
Investing in “Winners” V.S. Reducing Redundances Personal Comments

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Some Major Japanese Measures

1 Investing In “Winners”

(1) “Hometown Employment Revitalization Special Grant”

- **Fund for creating longer-term Employment: 250 billion JPY (1.8 billion EUR)**
- **Implemented Regionally, Flexible**

2 Reducing Redundances

(1) “Employment Adjustment Subsidy”

- **Short-time working subsidy (SMEs: 4/5 of allowance for business suspension)**
- **Implemented Nationally, Rigid**

(2) “Emergent Job Creation Program”

- **Fund for creating temporary employment emergently: 150 bil JPY ⇒ 450 bil JPY (3.3 billion EUR)**
- **Implemented Regionally, Flexible**

Some Considerations

1 Balance between winner and redundancy

(also long-term growth vs. short-term alleviation)

- **No single definite answer**
- **Always search for the best balance based on the recent economic and labour market situation**

2 Need to consider the exit strategy (esp. short-term alleviation)

- **Budget is limited and alleviation may sacrifice efficiency**

3 Local and flexible measures may work well,

- **But, locality also needs assistance (e.g. best case examples, capacity building, data supply)**
- **And related stakeholders (e.g. business association, labour union, NPO, university) need to be involved**

4 Use crisis as a chance to future growth

- **Impossible to implement a huge stimulus package at normal time**