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# Japan's post-disaster defining moment

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## Japan's quintuple shock

- The earthquake
- The tsunami

The nuclear reactor accident

- Supply chain disruptions
- Damage to Japan's "brand"



#### Economics of the disaster

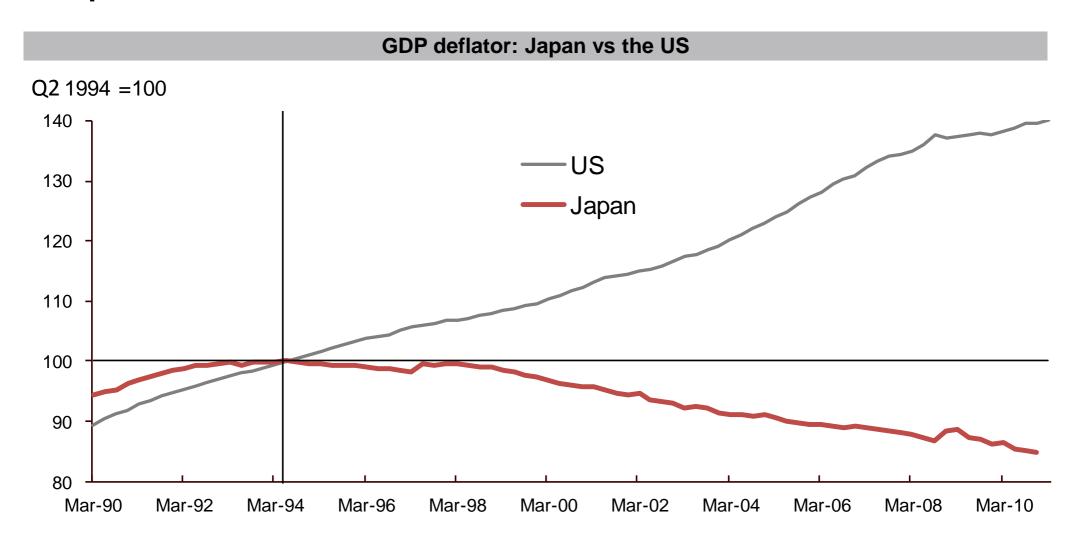
Negative supply shock

Negative demand shock

Positive demand shock



#### Japan stuck in deflation

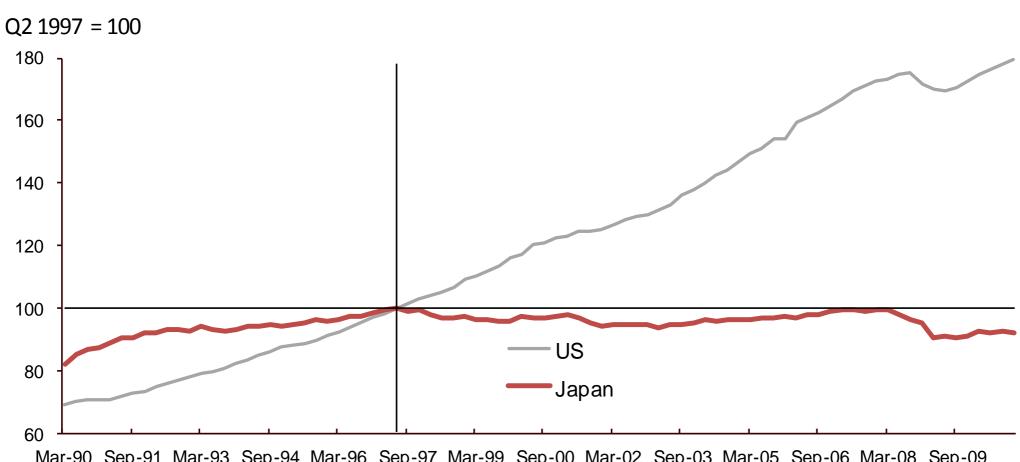


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#### Japan stagnating in nominal terms



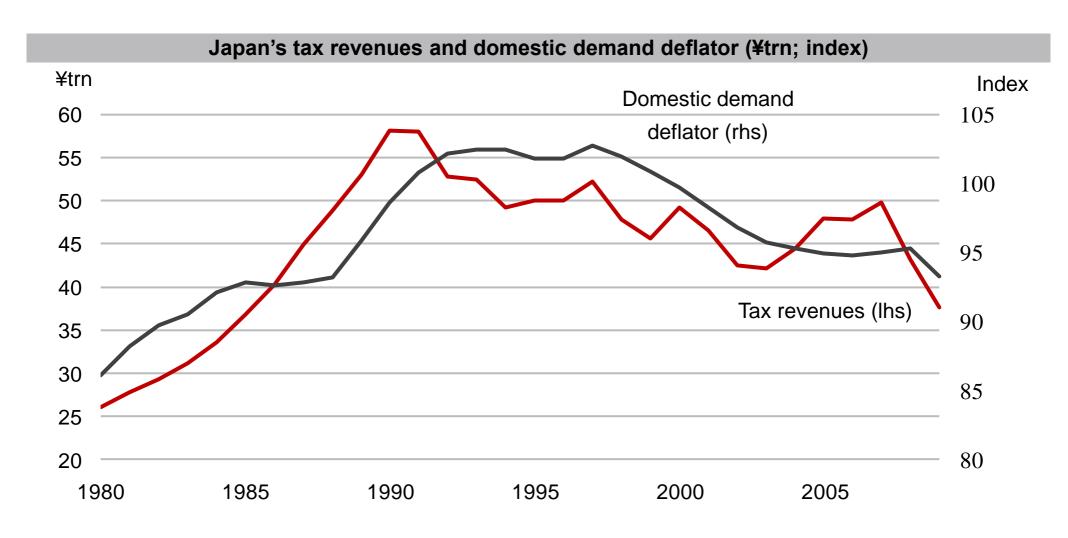


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#### Japan's fiscal situation exacerbated by deflation

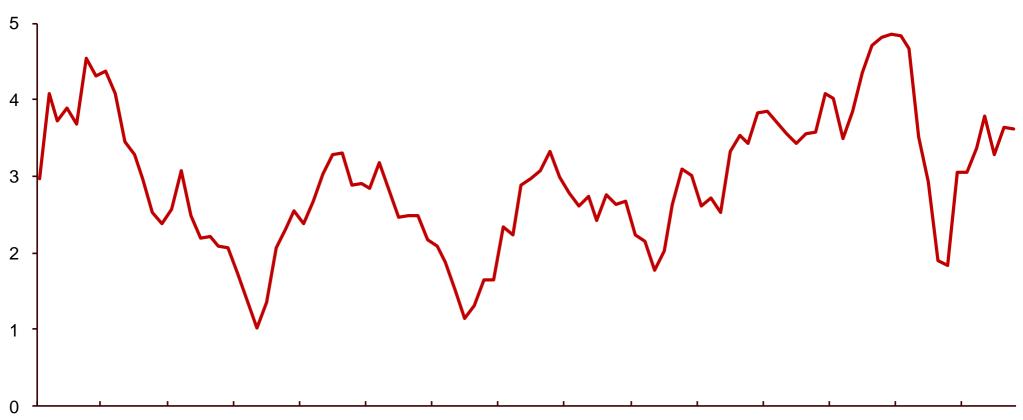


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### Japan more than fully finances its fiscal deficits

#### Japan's current account surplus (% of GDP)



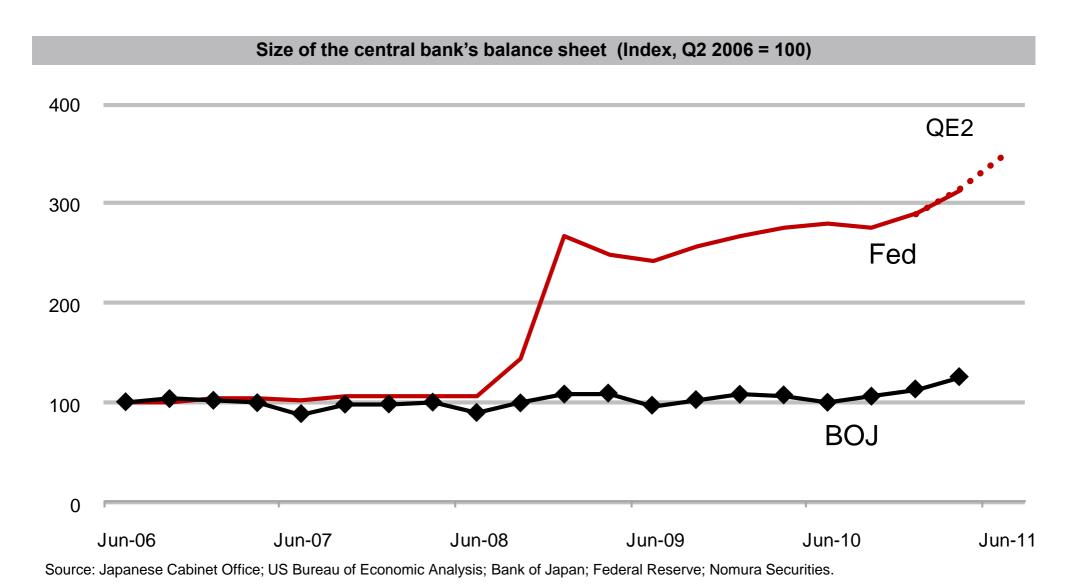
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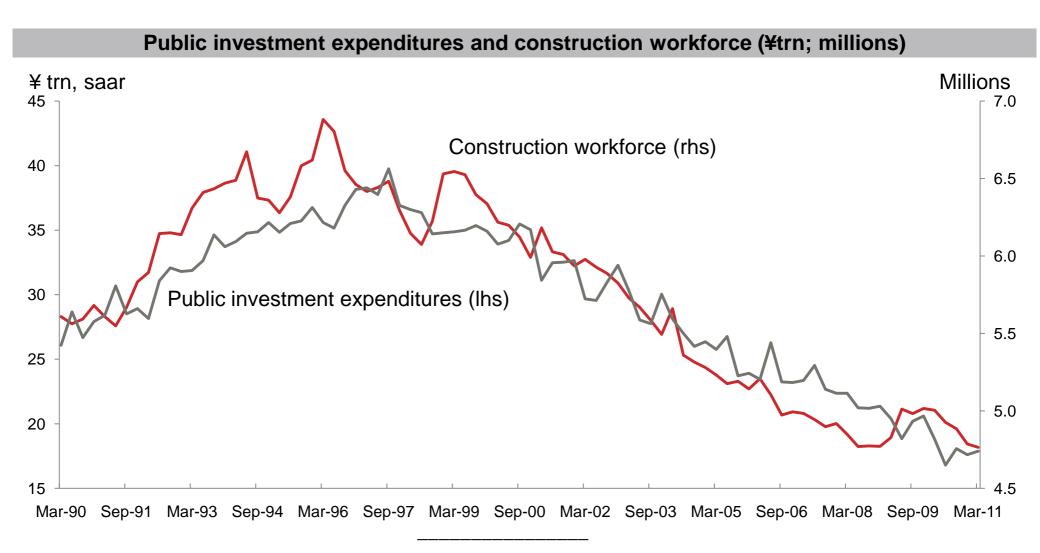


#### BOJ could expand its balance sheet dramatically





### Public works spending & construction workforce



Source: Cabinet Office; Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications.

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