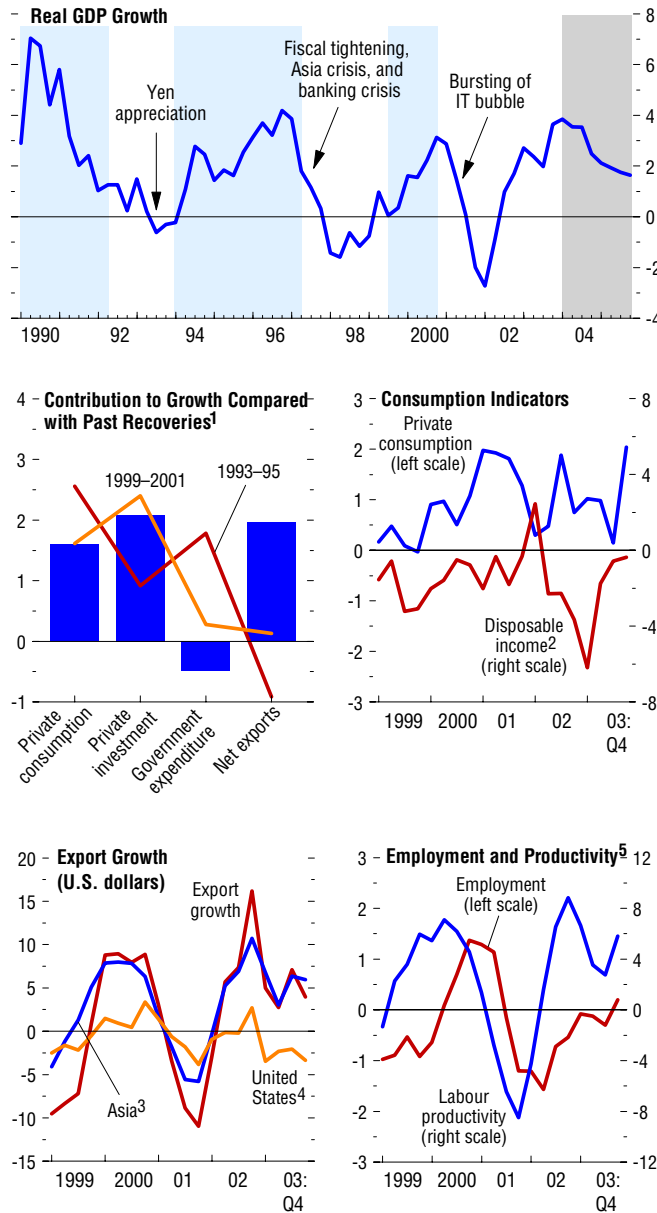


Figure 1.11. Japan: How Does the Current Recovery Compare With the Past?

(Percent change from a year ago)

Japan's recent recovery has been unusually dependent on exports, particularly to Asia; consumption remains weak, reflecting falling disposable income and sluggish employment growth.



Sources: Haver Analytics; CEIC Data Company Limited; and IMF staff estimates.

¹Contribution to growth between 2001Q4 and 2003Q4; compared with 1999Q1 and 2001Q1, and 1993Q4 and 1995Q4.

²Deflated by consumer price index.

³Contribution of Asia exports to total export growth.

⁴Contribution of U.S. exports to total export growth.

⁵Total employment in the non-agricultural industries, and labour productivity in the manufacturing sector.