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Company Name: JAPAN POST BANK Co., Ltd.

Representative: KASAMA Takayuki, Director, President and Representative Executive Officer

(Securities Code: 7182, Tokyo Stock Exchange Prime Market)

**Notice Concerning Revisions to Forecasts for Earnings and Year-end Dividend
for the Fiscal Year Ending March 31, 2025**

JAPAN POST BANK Co., Ltd. (Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo; Director, President and Representative Executive Officer KASAMA Takayuki; hereinafter “JAPAN POST BANK”) hereby provides notice that it has resolved at the Board of Directors meeting held today to revise its full-year earnings forecast and year-end dividend forecast for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2025 (April 1, 2024 to March 31, 2025), for which most recent forecasts were announced on May 15, 2024, as detailed below.

1. Revised Earnings Forecast

(1) Revision of consolidated earnings forecast for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2025

	Net Ordinary Income (million yen)	Net Income Attributable to Owners of the Parent (million yen)	Net Income Per Share (yen)
Previous forecast (A) (announced on May 15, 2024)	525,000	365,000	100.93
Revised forecast (B)	575,000	400,000	110.60
Change (B－A)	50,000	35,000	
Percentage change (%)	9.5%	9.5%	
(Reference) Results for FY2023	496,059	356,133	98.43

(2) Reasons for the revision

As stated in the basic policies of the revised Medium-term Management Plan announced in May 2024, in market operations, JAPAN POST BANK is striving to seize the reversal of the trend in yen interest rates and shift investment from due from banks, etc. to Japanese government bonds (zero risk weighting). However, during the six months ended September 30, 2024, interest from due from banks, etc., from which JAPAN POST BANK is shifting investment, trended higher than expected owing to policy revisions at the Bank of Japan's monetary policy meetings and other factors. In addition, foreign currency funding costs are expected to decline compared to our initial forecast as a result of the change in monetary policy by U.S. financial authorities.

Given these circumstances and recent market conditions, we expect to achieve our financial targets for FY2025, the final year of our Medium-term Management Plan, earlier than expected, and have therefore upwardly revised our full-year consolidated earnings forecasts for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2025.

Regarding the financial market environment in calculating the revised forecasts, it is assumed that domestic and foreign interest rates after the end of September 2024 will move in line with the implied forward rate as of the end of September 2024, and that overseas credit spreads will trend flat at the level of September 2024 for the period from end-September 2024 onward. Furthermore, it is also assumed that exchange rates will remain little changed from rates at the end of September 2024.

2. Revised Year-end Dividend Forecast

(1) Revision of year-end dividend forecast for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2025

	Dividends per share (yen)			Dividend payout ratio
	End of Q2	End of fiscal year	Total	
Previous forecast (announced on May 15, 2024)		52.00	52.00	51.5%
Revised forecast		56.00	56.00	50.6%
FY2024 results	0.00			
FY2023 results	0.00	51.00	51.00	51.8%

(2) Reasons for the revision

In consideration of the upwardly revised consolidated earnings forecast for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2025 and the shareholder return policy for the period of the Medium-term Management Plan (FY2021-FY2025) as described below, JAPAN POST BANK has revised its year-end dividend forecast from the previous forecast of 52 yen per share to 56 yen per share, an increase of 4 yen per share.

Shareholder Return Policy

Based on a consideration of the balance between shareholder returns, financial soundness, and investment for growth, JAPAN POST BANK's basic policy is to maintain a dividend payout ratio of approximately 50% during the period of the Medium-term Management Plan (FY2021-FY2025).

However, the target dividend payout ratio will be set between 50% and 60%, while giving attention to the stability and continuity of dividends, and JAPAN POST BANK will aim to increase dividends per share (DPS) from the level of the initial dividend forecast for FY2024.

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This notification contains forward-looking statements including forecasts, targets and plans of the Group. These statements are based on estimates at the time in light of the information currently available to the Bank. The statements and assumptions may prove to be incorrect and may not be realized in the future. Any uncertainties, risks and other factors that may cause such a situation to arise include, but are not limited to, risks related to the effectiveness of risk management policies and procedures; market risks, market liquidity risks, credit risks and operational risks (such as risks related to the Bank's IT systems, the Bank's reputation, natural disasters, litigation and violations of applicable laws or regulations); risks related to Environmental, Social and Governance, or ESG, factors including climate change; risks related to business strategy and management planning; risks related to the expansion of the scope of operations; risks related to the business environment; risks related to the Bank's relationship with JAPAN POST HOLDINGS Co., Ltd. and JAPAN POST Co., Ltd.; risks related to domestic and overseas monetary policies; and other various risks. Please also see the Securities Report and the Semi-annual Securities Report for material facts that the Bank recognizes as potentially affecting the Group's actual results, performance or financial position.