

# Abenomics: Skepticism and Hope



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### Biography

**Akinari Horii** is Special Advisor and a member of the Board of Directors at the Canon Institute for Global Studies, a research think tank in Tokyo, Japan. He also sits on the Audit & Supervisory Board of Tokio Marine Holdings as well as advises a few other internationally active business firms, e.g., Nomura Institute for Capital Markets Research.

Akinari Horii was a central banker until he stepped down as assistant governor of the Bank of Japan (BoJ) in June 2010. During his four-year term of office, Mr. Horii was responsible for all of the Bank's international activities and represented the Bank at G7/G20 Deputies, FSB, and other key committees at

international organizations. In Asia, he was chairman of the EMEAP Working Group on Financial Markets as well as BIS/EMEAP Forex Forum.

Mr. Horii had worked at the Bank for three decades. Outside the BoJ, he also worked at the BIS in Basel, Switzerland and Japan's Ministry of Finance.

Mr. Horii received his MBA with distinction, and as a Beta Gamma Sigma, from the Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania and his BA in Economics from the University of Tokyo.

He is a member of several non-profit entities, e.g., Keizai Doyukai (Japan Association of Corporate Executives); Trilateral Commission; United States-Japan Foundation's Board of Trustees.

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