## Milestones in Labour Banks' History

Labour Banks are Japan's only specialized financial institutions for workers, meeting the financial needs of workers and their organizations in keeping with the purpose of the banks' establishment.

At the time they were founded, Labour Banks primarily provided financial support to workers who were suffering due to high interest rates, supplied funding for living allowances when wages were delayed or unpaid, and furnished financial backing for mutual aid and welfare efforts by labor unions and consumer-livelihood cooperatives. However, the financial needs of workers diversified in tandem with economic growth, and increasing weight was given to financing home acquisitions and purchases of electrical appliances and other consumer durables as well as funding education, car purchases, overseas travel, etc.

Typhoons, earthquakes, and other natural disasters hit Japan frequently, and Labour Banks are appreciated for the low-interest emergency financing they extend to workers and their families when such disasters strike.

Labour Banks are not engaged solely in their own financial operations; they play a large role in cultivating and bolstering worker welfare programs in Japan, including the workers' mutual-aid movement, consumer housing cooperatives movement, and construction of welfare halls for working people. Also, Labour Banks are engaged in various efforts to open their doors to nonunion workers, retired workers, housewives, etc.

Labour Banks have approximately 10 million constituents, but Japan has a labor force of over 55 million.

Striving to enable as many workers as possible to gain access to their services, Labour Banks are simultaneously moving to strengthen ties with Zenrosai (National Federation of Workers and Consumers Insurance Cooperatives), consumer-livelihood cooperatives, and other cooperatives to meet workers' diversifying needs.

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## 労働金庫のあゆみ

労働金庫は設立の目的にあるように、労働者およびその団体の金融ニーズに応える、日本における唯一の労働者のための専門金融機関です。

労働金庫は、創立当時は高利に苦しむ労働者の救済のための融資や、賃金の遅欠配に対する生活資金の融資あるいは労働組合や生活協同組合の行う福利共済活動のための資金供給等が中心でしたが、経済成長に伴い労働者の金融ニーズも多様化し、住宅取得、電化製品等の耐久消費財の購入、教育資金、自動車購入資金、海外旅行資金等に対する融資の比重が高まっています。

日本は台風、地震等の自然災害が頻繁に発生しますが、労働金庫はこうした災害に見まわれた 労働者およびその家族に対し、低利の緊急特別融資を行い感謝されています。

労働金庫は自らの金融事業だけでなく、労働者共済運動、住宅生協運動、勤労者のための福祉会館の建設など日本における労働者福祉事業の育成強化に向けて大きな役割を果たしてきました。また、労働組合に組織されている労働者以外の労働者や退職者、家庭の主婦等に対しても労働金庫の利用ができるようさまざまな取り組みを行っています。

労働金庫の会員間接構成員は約 1,000 万人に及んでいますが、日本には 5,500 万人を超える雇用労働者がいます。

一人でも多くの労働者が労働金庫を利用するように働きかけるとともに、多様化する労働者の ニーズに応えられるよう全労済や生活協同組合等の協同組織との連携を強めていくこととしてい ます。

## 労働金庫のあゆみ

'50 昭和 25 年	岡山と兵庫に最初の労働金庫が生まれる
'51 昭和 26 年	(社)全国労働金庫協会設立 山陽電鉄労組に賃金肩代り融資
'52 昭和 27 年	炭労・電産ストに際し生活資金を融資
'53 昭和 28 年	労働金庫法施行 西日本水害関係・年末賃金関係等に政府資金融資導入
'54 昭和 29 年	日鋼室蘭争議に際し生活資金を融資
'55 昭和 30 年	労働金庫連合会設立 沖縄を除き全国に労働金庫が設立される
'59 昭和 34 年	伊勢湾台風被災緊急融資 炭労・全逓支援預金運動
'64 昭和 39 年	新潟地震災害に伴う特別融資
'66 昭和 41 年	47 番目の金庫として沖縄県労働金庫設立
'72 昭和 47 年	財形貯蓄「虹の預金」取扱開始
'78 昭和 53 年	ろうきん教育ローン実施
'82 昭和 57 年	財形年金取扱開始 国庫金振込事務取扱開始
'83 昭和 58 年	全国統一「サラ金」対策キャンペーン実施 労働金庫中央事務センター完成
'84 昭和 59 年	全銀データ通信システム加盟 全国労金為替オンラインシステム稼働開始 国債利金預金口座取扱開始



1985	National cash dispenser network completed, and national online cash services commence. Standardized educational loan, money market certificate, and variable interest rate time deposit services begin.
1987	Approval for money exchange services
1988	Maruyu Time Deposits abolished, and new Maruyu Time Deposits system put in place Zaikei Housing services begin.  Over-the-counter government bond sale services begin.
1989	Super MMC services start. Labour Bank Comprehensive Operations Center established
1990	Unity System, a new online system, goes into operation. MICS, nationwide ATM services, commence.
1991	MICS Sunday banking starts. "Super" Time Deposit services begin.
1992	"Zaikei" Deposit and "Super" Time Deposit services begin. Range of loans to parties not affiliated with the Rokinren Bank expanded
1993	"Zaikei" Savings account tax exemption ceiling raised Maximum tax exemptions on interest rate income for senior citizens, etc., increased Complete liberalization of time deposit interest rates
1994	21st Century Committee inaugurated Direct OTC treasury bond sales commence. Labour Bank New Standard Variable Rate Home Loans start. Liquid deposit rates liberalized
1995	Partial Saturday ATM deposit services begin. Special financing in connection with the Great Hanshin-Awaji Earthquake Yell 30 earthquake orphan fund time deposits offered
1996	Labour Banks' Reforms and Visions for the 21 <sup>st</sup> Century formulated Total deposit balance of Labour Banks nationwide reaches ¥10 trillion.
1997	New Comprehensive Operations Center starts up. New principles of Labour Banks adopted Guidelines for social contribution efforts outlined
1998	Kinki Labour Bank launched Workers' Livelihood Support Financing Program starts.
1999	Online cash dispenser and ATM links with the postal savings system (current Japan Post Bank) commence.
2000	Inauguration of Tokai Labour Bank Debit card services begin. Issuance of Labour Banks-Japan Post Bank Joint Card begins. Labour Banks-Japan Post Bank Mutual Fund Remittance Services begin. Services that enable the receipt of Japan Student Services Organization scholarship funds and refunds by bank transfer begin. Chuo, Shikoku, Hokuriku, and Kyushu Labour Banks launched
2002	Internet banking services begin.  Defined contribution plan services begin.
2002	Inauguration of the Consumer Relations Office Tohoku and Chugoku Labour Banks start up.
	Next-generation online system goes into service.  Services related to multipayment network operations begin.  Zatts, phone fund transfer services for "Zaikei" Deposit and "Ace" Deposits accounts, begins.  ATM links with IY Bank (now Seven Bank) begin.
2005	Rokin Forest School starts.
2006	Backup Center starts operations. Rokin Child Care Support Loan services start. IC cash card services begin. Labour Banks Web-based Notification Services begin.
2007	Niigata-ken and Shizuoka-ken Labour Banks shift to a nationwide integrated online system, marking the completion of a nationwide online system integration.
2008	ATM links with Aeon Bank commence. Employment Security Fund Loans begin.
2009	Nikkin Prize received for strategies related to multiple debts Zenrosai agency services begin. Merger preparations committee established
2010	Pay-easy account debit service becomes available.  Membership in Japan Joint Committee of Co-operatives (JJC) and International Co-operative Alliance (ICA).



'85 昭和 60 年	全国 C D ネット網完成・全国オンラインキャッシュサービス開始 統一教育ローン・市場金利連動型預金・自由金利型定期預金取扱開始
'87 昭和 62 年	両替業務取扱認可
'88 昭和 63 年	マル優制度の廃止、新マル優制度の実施 財形住宅取扱開始 国債窓販取扱開始
'89 平成元年	スーパー MMC 取扱開始 労働金庫総合事務センター設立
'90 平成 2 年	新オンラインシステム(ユニティシステム)稼働開始 全国キャッシュサービス (MICS) 開始
'91 平成3年	MICS のサンデーバンキング開始(スーパー定期取扱開始)
'92 平成 4 年	貯蓄預金・スーパー積金の取扱開始 労働金庫連合会の員外貸出の対象範囲拡大
'93 平成 5 年	財形貯蓄の非課税限度額引き上げ 老人等の利子非課税制度の限度額引上げ 定期性預金金利完全自由化
'94 平成 6 年	21 世紀委員会発足 国債直接窓販業務取扱開始 新基準労金変動金利住宅ローン発売 流動性預金金利自由化
'95 平成 7 年	ATM 土曜入金一部取扱開始 阪神・淡路大震災特別融資 ろうきん・震災遺児 支援定期「応援(エール)30」取り扱う
'96 平成 8 年	「ろうきん・21世紀への改革とビジョン」策定 全国ろうきんの総預金量 10兆 円達成
'97 平成 9 年	新総合事務センター稼働開始 ろうきんの新理念制定 社会貢献活動指針策定
'98 平成 10 年	近畿労働金庫発足 勤労者生活支援特別融資制度取扱開始
'99 平成 11 年	郵便貯金(現ゆうちょ銀行)と CD/ATM オンライン提携開始
'00平成 12年	東海労働金庫発足 デビットカードサービス開始 「ろうきん郵貯ジョイントカード」「ろうきん郵貯相互送金サービス」取扱開始 日本育英会の奨学金の受取および返還金の口座振替開始
'01 平成 13 年	中央労働金庫発足 四国労働金庫発足 北陸労働金庫発足 九州労働金庫発足 インターネットバンキング取扱開始
'02 平成 14 年	確定拠出年金業務の取扱開始 ろうきん相談所開設
'03 平成 15 年	東北労働金庫発足 中国労働金庫発足 次期オンラインシステム稼働開始
'04平成 16年	マルチペイメントネットワーク業務取扱開始 財形預金・エース預金電話振替サービス「ZATTS(ザッツ)」取扱開始 アイワイバンク銀行(現セブン銀行)とのATM提携開始
'05 平成 17 年	「ろうきん森の学校」開校
'06 平成 18 年	バックアップセンター稼働開始 「ろうきん育児支援ローン」取扱開始 I Cキャッシュカード取扱開始 「ろうきんWebお知らせサービス」取扱開始
'07 平成 19 年	新潟県労働金庫・静岡県労働金庫、全国統一オンラインシステムに移行/全国ろうきんのオンラインシステムの一本化完了
'08 平成 20 年	イオン銀行とのATM提携開始 「就職安定資金融資」取扱開始
'09 平成 21 年	多重債務対策が評価されニッキン賞受賞 全労済共済代理募集業務取扱開始 合 併準備委員会設置
'10 平成 22 年	Pay-easy(ペイジー)口座振替受付サービス取扱開始 日本協同組合連絡協議会(JJC)および国際協同組合同盟(ICA)加盟

