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Business Result for the First Quarter ended June 30, 2014 Regional Market Environments and Projections



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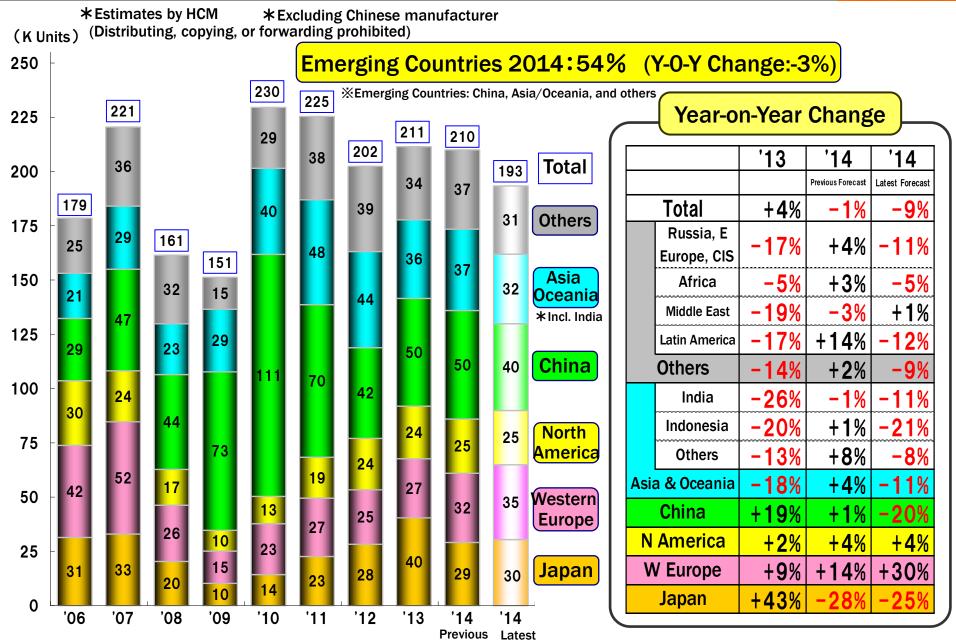
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Global Demand Trend for Hydraulic Excavators

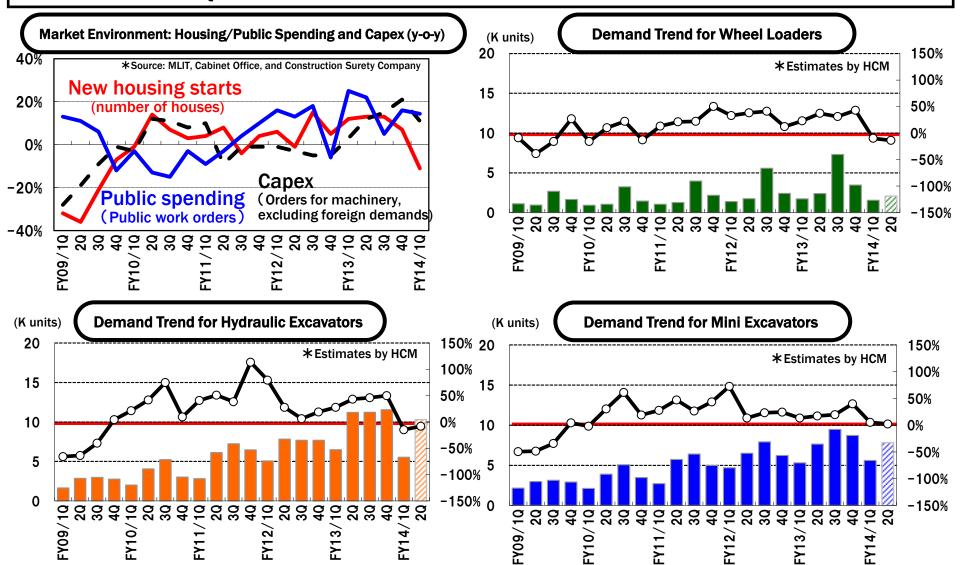
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- ♦ Demands for public works, etc. remain robust while only housing starts decline.
- ♦ Investment-promoting taxation effects curbed the decrease in demands for hydraulic excavators in 1Q at 15%.





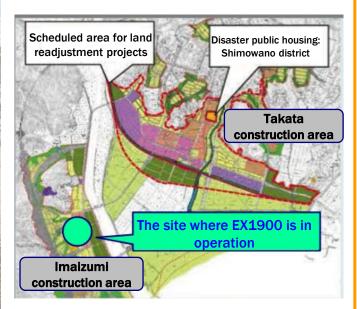
The ultra-large hydraulic excavator was utilized at an *upland relocation site for the first time

* Project to build the upland by raising the existing town's ground level, utilizing heavy machineries then relocating the town to the upland.



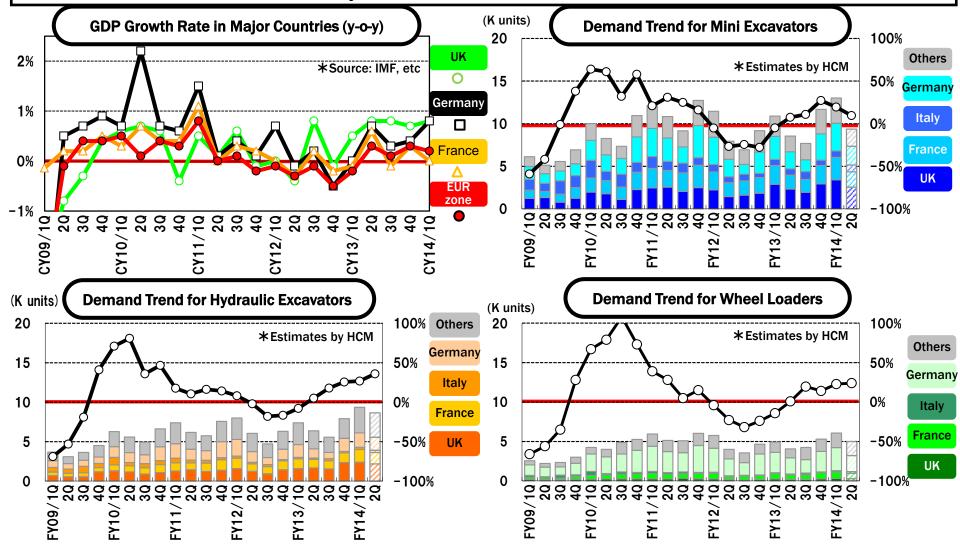
Rikuzentakata City in Iwate Prefecture

Upland relocation construction site



The ultra-large hydraulic excavator, EX1900, began operation in June as our first rental machinery.

- In addition to the robust UK economy, Germany is also on a recovery trend, and the overall European economy has rallied.
- Demands increased in the UK, Germany, and France, while Southern European countries are also on recovery trends.



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Completed development of new wheel loader, ZW-5B series, in Europe



- All 9 models were released by July 2014
 Model: ZW140 (2.0 m³) ~ ZW550 (6.1 m³)
 - **XZW310** ~ ZW550 were jointly developed with KCM Corporation
- Responsive to emissions regulations (EURO Stage III B)
- Enhanced fuel-efficiency by full model change



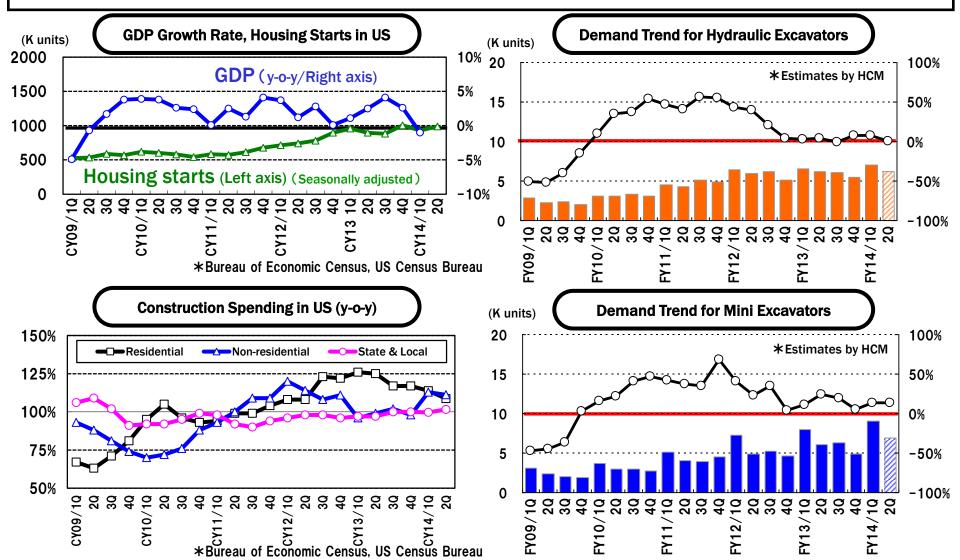
- In operation at the quarry in Germany
- Its fuel-efficiency has been well received

Introduced hybrid hydraulic excavators in European market

- Sales launched in April 2014
- The first European market model was delivered to France
- Responsive to emissions regulations (EURO Stage III B)

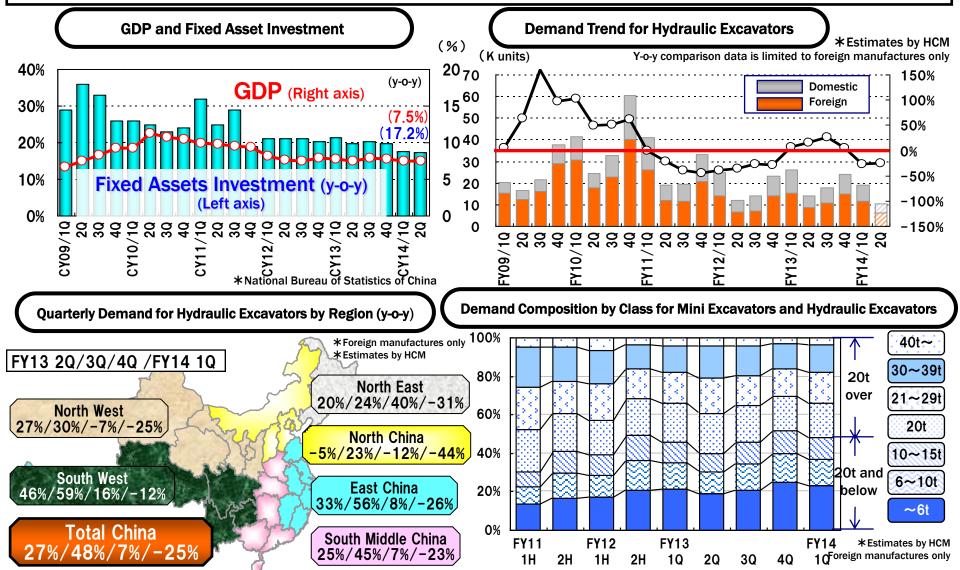


- ♦ Housing starts and construction investment maintained high level. Unemployment rate improved to 6.1% (at the end of June)
- \diamondsuit Construction machinery demands remain high (mainly for housing and energy-related projects).



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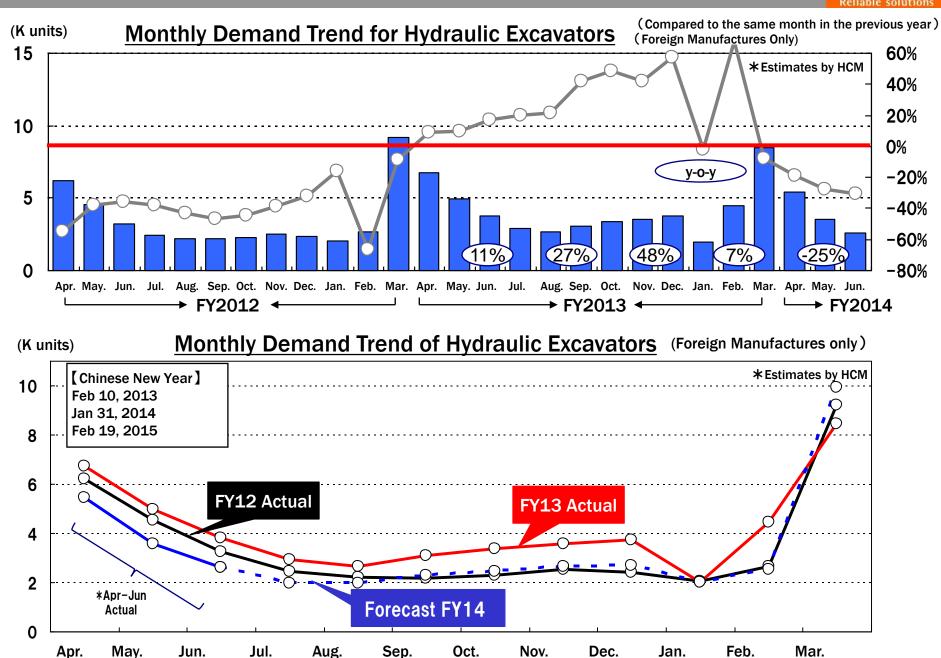
- Growth of fixed asset investment decreased from April to June 2014.
 - Demands fell below the previous year in all regions from April to June 2014: decreased 25% year-on-year (foreign manufactures only).



《Topics》 Chinese Market

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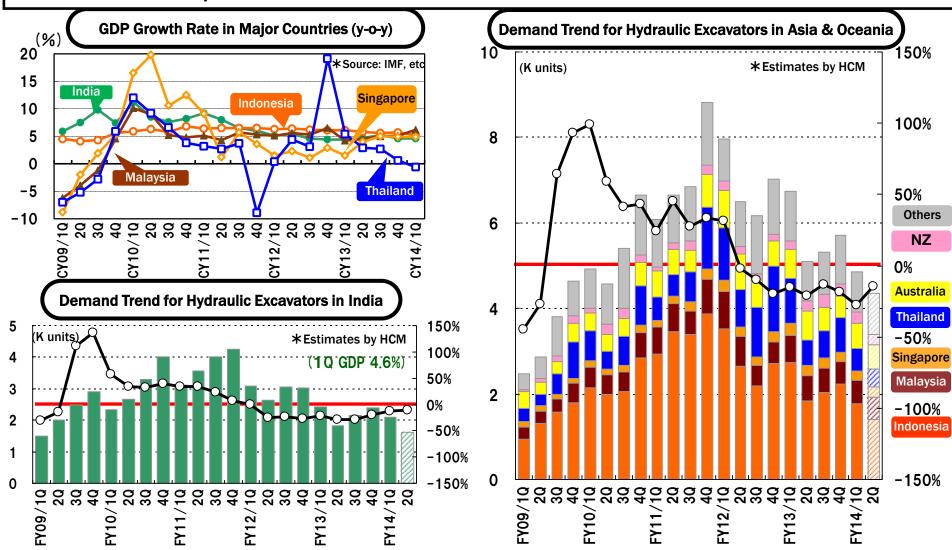




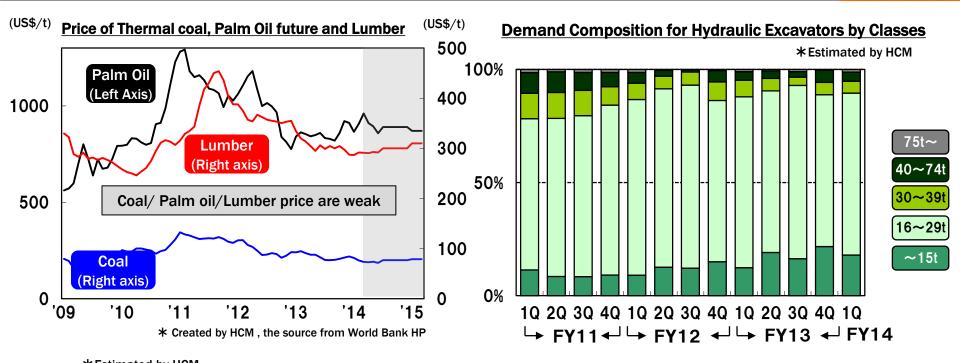
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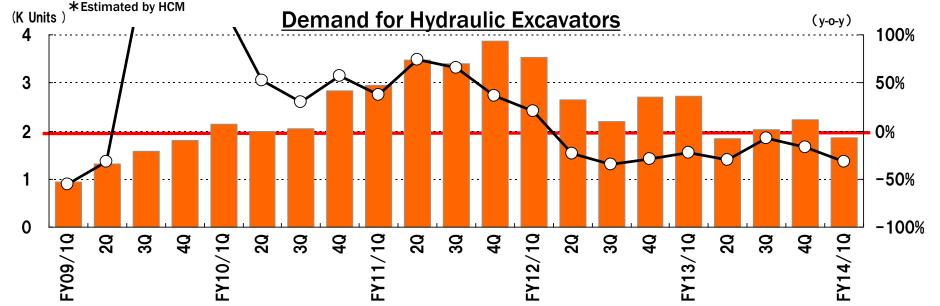
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- Demand downturn in resource-rich countries (Australia, Indonesia) and sluggish demands in Thailand due to political uncertainty.
 - Despite a sense of expectancy to Indian and Indonesian new political administration, more time is required for demands to recover.



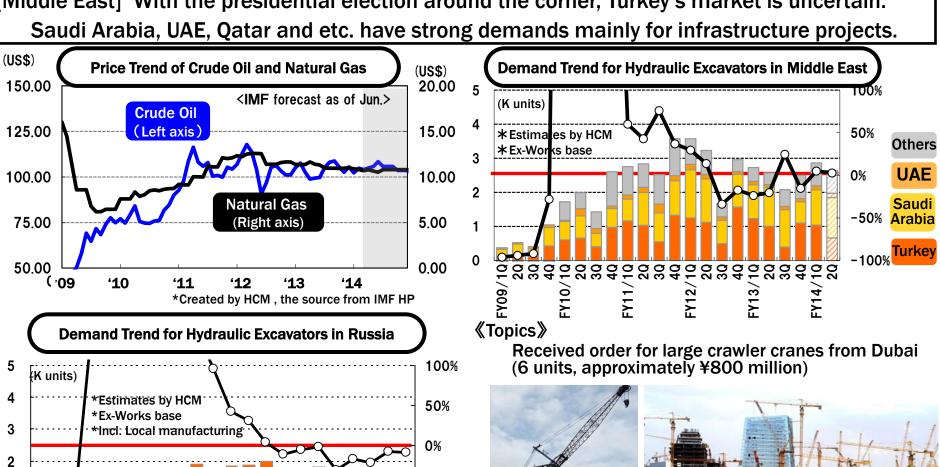
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[Russia] Uncertain outlook affected by the situation revolving around Ukraine etc. (Demands for the full fiscal year forecasted to decrease by approximately 10%)

[Middle East] With the presidential election around the corner, Turkey's market is uncertain.



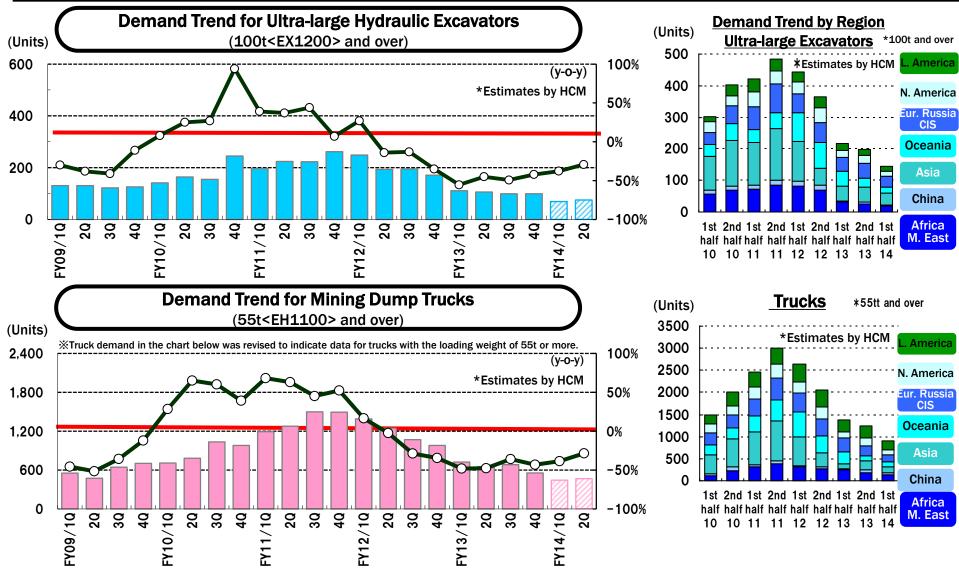
-50%

-100%



For plant facilities/large projects

- Resource prices remain sluggish (iron-ore, coal)
- Mining machinery demand decreased over approximately 20% year-on-year, recovery may start in 2015 or later.





Prime Minister Abe visited an iron mine in Western Australia

On July 9, Prime Minister Shinzo Abe visited the West Angelus Mine in the Pilbara District of Western Australia, along with Prime Minister Tony Abbott (Australia), during his tour of 3 countries in Oceania.

The mine is managed by Rio Tinto, the major resource company, and 9 units of our ultra-large hydraulic excavators $(EX5600 \times 1, EX5500 \times 3, EX3600 \times 3, EX2500 \times 1, and EX1200 \times 1)$ are in operation.

Displaying our machinery in operation at the mine to both leaders was a great opportunity to obtain publicity for Hitachi Construction Machinery.

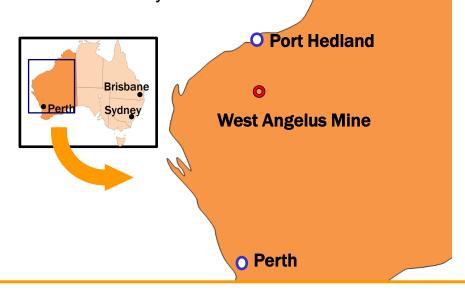




Photo: Prime Minister Shinzo Abe (center) and Prime Minister Abbott (left) visiting the West Angelus Mine.

(Photo is extracted from "the Prime Minister's Office Website")

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