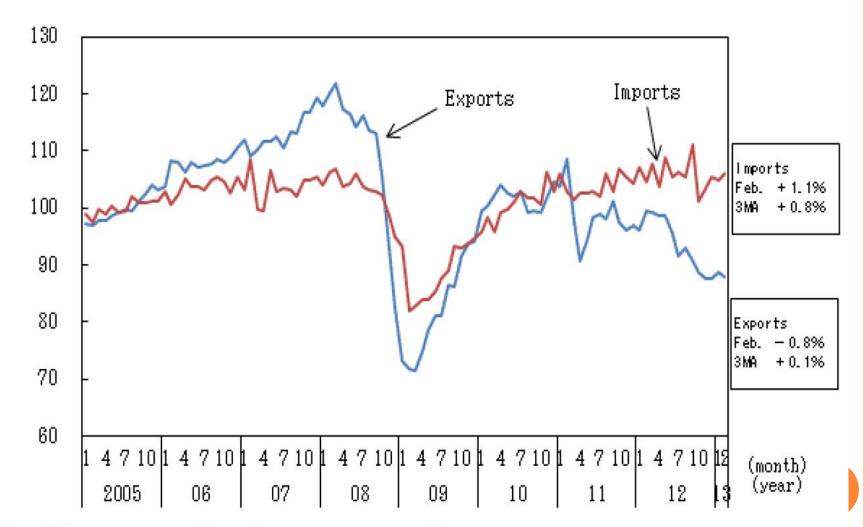
Synthetic Consumption Index and Real income of employees



Unemployment started to decline...

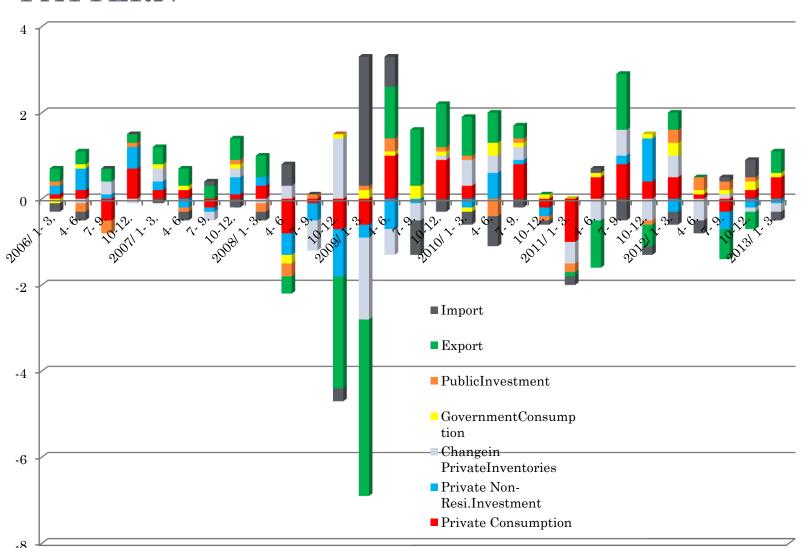


EXPORT IS STILL WEAK IN VOLUME (INDEX: 2005=100)



(Note) "Trade Statistics" and "Balance of Payments" of Ministry of Finance.

GOING BACK TO THE BALANCED GROWTH PATTERN



POINTS OF "ABENOMICS"

- Timing of long-term interest rate hikes
 - Inflation target achieved, finding exit, Expected interest rates hikes
 - Finding no exit, Risk Premium, Financial catastrophe
- Direction of BOP: Current account surplus sustained?
- o Growth strategy (○): Innovation, Facility investment, Job and Wage hikes, Current account surplus
- Growth strategy (×): Stagnant investment, Low interest rate maintained, Further depreciation of Yen, Asset bubbles, if bubble bursts again....??

GROWTH STRATEGIES BY "ABENOMICS": GOING BACK TO HOMEWORK (1)

- Pushing comprehensive reform
- (1) Labor market reform: Mobility, Flexibility, Female participation
- (2) Corporate governance reform
- (3) Innovation system reform: Strategic support, IPR and Standardization, Big data
- (4) Location strategies: Reviewing special zones, Privatization
- (5) Education reform for globalization

GROWTH STRATEGIES BY "ABENOMICS": GOING BACK TO HOMEWORK (2)

- Innovation based on the domestic market
- (1) Health and Medicare services: Establishing NIH, Regenerative medicine, Health promotion, Deregulations on drugs
- (2) Energy Innovation: Comprehensive energy plans (Nuclear Power?, Clean Coal Power? Clean Power? New energies? (Methane Hydrate Deposits, Shale-gas?)
- (3) Infrastructure Renovation: Hardware, Future transportation system, Disaster management
- (4) Agricultural reform: Land reform, Export promotion, High value added service...
- (5) Promotion of service/ contents export

IMPACT ON KOREAN ECONOMY (1): END OF ABJ GROWTH HYPOTHESIS

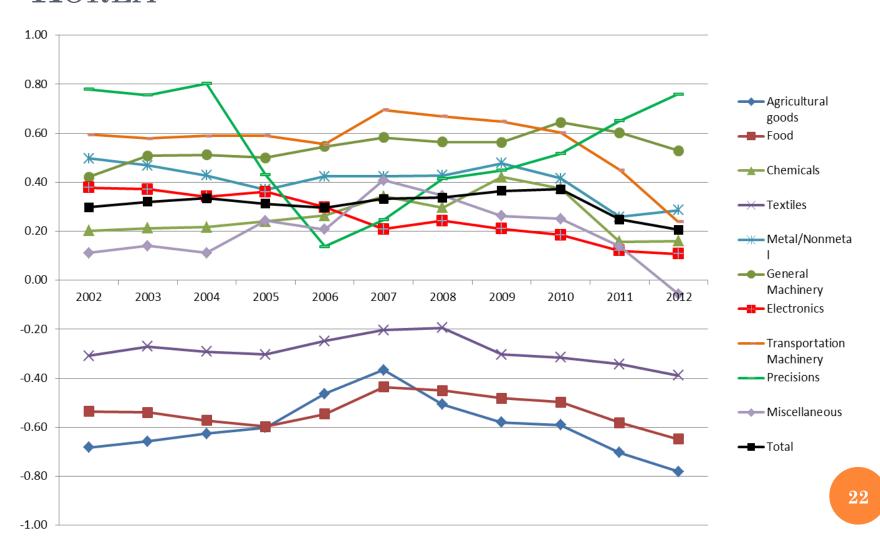
- Anything But Japan (ABJ) Strategies
 Japan= Appreciated Yen + Heavy Corporate Tax +
 Energy constraints + Environment standards +
 Labor costs + Slow FTA ⇒ R&D with More risk
 Korea= Depreciated Won + Gov. supports +
 Energy Subsidies + Minor Co2 commitment +
 Labor costs + FTA hubs ⇒ Profit with Less risk
- The success: Converging industrial structures, Soaring global market share, FDI attraction, Technological catch-up
- The contradiction: Cost competition, Deteriorated term of trade, Energy crisis, More impacts from Yen-Won rate, Increased IPR frictions

EXPORT SHARE OF ELECTRONICS/ INTERMEDIATE GOODS BY JAPAN AND KOREA (METI (2012))

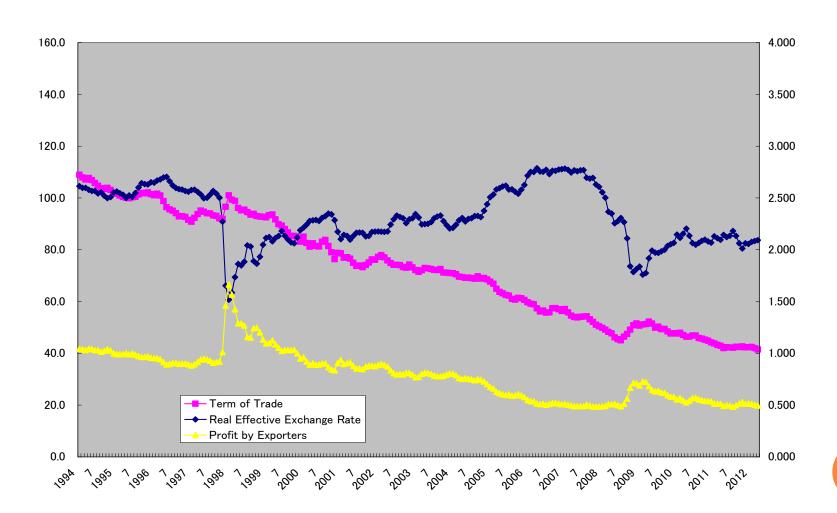
Destination	Market	Acquired Share	
Destination	share	Korea	Japan
World	100.0	5.6%	15.2%
EU15	23.8	2.7%	9.3%
USA	16.1	8.8%	18.8%
Singapore	6.7	5.7%	19.4%
Hong Kong	6.4	6.6%	19.6%
Japan	5.4	10.4%	X
Mexico	5.4	3.2%	4.3%
China	5.3	12.9%	30.7%
Malaysia	5.2	5.4%	21.0%
Taiwan	4.9	9.0%	25.2%
Korea	4.4	×	28.9%
Canada	3.4	3.0%	7.9%
Others	3.1	2.7%	5.6%
Thailand	2.0	5.0%	29.3%
Philippines	1.8	8.9%	17.2%
Brazil	1.0	7.6%	15.0%
Hungary	0.7	2.2%	15.0%
Cesko Slovakia	0.7	0.3%	4.2%
Australia	0.6	2.8%	14.5%
Poland	0.4	2.5%	4.4%
Turkey	0.4	2.5%	3.0%
India	0.3	6.3%	10.1%
Argentina	0.2	5.8%	11.0%
Romania	0.2	0.9%	4.8%
Vietnam	0.2	5.4%	58.8%
Indonesia	0.1	4.4%	26.0%
Russia	0.1	2.2%	3.6%
Chile	0.1	2.9%	4.1%

Destination	Market	Acquired Share		
Destination	share	Germany	Korea	Japan
World	100.0	6.6%	10.5%	10.8%
EU15	18.1	13.6%	3.5%	4.8%
China	17.1	3.4%	23.8%	19.1%
Hong Kong	11.5	0.8%	7.1%	9.7%
USA	7.5	4.8%	5.4%	11.7%
Singapore	6.4	2.7%	14.8%	8.7%
Taiwan	4.2	1.6%	14.2%	22.9%
Japan	4.2	2.3%	11.0%	X
Malaysia	4.1	6.6%	9.7%	12.9%
Korea	4.0	3.0%	Χ	16.6%
Others	3.8	14.1%	3.3%	3.1%
Mexico	3.8	2.7%	15.4%	9.4%
Cesko Slovakia	2.1	20.0%	11.8%	5.0%
Thailand	1.9	2.6%	6.8%	32.4%
Philippines	1.5	3.3%	11.4%	12.7%
Canada	1.4	3.1%	5.6%	5.6%
Hungary	1.2	32.6%	13.5%	5.8%
Brazil	1.1	5.9%	15.3%	6.5%
Poland	1.1	13.7%	17.1%	3.8%
Indonesia	0.9	3.7%	7.7%	18.4%
Russia	0.7	12.8%	10.0%	4.0%
India	0.6	10.7%	8.7%	6.8%
Australia	0.5	6.3%	5.0%	8.9%
Romania	0.4	33.2%	0.4%	1.3%
Turkey	0.4	17.1%	2.7%	4.0%
Vietnam	0.3	1.9%	6.5%	28.9%
Argentina	0.2	12.4%	6.8%	2.3%
Chile	0.1	6.3%	4.6%	2.2%

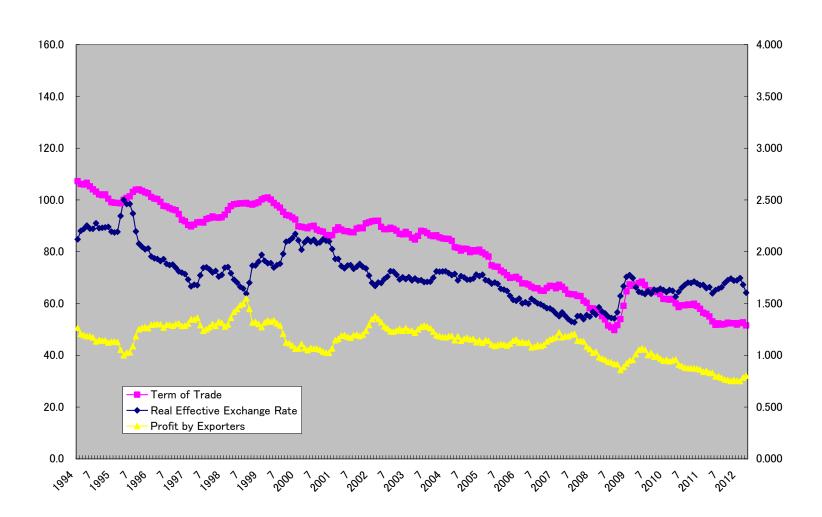
TRADE SPECIALIZATION BY JAPAN AND KOREA



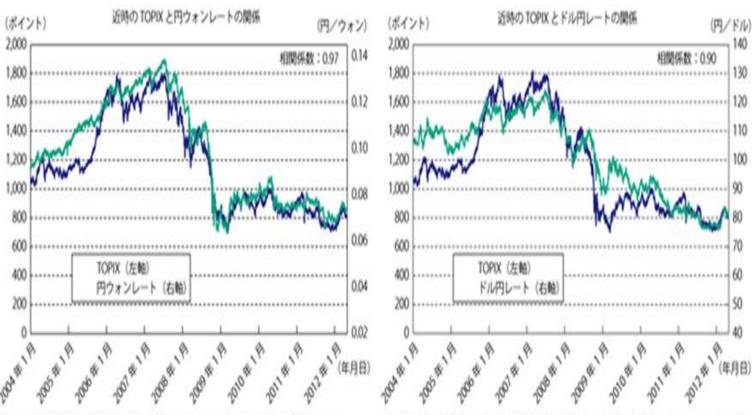
TERM OF TRADE, REER, AND PROFIT BY EXPORTERS, KOREA (1995.4=100, Pink, Blue, Yellow)



TERM OF TRADE, REER, AND PROFIT BY EXPORTERS, JAPAN (1995.4=100, PINK, BLUE, YELLOW)



TOPIX vs. \/W RATE AND \$/\ RATE (METI(2012))



資料:株式会社東京証券取引所「TOPIX」、The Bank of Korea「円ウォンレート」、CEIC Database から作成。

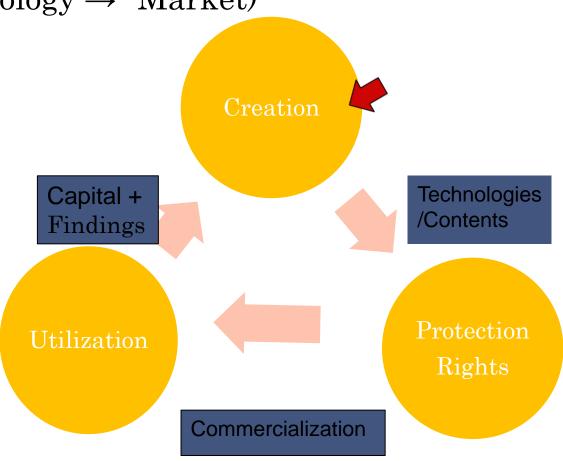
資料:株式会社東京証券取引所「TOPIX」、日本銀行「ドル円レート(スポットレート、17:00 時点)」、CEIC Database から作成。

IMPACT ON KOREAN ECONOMY (2): GLOBALIZATION HYPOTHESIS

- Korean market share grew under Won appreciation before 2008
- Financial crisis awoke Korean Business for globalization: Dominant strategies, Concentration, Outside labor market...
- Market-driven technologies, Technology digitalization
- Efficient allocation system, Manageable supplychains
- Speedy decision making system, IT management, Managerial discipline

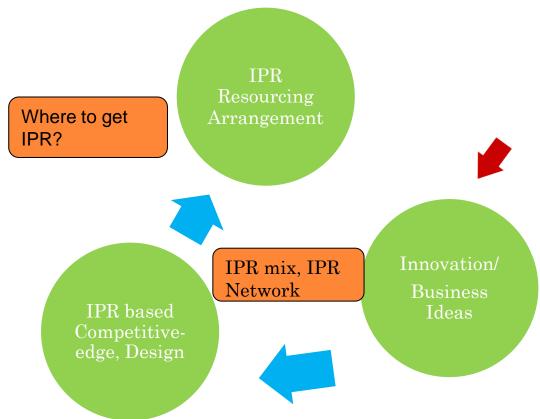
TRADITIONAL MODEL

 Binding "Technology Projection Model" (Technology → Market)



NEW MODEL UNDER GLOBALIZATION

 Obusiness Reflection Model (Business model → Resources)



IMPACT ON KOREAN ECONOMY (3): DIFFERENT I-O STRUCTURE HYPOTHESIS

Input-Output Structure is different

Japan: Import Input Coefficient is low

Korea: High

- ☞ Korea may be more neutral to REER change
 - Shock on trade: Japan > Korea
- Korea may cancel out the import cost
- Relative competitiveness depends on \-W rate, rather than \$-W rate
- Import Input Coefficient grew in Japan and Korea: Globalized allocation? Deterioration of terms of trade?

KOREA'S CONTRADICTIONS AND "ABENOMICS"

- ABJ strategies: Trying to compete with Japan by making another Japan?
 - Price competition and the impact of "Abenomics"?
- Dominant strategies: Managerial resource concentration into the Giants, but "Economic democratization"?
 - More competition with Japan by large firms but SMEs?
- Opened input structure resilient for exchange rate fluctuation, Financial Hub?
 - □ Import substitution should be promoted?
 - □ Impossible trinity??

FINDING OPPORTUNITIES MAY BE CONSTRUCTIVE

- (1) Market-led integration as the Reality:
 - ☐ Industrial accumulation effect matters! Especially for ventures and SMEs
 - ™ No Yen-Won transaction market?
 - Strategic value in standardization?
- (2) Better survival in Globalization:
 - Pooling talents
 - © Complementary relations: Sogo-shosha, Mega Banks
- (3) Different in Input-Output Structure:
 - In a mean time, minor bombing?
 - ▼ Value of Japanese market for innovation?

TEMPORARY CONCLUSION

- Market is ALREADY integrated
- Better separate business from politics
- Impact of "Abenomics" may be inflated, considering Korea's recent performance:
- Division of labor, rather than bench-marking may mitigate the fear (ex. Samsung)
- Japan's recovery may provide opportunities for common strategic business (ex. Medicare)
- Market intervention may have deteriorated terms of trade
- Better to be ready for the worst scenario rather than complaining!