

17. Employment strategies within the emergency economic stimulant package for future security and growth (December, 2009)

FY2009 Secondary Supplementary Budget: 598.4 billion yen

⇒ Strengthening of emergency countermeasures and facilitation of employment strategies

Relaxation of the requirement for employment adjustment subsidies

• In regard to the requirement on production volume in addition to the on-going requirements, companies with deficit and with 10% or more production reduction in comparison to that of the fiscal year prior to the previous fiscal year shall be, regardless of the size of business, eligible for receipts of the said subsidies.

Reinforcement of support measures for the poor and needy

• Implementation of "One-stop service day" events, enhancement of the one-stop consultation service function at "Hello Work", the government employment agency (by placing "Housing and Living Support Advisors")

• Provision of housing allowance and continuation of support measures such as placement of emergency and temporary accommodation by leasing vacant company dormitories/apartments.

Reinforcement of support measures for the new graduates

• Urgent increase of the number of "Job supporters", who assist high school and college graduates seeking employment

• Creation of "new graduates employment trial projects" to support business owners/managers who hire unemployed new graduates on trial.

Job creation in priority areas

• Creation of new employment opportunities in areas including long-term care, medicine, agriculture and forestry, environment and energy, and also promote fostering of human resources based on local needs