

Dear Mr. or Ms. Garcia and Gonzalez,

I apply for the coming PBSS colloquium in Cancun.
Below is a proposal of my presentation.

- Paper title

Japanese pensions, under and after the low interest rates policy.

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- Type

I am planning to make a presentation, rather than a paper.

- Abstract

In Japan, Defined Benefit Plans must satisfy two financial requirements: "continuation standard" and "non-continuation standard," otherwise they have to pay extra premiums. The discount rate assumption for the latter is decided by the Minister for Health, Labor and Welfare according to the average interest rates over the past five years, independently of the outlook of future yield of each pension fund.

This means that the Minimum Funding Requirement (the required money to satisfy this standard) gradually increases as the interest rate decreases.

The situation is more serious when the interest rate suddenly increases. In this case, the Minimum Funding Requirement does not change rapidly, even though the value of bonds decreases.

In this presentation, financial situations of DB plans are analyzed under and after the low interest rates policy, and the necessity of easing measures are discussed.

- Language

English.

- Prior Exposure

There is no prior exposure for the presentation.

- Presentation style

Small quizzes will be included in the presentation.