

## Press Release

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Ministry of Finance  
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### Issuance of Commemorative Coins for the Great East Japan Earthquake Reconstruction Project and the Contest for their Designs

The Ministry of Finance has decided to issue commemorative coins for the Great East Japan Earthquake reconstruction project, issuance of which will be in FY2015. The Ministry of Finance and the Japan Mint will hold a contest to select designs for such commemorative coins.

I .The Ministry of Finance has decided to issue 10,000yen commemorative gold coins and 1,000yen commemorative silver coins in FY2015 in commemoration of the Great East Japan Earthquake reconstruction project.

The commemorative coins will be issued in four series.

II .The designs posted on the Sheet 1, created by the Japan Mint, will be applied to the first series.

III .The designs for the second, third and fourth series will be selected through the contest to be held by the Ministry of Finance and the Japan Mint. (See the attached Sheet 2)  
More detailed information can be found on the official gazette and on the Japan Mint website.

“The Design (image) of the Commemorative Coins for the Great East Japan Earthquake Reconstruction Project (First series) ”

The designs of commemorative coins (Premium Type) for the first issuance in FY2015 are as follows;

Denomination	10,000yen (Images are one and a half times actual size)	1,000yen (Images are actual size)
Individual side	 <p>Reconstruction special areas and pigeons</p>	 <p>Big fishing boat and ears of rice</p>
Common side	 <p>Solitary pine tree of a Miracle and pigeons</p>	 <p>Solitary pine tree of a Miracle and pigeons</p>
Material	Pure gold	Pure silver
Weight	15.6 g (1/2 troy ounce)	31.1 g (1 troy ounce)
Diameter	26.0mm	40.0mm
Sales Price	Under consideration	
Mintage	Limited issuance	

Note1: As stipulated in the “Act on Currency Units and Issuance of Coins”, issuance of a commemorative coin shall be approved by a Cabinet Decision, and the material, weight, design, denomination and others of such commemorative coin shall be prescribed by a Cabinet Order. Therefore, a formal announcement about the details of the issuance of the commemorative coins will be made once they are formally decided in accordance with the above process. The 1,000 yen silver coins will be color-printed coins.

Note 2: The cost and expense of Premium Type commemorative coin shall exceed its face value because of using precious metal as its material. The above-mentioned commemorative coins are proof specified.