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## **\Learning with Meri and Hari** The Guide to Tokyo's FY2025 Budget Proposal

All you need is

just 5 minutes!



## What is Tokyo's budget?



The estimated revenues and expenditures for one fiscal year are compiled in a budget. The Tokyo Metropolitan Government (TMG) uses the taxes paid by the residents of Tokyo to provide administrative services, including disaster prevention and welfare measures.

I see.

It's like an annual business plan!



## How big is the budget?

# About the same size as some national budgets: **17.8** trillion yen

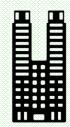
Account Type	FY2025 Budget	Remarks	
Total accounts	јру <b>17.8</b> т		
General account	јру <b>9.2</b> т	For administrative services such as disaster prevention and welfare measures, based on taxes	
Special accounts	јру <b>6.7</b> т	For specific objectives such as management of metropolitan housing	
Public enterprise accounts	JPY <b>2.0</b> T	For water supply and sewerage and other enterprises managed by the TMG	
Compared to, for example,			
	Sweden's budget 20.0 trillion yen		



The general account budget, which is mainly prepared from taxes, is now 9.2 trillion yen. Next, let's take a look at the overall picture.



## **Budget overview**



## Budget size

General account total expenditures

#### 9.1580 trillion yen

(+705.0 billion yen, +8.3%)



## General expenditures

Policy related spending

#### 6.8978 trillion yen

(+527.6 billion yen, +8.3%)



#### Tax revenue

The TMG tax revenue amount, including corporate inhabitant and enterprise taxes, and fixed assets tax

6.9296 trillion ven

(+543.1 billion yen, +8.5%)

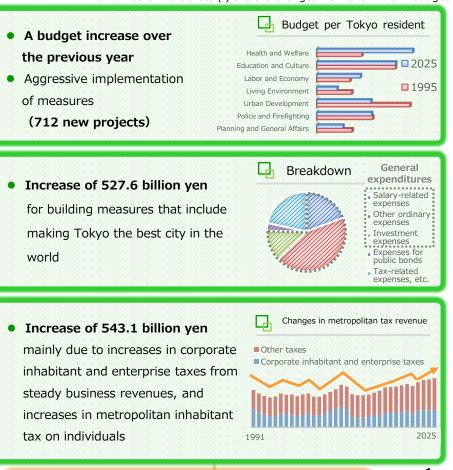
So, the FY2025 budget is bigger than

last year's. Where is all that money

going?

## for FY2025

%The numbers in brackets () are the changes from the FY2024 budget.



The budget is primarily allocated to measures contributing to the three key aspects: *Diverse City, Smart City, and Safe City*.

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## What approaches are taken



#### **Utilization of funds**

Money is set aside in funds for future expenditure increases and other needs

✓ Balance of funds (※) : 1.6570 trillion yen

\*Based on the ordinary account

#### **Utilization of TMG Bonds**



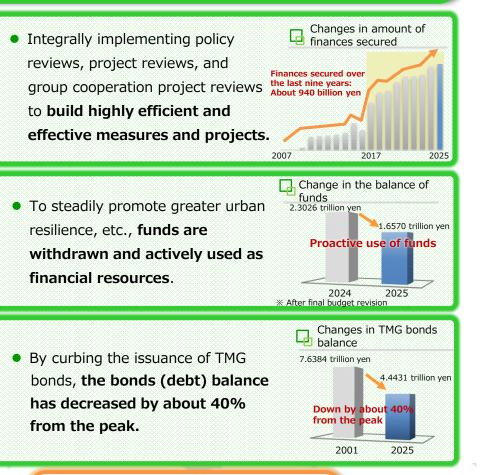
To adjust financial resources between fiscal years and strive for intergenerational equity

- ✓ TMG bonds issued : 203.4 billion yen
- ✓ TMG bonds balance : 4.4431 trillion yen



It's a budget to advance Tokyo's steps toward a sustainable future! But it seems like that will take a lot of money. How does Tokyo secure its fiscal resources?

## in budget compilation?





That's done through various approaches in fiscal management, such as promoting TOKYO meri-hari Review, and utilizing funds and TMG bonds.



## Eight Pillars of the FY2025 Budget

In order to realize a sustainable city that balances maturity and ongoing growth, the key measures to pave the way to a future Tokyo where everybody shines have been arranged under eight pillars.

A City Full of the Smiles and the **Hopes of Children and Youth** motion of the Tama Area and the **Inclusive Society where Everyone** Islands Can Utilize Their Individuality and **Be Successful as They Are Financial and Economic City Driving Global Transformation and Growth** A City Full of Sophisticated Attractivity which Stimulates the World and Increases Psychological Wellness Kerorm World Model as a Decarbonized City and

The World's Safest, Most Secure and Resilient City

The budget for each pillar includes projects that are also covered under other pillars.



Can you tell me what specific projects will be undertaken?

Okay, let's take a look at each of these

eight pillars to check out some specific

projects included in the budget.

#### A City Full of the Smiles and the Hopes of Children and Youth

JPY **610.3** bn

Through the provision of support that allows residents to feel more comfortable about having and raising children, and through the fostering of talent for the future, Tokyo will transform into a society where children and young people are the principal actors.



Key new and expanded projects

- Painless Delivery Expense Subsidies
- Free Childcare Fees (for the First Child)
- TMG version of the Study Abroad Program (for University Students)

etc.

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Inclusive Society where Everyone Can Utilize Their Individuality and Be Successful as They Are

JPY **187.5** bn

Through the development of an environment where all can feel comfortable engaging actively in work and through the provision of support for the livelihoods of older adults, Tokyo will transform into a society where all individuals can actively participate in their own unique way.



Key new and expanded projects

#### Promotion Project for Creating the "take-home time" and Enhancing Engagement (support for companies that are working to introduce systems for 4-day work weeks and flex-time) Promotion Project of Measures to Prevent Customer Harassment

 Issuance of Silver Pass (Discount Bus Pass for Elderly) (Reduction in User Burden) etc.

#### Financial and Economic City Driving Global Transformation and Growth

JPY 399.4 bn

Through support for the growth of startups and for the revitalization of SMEs, Tokyo will become a city that generates innovation and drives the world.



Key new and expanded projects

- GX Innovation Promotion Support Fund (provisional name)
- Support Project for Strengthening Industrial Capabilities through Business Integration
- Growth Support Project Triggered by Business Succession

etc.

A City Full of Sophisticated Attractivity which Stimulates the World and Increases Psychological Wellness

Through the active promotion of Tokyo's diverse charms, and through efforts to build a sustainable city where everyone can live comfortably, Tokyo will become the "world's city of choice."



Key new and expanded projects.

 Project to Promote the Utilization of Edo-era Cultural Properties in Tourism City Development

etc.

- Support for Fostering Animators Aiming for Global Expansion
- Promotion of Affordable Housing Supply through Financial Schemes

#### World Model as a Decarbonized City

#### JPY **301.1** bn

Through accelerating energy conservation promotion and renewable energy adoption, Tokyo will achieve "carbon half" by 2030 and continue on to realize a "Zero Emission Tokyo."



Key new and expanded projects



- Project of Comprehensive Measures
   to Promote the Tokyo Zero Emission Housing and Environmental Building Reporting Program
- Project for Concentrated Promotion of Insulation and Renewable Energy in Rental Housing
- Project for Promotion of GX in the Global South etc.

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## The World's Safest, Most Secure and Resilient city

#### JPY **857.1** bn

Tokyo will become the world's safest, most secure and resilient city, where the lives and livelihoods of residents are protected from such threats as an evolving criminal landscape and natural disasters including storms, floods, and earthquakes.



Key new and expanded projects



- Starting projects for new regulating reservoirs (Myoshoji River Upstream Regulating Reservoir (provisional name), Yanase River Upstream Regulating Reservoir (provisional name))
- Support for Wards and Municipalities to Improve Shelter Environments and Secure Toilets During Disasters

• Project for Emergency Subsidies for the Purchase of Security Equipment etc.

#### Promotion of "Smart Tokyo" JPY 234.7 bn and "SHIN-TOSEI" (Structural Reform of the TMG)

Through the streamlining of administrative procedures resulting from digital transformation efforts, Tokyo citizens will enjoy increased the "take-home time" and perceive improvements in the quality of government services.



Key new and expanded projects

- Project of Promotion for Business Process Reengineering (BPR)
- Official Tokyo Metropolitan Government App (Tokyo app)
- Project for Promotion of Joint DX among Ward and Municipal Governments

etc.

#### Promotion of the Tama Area and the Tokyo Islands

To raise the vitality and appeal of the Tama area and the Tokyo islands, and achieve sustainable development, we will promote initiatives that leverage the resources and unique characteristics of the communities.



Hachijo Island

1PY 296.3 bn

Key new and expanded projects

Islands

- Project for Support of Municipal Governments on Promotion for Immigration and Domiciliation
- Life Experience and Vacant House Study Tours of the Tokyo Islands and Mountain Areas

etc.

 Project to Support the Improvement of Barrier-free Tourism on the Tokyo

### Revenues and Expenditures (General Account)

### Revenues

Category	FY2025	FY2024	Difference
Metropolitan taxes	<b>6,929.6</b> bn	<b>6,386.5</b> bn	<b>543.1</b> bn
Local transfer taxes	<b>82.8</b> bn	<b>63.8</b> bn	<b>19.0</b> bn
National treasury disbursements	<b>424.0</b> bn	<b>378.5</b> bn	<b>45.5</b> bn
Funds transfers	<b>729.7</b> bn	<b>714.6</b> bn	<b>15.1</b> bn
Miscellaneous revenues	<b>619.4</b> bn	<b>396.2</b> bn	<b>223.2</b> bn
TMG bonds	<b>203.4</b> bn	<b>312.7</b> bn	<ul> <li>109.3 bn</li> </ul>
Other revenues	<b>169.1</b> bn	<b>200.7</b> bn	— <b>31.6</b> bn
Total	<b>9,158.0</b> bn	<b>8,453.0</b> bn	<b>705.0</b> bn

## Expenditures

	Category	FY2025	FY2024	Difference
Ge	eneral expenditures	<b>6,897.8</b> bn	<b>6,370.2</b> bn	<b>527.6</b> bn
	Ordinary expenditures	<b>5,736.7</b> bn	<b>5,298.3</b> bn	<b>438.4</b> bn
	Salary-related expenses	<b>1,762.0</b> bn	<b>1,723.1</b> bn	<b>38.9</b> bn
	Other ordinary expenditures	<b>3,974.7</b> bn	<b>3,575.2</b> bn	<b>399.5</b> bn
	Investment expenses	<b>1,161.1</b> bn	<b>1,071.9</b> bn	<b>89.2</b> bn
E>	penses for public bonds	<b>287.2</b> bn	<b>323.8</b> bn	— 36.7 bn
Та	x-related expenses, etc.	<b>1,973.1</b> bn	<b>1,759.0</b> bn	<b>214.1</b> bn
	Total	<b>9,158.0</b> bn	<b>8,453.0</b> bn	<b>705.0</b> bn

%Tabulated figures are rounded to the nearest hundred million.

### Reference: Metropolitan Tax Revenue Breakdown by Categories (General Account)

Category	FY2025	FY2024	Difference
Two corporate taxes	<b>2,536.2</b> bn	<b>2,301.6</b> bn	<b>234.7</b> bn
Other taxes	<b>4,393.4</b> bn	<b>4,084.9</b> bn	<b>308.5</b> bn
Metropolitan inhabitant tax on individuals	<b>1,245.1</b> bn	<b>1,091.1</b> bn	<b>154.0</b> bn
Metropolitan inhabitant tax on interest income	<b>31.0</b> bn	<b>9.3</b> bn	<b>21.7</b> bn
Local consumption tax (post settlement)	<b>815.9</b> bn	<b>752.4</b> bn	<b>63.5</b> bn
Real estate acquisition tax	<b>102.7</b> bn	<b>97.3</b> bn	<b>5.4</b> bn
Motor vehicle tax	<b>119.3</b> bn	<b>116.0</b> bn	<b>3.3</b> bn
Fixed assets tax	<b>1,528.4</b> bn	<b>1,489.4</b> bn	<b>39.1</b> bn
Establishment tax	<b>131.7</b> bn	<b>119.9</b> bn	<b>11.7</b> bn
City planning tax	<b>296.2</b> bn	<b>290.1</b> bn	<b>6.1</b> bn
Accommodation tax	<b>6.9</b> bn	<b>4.8</b> bn	<b>2.1</b> bn
Miscellaneous taxes	<b>116.2</b> bn	<b>114.7</b> bn	<b>1.5</b> bn
Total	<b>6,929.6</b> bn	<b>6,386.5</b> bn	<b>543.1</b> bn

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### Reference: Expenditure Breakdown by Categories (General Account)

## FY2025 budget by category, assuming that the total budget is 10,000 yen

Category	Breakdown of 10,000 yen
Health and Welfare e.g., measures to address the falling birthrate and the graying population	<b>1,934</b> yen
Education and Culture e.g., the enhancement of school education	<b>1,589</b> yen
Labor and Economy e.g., revitalization of industry	<b>878</b> yen
Living Environment e.g., climate change countermeasures	<b>409</b> yen
Urban Development e.g., road development	<b>1,091</b> yen
Police and Firefighting e.g., police and fire fighting activities	<b>1,106</b> yen
Planning and General Affairs e.g., staff training and welfare	<b>525</b> yen
Public Bonds e.g., principal and interest redemption of TMG Bonds	<b>314</b> yen
Tax-related Expenses, etc. e.g., subsidies to municipalities	<b>2,154</b> yen
Total	<b>10,000</b> yen

% Figures are rounded off to the nearest one yen.

## Column What form should the local tax and fiscal system take?

#### Money that can be used Amounts of general revenue resources per capita for one resident Local taxes Local allocation tax grants, etc. When grants provided by the national Approx. half that of the top Same level as government to cover tax revenue the average of prefecture prefectural governments disparities among local governments are added to each local government's tax revenues, the amount of money that can be used for one resident in Tokyo is at about the average of prefectural Top Average of TMG prefecture governments governments and is definitely not high.

#### **Unreasonable Local Corporate Taxation Reviews**

 Despite this fact, repeated unreasonable revisions of the taxation system have deprived Tokyo of tax revenues amounting to 1.5 trillion yen in FY 2025—a whopping total of 10.8 trillion yen since FY 2008.

#### Just how much is 10.8 trillion yen?



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More than the cost of the TMG's earthquake countermeasures through the 2040s.



Taxes per Tokyo citizen of about 100,000 yen annually and about 800,000 yen on a cumulative basis have been lost!

 For achievement of sustainable growth of all of Japan, it is more important to have a tax and fiscal system that considers the roles local governments should play, rather than having local governments scramble for a larger share of limited financial resources.

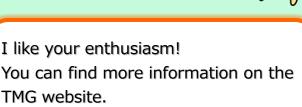
> We need a tax and fiscal system that facilitates the growth of all of Japan!

Wow, I understand Tokyo's budget a lot better now! Tokyo is using lots of ingenuity in advancing efforts to become an even better city!



That's right, Hari! Tokyo has to keep on firmly managing its finances. And it's not just for us, but for the future of our children!

That's so true! Now I'm curious to learn more about Tokyo's finances!



Check it out here!

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