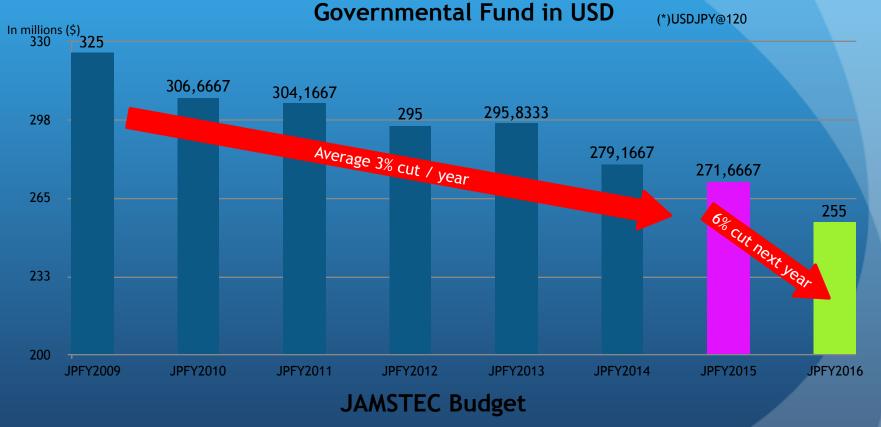
ECORD FB June 16 Meeting 3.4 Chikyu and its current and future funding

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Background of Chikyu Operation

- Governmental Funding has declined over the last 7 years
- Average 3% cut every year
- Even deeper budget cut for the next FY2016: by 6%



Governmental funding for operating expenses (excl. mission specific fund and supplementary budget)

CHIKYU Funding Structure

Source of Fund

- (1) Gov. Fund(USD58m/year)
- (2) Chikyu member Fees
- (3) Commercial Operation
- (4) CPP
- (5) Donation



Market conditions surrounding Chikyu Operation

— WTI(USD/bbl)

WTI Crude Oil in USD



Crude Oil Market has been down

(Pros)

 Cost-cutting in operating expenses, i.e. personnel cost, fuel, subcontractors and so on.

(Cons)

- Less opportunity for commercial drilling.
- Day rates will be much lower.

Pros & Cons: however, overall impact on Chikyu Operation rather negative

Competitive Rig Fleet Utilization (based on HIS Petrodata Weekly Rig Count)



- Rig utilization rate also declining.
- Rigs are, namely, working less.

Plan with prospect for Commercial Operation

	=Commercial Operation												
	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	2015/1	2015/2	2015/3	Retained Earnings carried forward
2014	Japan R&M			SIP	R&M				NGHP-02 @India				10M
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	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	2018/1	2018/2	2018/3	Retained Earnings carried forward
2017		Japan		Commercial Operation				on Japa		Japa	IODP or Commercial Operation		44M
	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	2019/1	2019/2	2019/3	Retained Earnings carried forward
2018		or Comn ation Wi		Sin Dyard Maintenance				ODP or Commercial Operation Window					34M
	Estimated costs:10M SIP: Cross-ministerial Strategic Innova										nnovatio	n Promotion Pro	

CDEX/JAMSTEC

- JAMSTEC needs IODP expedition in 2016-2017 window.
 - No significant IODP operation in last two years.
 - Earlier execution of high scientific impact IODP project has big impact on MEXT budget allocation.
- Complementary Project Proposals (CPP) more than welcome.
 - Even a riserless proposal, CPP accelerates execution of future projects.
- "Road to Mantle" needs to be started.
 - Still the fundamental target of *Chikyu* IODP operation.
 - Basic engineering development funds requested.
 - No hard-rock drilling experience yet.
- Mediterranean Salinity Crisis (DREAM)
 - Several international workshops were held.
 - Expecting ECORD contribution and drilling proposal.