ABBREVIATIONS

CEFP
Council on Economic and Fiscal Policy

DPJ
Democratic Party of Japan

FSA
Financial Services Agency

FY
fiscal year

GDP
Gross Domestic Product

IMF
International Monetary Fund

IT
information technology

JACE
Japan Association of Corporate Executives

JCP
Japan Communist Party

JGB
Japan Government Bond

JMA
Japan Medical Association

JNOC
Japan National Oil Corporation

JNR
Japan National Railways

LDP
Liberal Democratic Party

LPG
liquified petroleum gas

MAFF
Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries

METI
Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry

MITI
Ministry of International Trade and Industry

MMD
multi-member district

MOF
Ministry of Finance

NLI
Nippon Life Insurance

NPL
non-performing loan

NTT
Nippon Telephone and Telegraph

PARC
Policy Affairs Research Council

R&D
research and development

RCC
Resolution and Collection Corporation

SDP
Social Democratic Party

SMD
single-member district

SME
small and medium enterprises

UFJ
Union Financial of Japan

UK
United Kingdom

US
United States

USSR
Union of Soviet Socialist Republics

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