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## Notification regarding Special Income Tax for Recovery

Since "Act on Special Measures concerning Financial Resources for Recovery Action from the Tohoku Earthquake" was promulgated on 2 December 2011, Special Tax for Recovery (2.1%) will be imposed to income tax for interests of deposits/bonds, dividends/capital gains of Unit Trusts, etc. between 1 January 2013 and 31 December 2037. New tax rates are as follows.

	~ 31 December	1 January 2013 ~	1 January 2014 ~
	2012	31 December 2013	31 December 2037
Interests of			
deposits/bonds,	National Tax: 15%	National Tax and S	pecial Income Tax for
dividends/capital		Recovery: 15.315%	
gains of bond Unit	Local Tax : 5%	Local Tax : 5%	
Trusts, etc.			
Dividends/capital gains of stock Unit Trusts, etc.		National Tax and	National Tax and Special
	National Tax : 7%	Special Income Tax for	Income Tax for
	Local Tax : 3%	Recovery: 7.147%	Recovery: 15.315%*
		Local Tax : 3%	Local Tax : 5%*

\* Reduced tax rates are applied until 31 December 2013.

- <u>Regardless of the interest calculation period, the new tax rates above will be imposed to interests,</u> etc. paid after 1 January 2013. Please note that new tax rates will be applied after 1 January 2013 even though some documents show old tax rates.
- The table above is based on the latest information as of August 2012, which can be changed due to tax reform, etc.
- Your tax rates can be different form the ones above depending on your situation. Please consult with tax accountant or tax office for each individual case.

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