Trends in Number of Labor Unions, Members and Organization Rate (Unit Union)

労働組合数、組合員数、組織率の推移(単位労働組合)

(As of June 30) 1950 1960 1970 1980 1990 2000 2007 2008 2009 2010 Labor Unions¹⁾ 労働組合数 29,144 41,561 60,954 72,693 72,202 68,737 58,265 57,197 56,347 55,910 Members¹⁾ (1,000 persons) 労働組合員数(千人) 5,774 7,662 11,605 12,369 12,265 11,539 10,080 10,065 10,078 10,054 Estimated Organization Rate²⁾ 推定組織率(%) 46.2 32.2 35.4 30.8 25.2 21.5 18.1 18.1 18.5 18.5

Source: Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare, Basic Survey on Labour Unions, 2010

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- s: 1) The number of labour unions is a totaled result of local trade unions (unit unions) and the number of union members is a totaled result of members of individual labor unions. Local labor unions comprise locally organized unions (unions having no organizations of lower levels) and those which are the lowest-level organizations of individually organized unions (unions having organizations at lower levels) and are treated as local unions, each counted as one union. Individual labor unions comprise locally organized unions and the headquarters of the individually organized unions, each counted as one union.
- 2) These numbers are calculated by dividing the number of union members by the number of employees ("Labour Force Survey" of June each year by the Statistic Bureau of the Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications).