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R&I Changes Rating Outlooks for 21 Government Agencies to Stable Following the Rating Outlook Revision for Japan's Sovereign

Rating and Investment Information, Inc. (R&I) has announced the following:

- ISSUER:** Japan Finance Corp.
Issuer Rating: AA+
Rating Outlook: Stable, Changed from Negative
- ISSUER:** The Okinawa Development Finance Corp.
Issuer Rating: AA+
Rating Outlook: Stable, Changed from Negative
- ISSUER:** Japan Bank for International Cooperation
Issuer Rating: AA+
Rating Outlook: Stable, Changed from Negative
- ISSUER:** Japan International Cooperation Agency
Issuer Rating: AA+
Rating Outlook: Stable, Changed from Negative
- ISSUER:** Japan Housing Finance Agency
Issuer Rating: AA+
Rating Outlook: Stable, Changed from Negative
- ISSUER:** Japan Finance Organization for Municipalities
Issuer Rating: AA+
Rating Outlook: Stable, Changed from Negative
- ISSUER:** Japan Expressway Holding and Debt Repayment Agency
Issuer Rating: AA+
Rating Outlook: Stable, Changed from Negative
- ISSUER:** Central Nippon Expressway Co., Ltd.
Issuer Rating: AA+
Rating Outlook: Stable, Changed from Negative
- ISSUER:** East Nippon Expressway Co., Ltd.
Issuer Rating: AA+
Rating Outlook: Stable, Changed from Negative
- ISSUER:** West Nippon Expressway Co., Ltd.
Issuer Rating: AA+
Rating Outlook: Stable, Changed from Negative
- ISSUER:** Metropolitan Expressway Co., Ltd.
Issuer Rating: AA+
Rating Outlook: Stable, Changed from Negative

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- ISSUER:** Hanshin Expressway Co., Ltd.
Issuer Rating: AA+
Rating Outlook: Stable, Changed from Negative
- ISSUER:** Forest Research and Management Organization
Issuer Rating: AA
Rating Outlook: Stable, Changed from Negative
- ISSUER:** National Institution for Academic Degrees and Quality Enhancement of Higher Education
Issuer Rating: AA
Rating Outlook: Stable, Changed from Negative
- ISSUER:** Japan Railway Construction, Transport and Technology Agency
Issuer Rating: AA
Rating Outlook: Stable, Changed from Negative
- ISSUER:** Urban Renaissance Agency
Issuer Rating: AA
Rating Outlook: Stable, Changed from Negative
- ISSUER:** Japan Student Services Organization
Issuer Rating: AA
Rating Outlook: Stable, Changed from Negative
- ISSUER:** The Promotion and Mutual Aid Corp. for Private Schools of Japan
Issuer Rating: AA
Rating Outlook: Stable, Changed from Negative
- ISSUER:** Development Bank of Japan Inc.
Issuer Rating: AA
Rating Outlook: Stable, Changed from Negative
- ISSUER:** Welfare and Medical Service Agency
Issuer Rating: AA
Rating Outlook: Stable, Changed from Negative
- ISSUER:** Japan Water Agency
Issuer Rating: AA
Rating Outlook: Stable, Changed from Negative

RATIONALE:

R&I has changed the Rating Outlooks for the 21 government agencies listed above to Stable from Negative, following the August 30 revision of the Rating Outlook for Japan's sovereign to Stable from Negative.

When rating government agencies, R&I makes comprehensive assessment by evaluating "the likelihood of the government providing required assistance", and then factoring in "the corporation's standalone creditworthiness". The ratings are therefore affected by the sovereign creditworthiness. R&I incorporates "the likelihood of the government providing required assistance" to a great extent into the creditworthiness of the government agencies that have strong characteristics of policy implementation organizations due, for example, to their engagement in policy finance that is difficult

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for the private sector to undertake or in the construction and management of infrastructure. From this point of view, the Rating Outlooks have been changed for the 21 government agencies rated AA+ or AA, whose creditworthiness is the same as or very close to the sovereign creditworthiness.

The primary rating methodologies applied to this rating are provided at "R&I's Analytical Approach to Government Agencies", "R&I's Basic Methodology for Corporate Credit Ratings" and "Shared Rating Approach for Financial Institutions, etc." The methodologies are available at the web site listed below, together with other rating methodologies that are taken into consideration when assigning the rating.

https://www.r-i.co.jp/en/rating/about/rating_method.html

R&I RATINGS:

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Issuer Rating

RATING: AA+

RATING OUTLOOK: Stable, Changed from Negative

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Issuer Rating

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Issuer Rating

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Issuer Rating

RATING: AA+

RATING OUTLOOK: Stable, Changed from Negative

ISSUER: Japan Housing Finance Agency
Issuer Rating

RATING: AA+

RATING OUTLOOK: Stable, Changed from Negative

ISSUER: Japan Finance Organization for Municipalities
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ISSUER:	West Nippon Expressway Co., Ltd. Issuer Rating
RATING:	AA+
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ISSUER:	Metropolitan Expressway Co., Ltd. Issuer Rating
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