

Outline of Survey on Trends of Land Transaction (Second Survey) for FY2017

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<Survey method, etc.>

1. Purpose of the survey

This is a survey of major companies which appear to have a great influence on land market trends, and is carried out to understand and organize their short-term intentions regarding land transactions, etc. with an aim to develop and provide simple and clear leading indicators.

2. Coverage of the survey

Listed companies (including over-the-counter trading) and unlisted companies with capital of 1 billion yen or more.

3. Survey items

(1) Judgments about the land transaction situation

(2) Judgments about land price levels

(3) Intentions to purchase or sell land

(4) Intentions to increase or decrease land and buildings for own company use

4. Survey method: Questionnaire survey (sending and collecting by mail)

5. Date of the survey: February 2018

6. Results of the collection

	No. of questionnaires distributed	No. of valid responses	Rate of valid responses
Listed companies	1,750 companies	539 companies	30.8%
Unlisted companies	1,750 companies	789 companies	45.6%
Total	3,500 companies	1,337 companies	38.2%

7. Implementing agency of the survey: Advanced Solutions Technology Japan, Inc.

(1) Judgments about the land transaction situation

Judgments about the land transaction situation in general terms were sought from companies whose headquarters are located in each region.

① Judgment of current land transaction situation (DI)

"Tokyo" increased by 4.1 points to +35.8 points, "Osaka" increased by 21.8 points to +41.8 points, "Other regions" increased by 8.0 points to +4.4 point (Chart 1).

② Forecast of land transaction situation one year later (DI)

"Tokyo" increased by 8.3 points to +32.5 points, "Osaka" increased by 19.2 points to +26.2, "Other regions" increased by 5.9 points to 2.4 points (Chart 2).

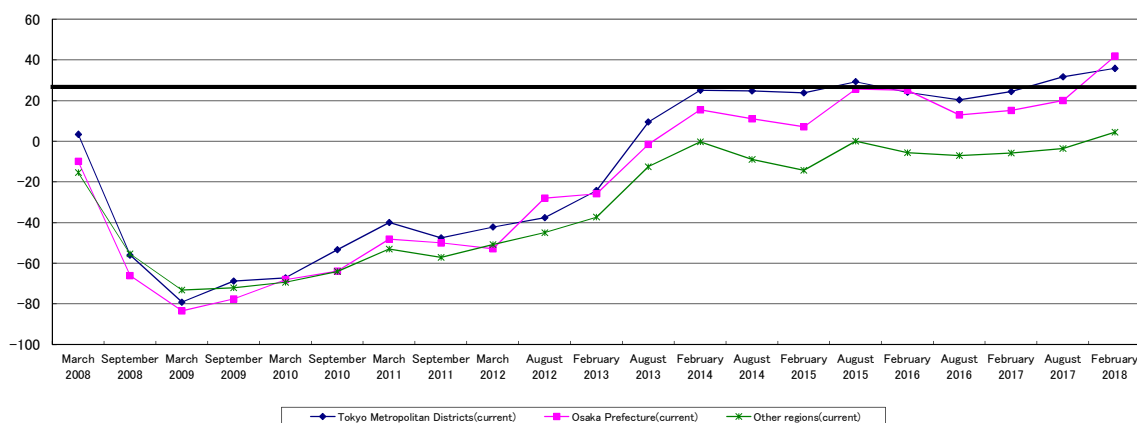
③ Judgment of current land transaction situation (Answer)

"Active" increases in all areas, while "Inactive" decreases (Chart 3).

④ Forecast of land transaction situation one year later (Answer)

"Active" increases in all areas, while "Inactive" decreases (Chart 4).

Figure 1 DI about judgments of the current land transaction situation (by location of headquarters)



Note: DI = Rate of (Active)–(Sluggish). The unit is points.

Figure 2 DI about forecasts of the land transaction situation in a year's time (by location of headquarters)

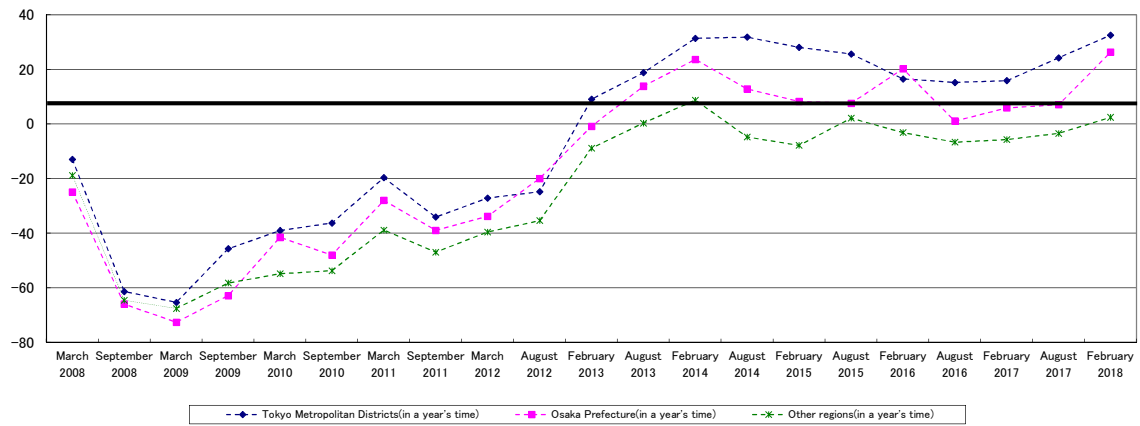


Figure 3 Judgments of the current land transaction situation (by location of headquarters)

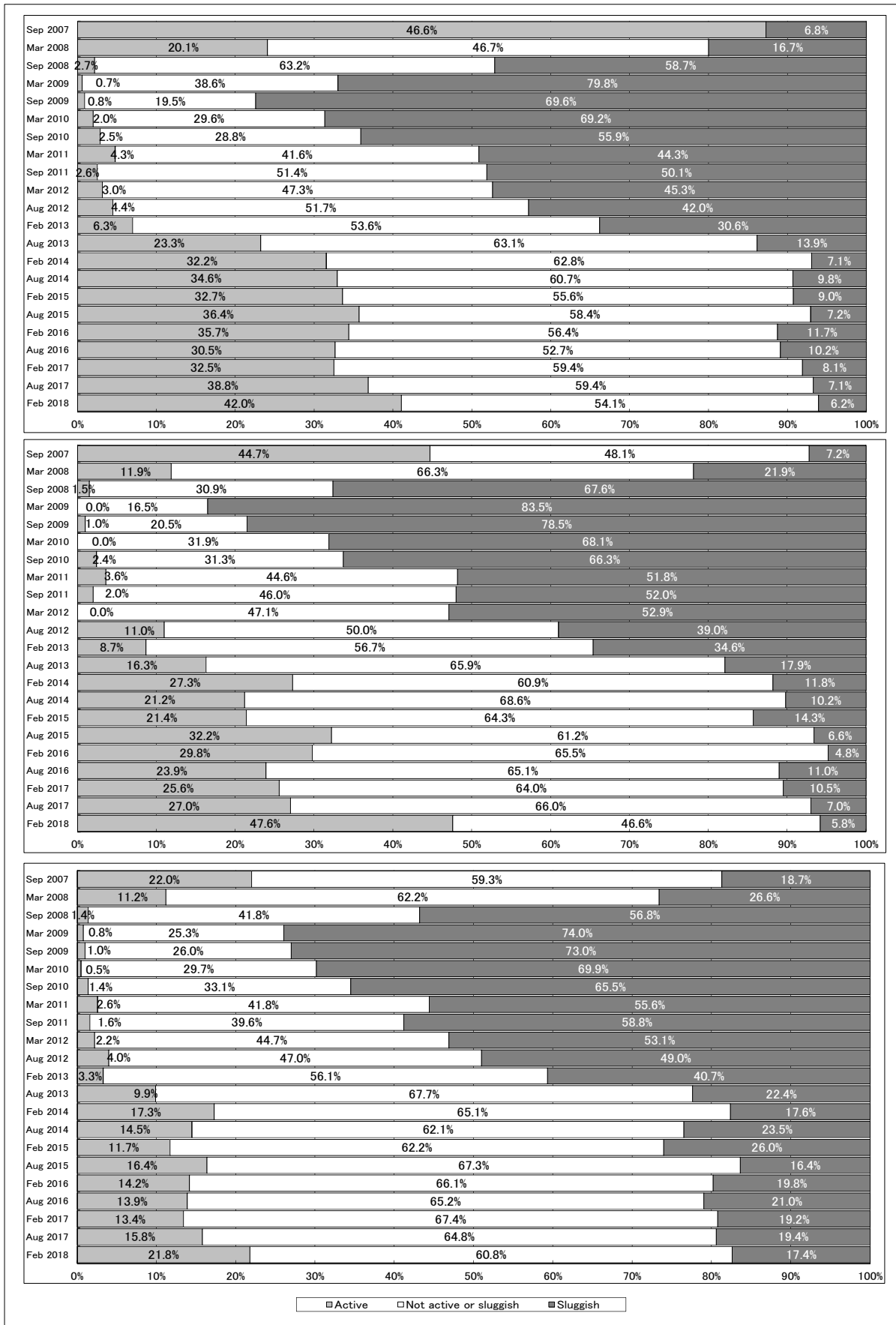
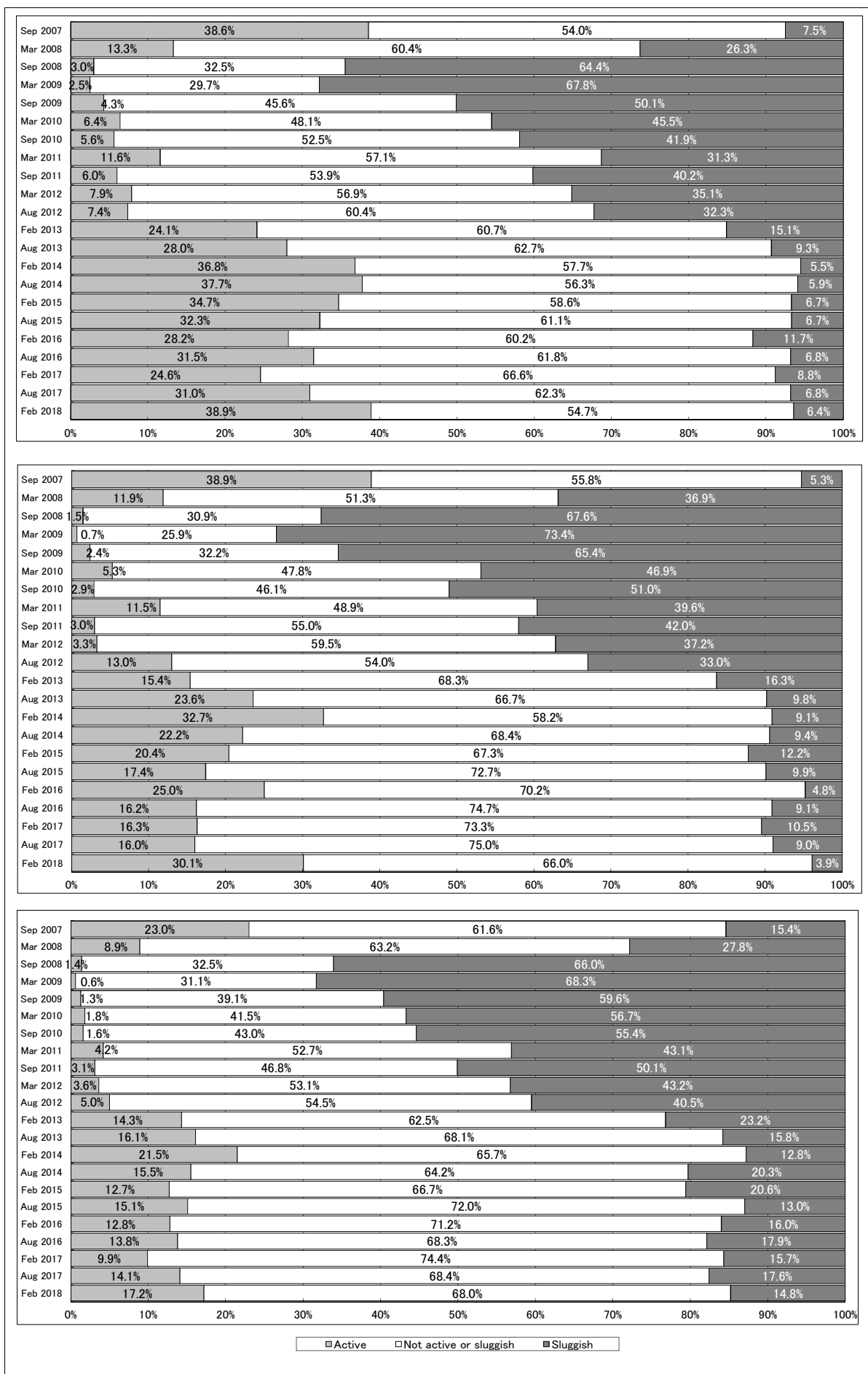


Figure 4 Forecasts of land transaction situation in a year's time (by location of headquarters)



(2) Judgments about land price levels

Judgments about land price levels at the locations of headquarters were sought from companies whose headquarters are located in each region.

① Judgment of current land price level (DI)

"Tokyo" increased by 1.0 point to +58.8 points, "Osaka", increased by 13.1 points to +28.2 points, "other regions" increased by 2.8 points to +0.3 points (Chart 5).

② Forecast of land price level one year later (DI)

"Tokyo" increased by 7.1 points to +47.5 points, "Osaka" increased by 4.9 points to +26.2 points, "Other regions" increased by 5.0 points to 3.5 points (Chart 6).

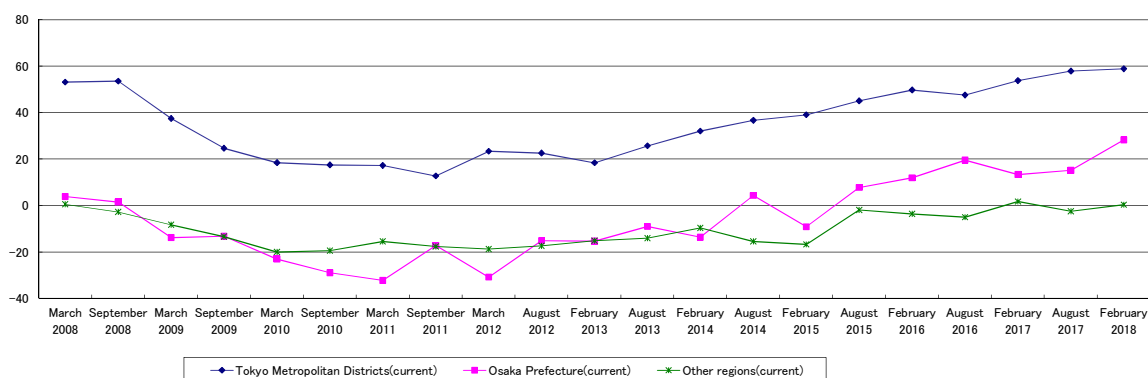
③ Judgment of current land price level (Answer)

While "high" answers for "Tokyo" are slightly increasing, "low" answers are flat. In "Osaka", the answer "high" is increasing, while the answer of "low" is decreasing. "High" increased slightly in "Other areas", while "Low" decreased somewhat (Chart 7).

④ Forecast of land price level one year later (Answer)

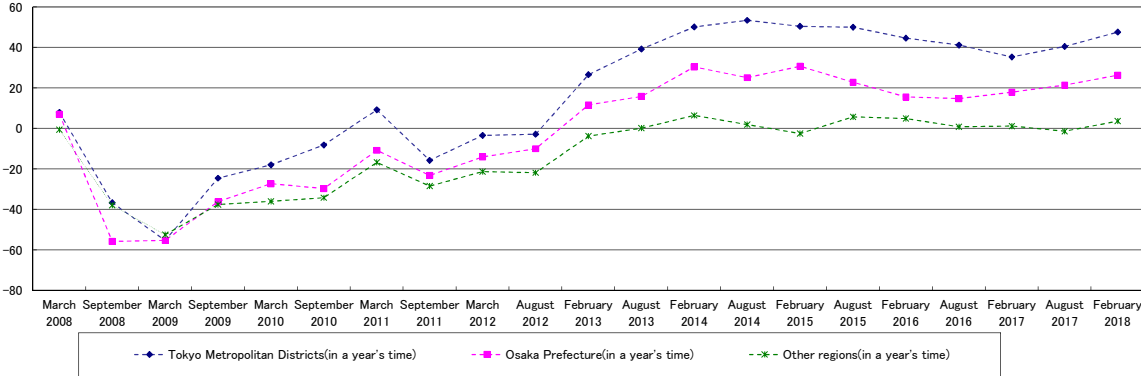
In "Tokyo" and "Osaka" there is an increasing trend of "rising is anticipated", and "expected to decline" is almost flat. In "other areas", the "expected to rise" is slightly increasing trends, and "expected to fall" is somewhat declining (Chart 8).

Figure 5 DI about Judgments of the current land price levels (by location of headquarters)



Note: DI = Rate of (High)-(Low). The unit is points.

Figure 6 DI about Forecasts of land price levels in a year's time (by location of headquarters)



Note: DI = Rate of (Rise)–(Decline). The unit is points.

Figure 7 Judgments of the current land price levels (by location of headquarters)

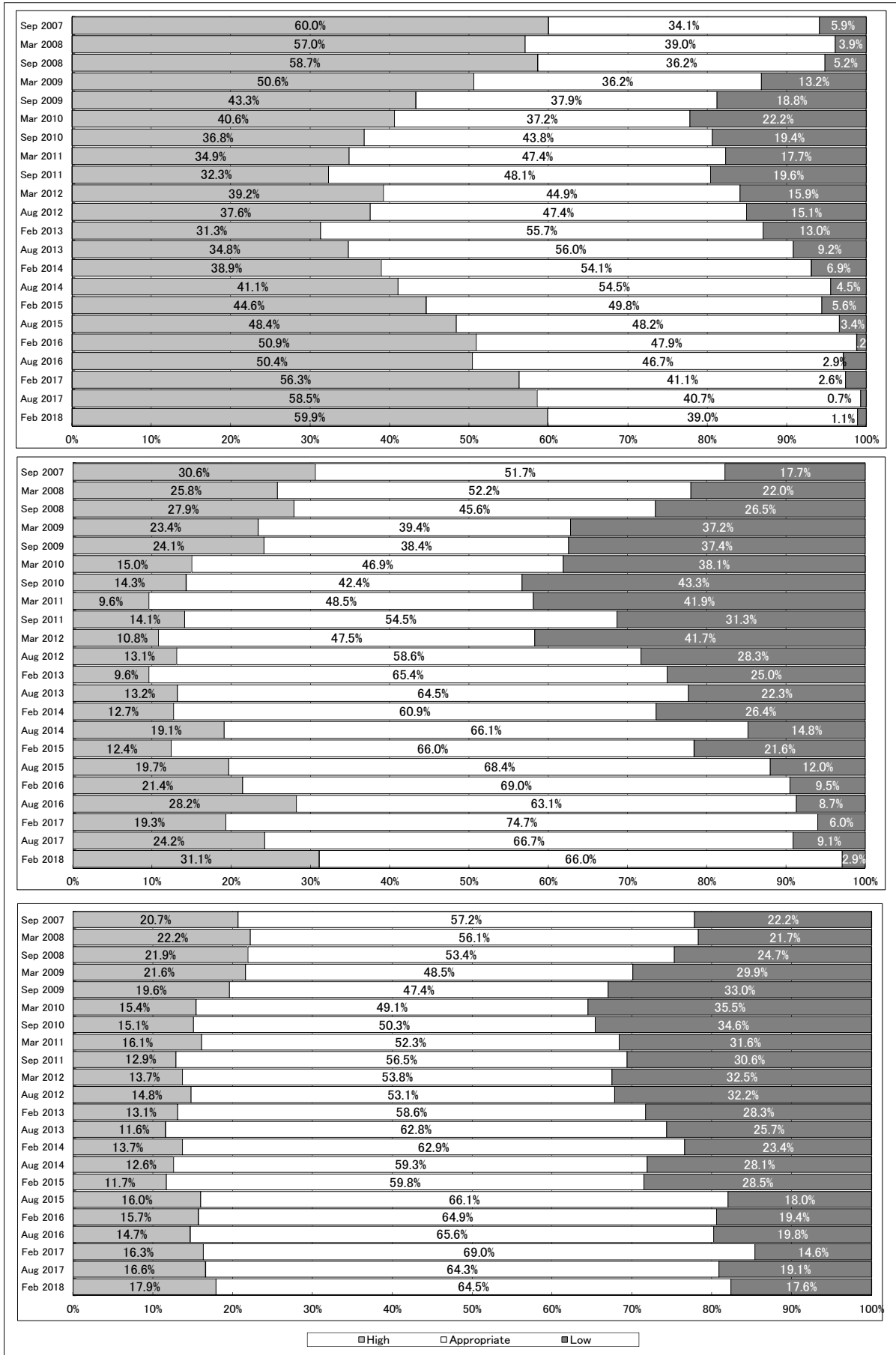
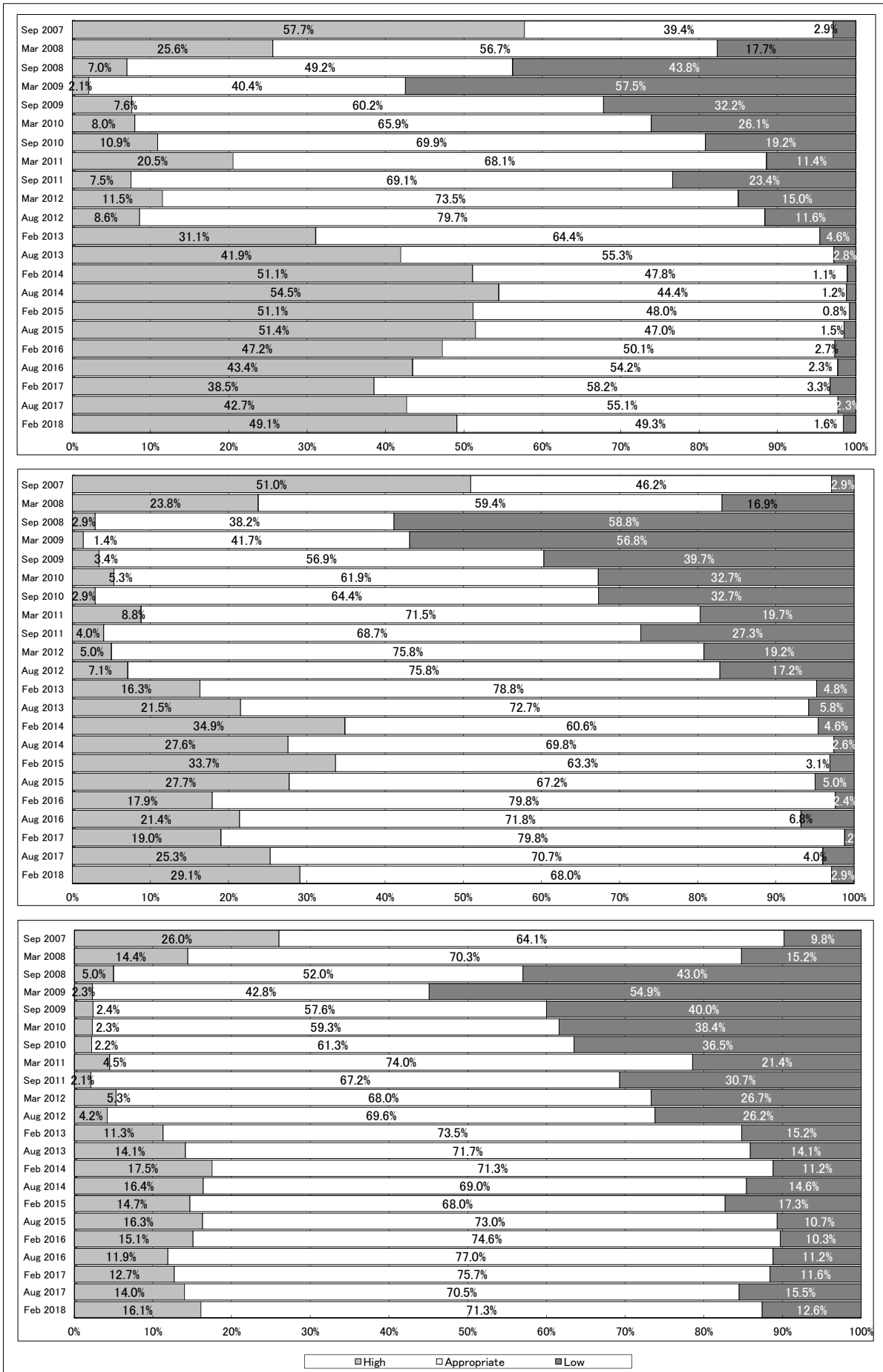


Figure 8 Forecasts of land price levels in a year's time (by location of headquarters)



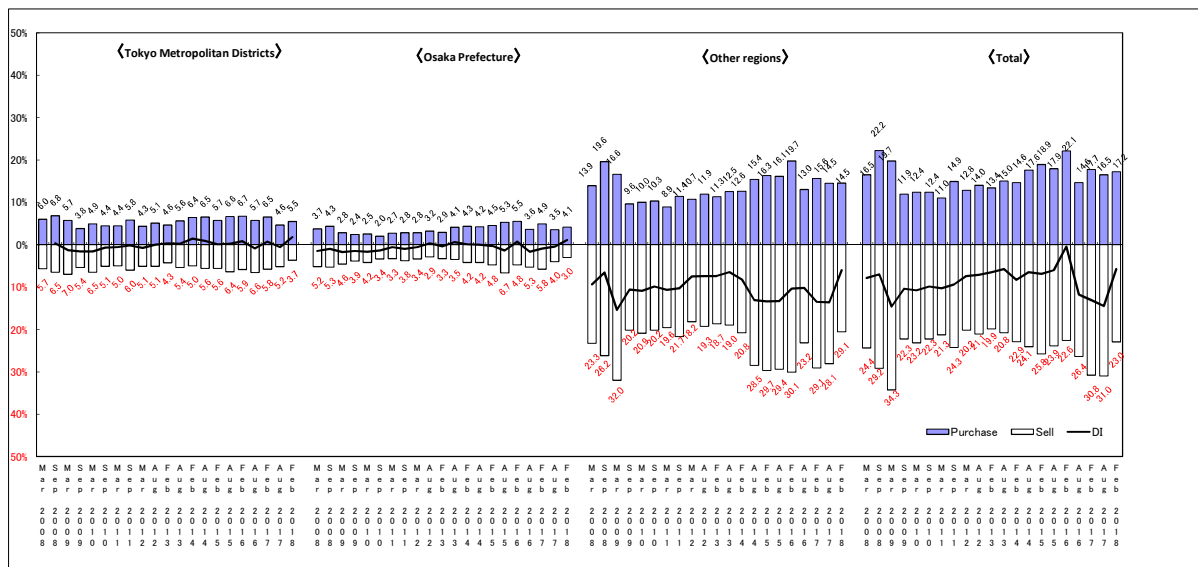
(3) Intentions to purchase or sell land

Regarding "intention to buy and sell land in the next year", "purchase intention" rose 0.9 points in Tokyo, 0.6 points in Osaka, "other regions" is almost flat.

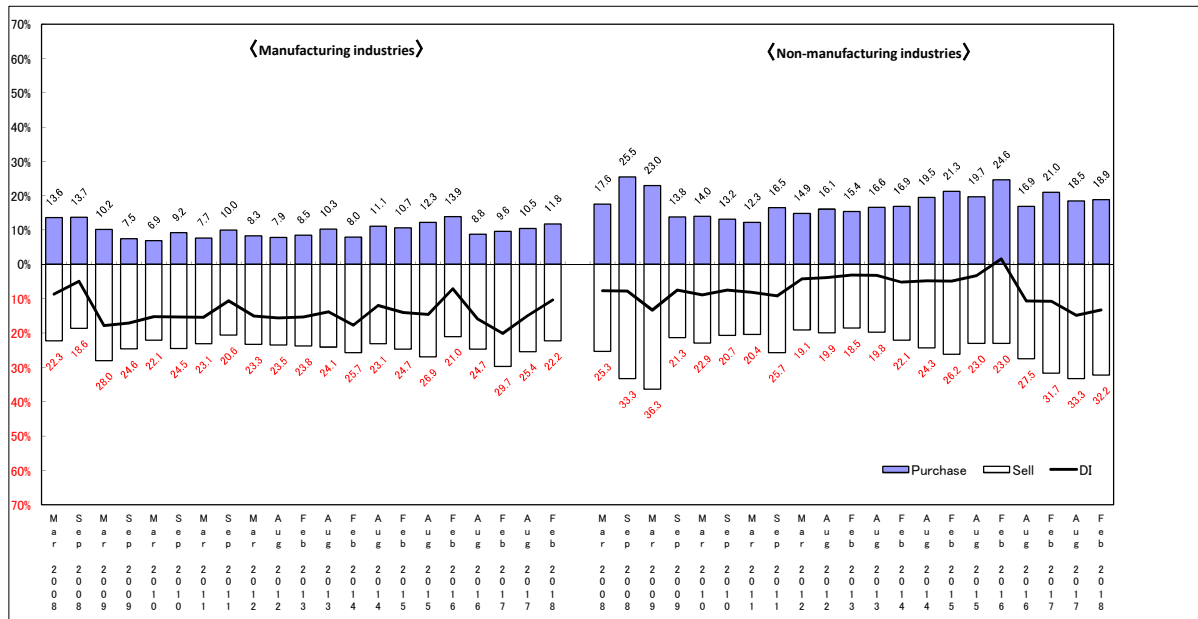
"Intention to sell" is decreasing in all areas. DI ("Purchase" - "Sale") has increased by 2.4 points in "Tokyo", 1.6 points in "Osaka", and 7.5 points in "Other Regions".

By industry, "Manufacturing" increased DI by 4.5 points as "Purchase" increased by 1.3 points and "Sale" decreased by 3.2 points. In the nonmanufacturing industry, DI decreased by 1.5 points (Chart 9) as "Purchase" increased by 0.4 points and "Sale" increased by 1.1 points.

Figure 9 Intentions to purchase or sell land within a year
(by location of properties)



(by industry)



Notes 1: The figures of the intentions to purchase or sell are the ratios of companies which responded that they intend to purchase or sell land to the total number of valid responses (the total number of valid responses in each industry for intentions by industry).

2: As for intentions by location of properties, multiple answers regarding regions are

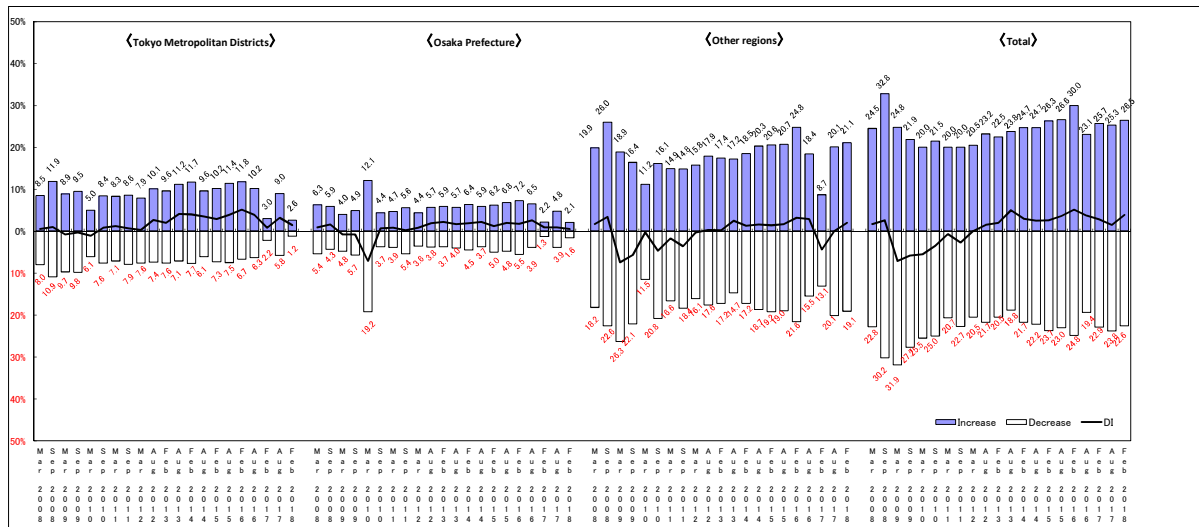
allowed for companies, so the totals may differ from the sums of each region.

(4) Intentions to increase or decrease land and buildings for own company use
 As for "the intention to increase / decrease the land and buildings for in-house use in the next year", the DI ("increase" - "decrease") by property location slightly decreased in "Tokyo's 23 wards" and "Osaka prefecture", But it is increasing in other areas, and it is increasing overall (Chart 10).

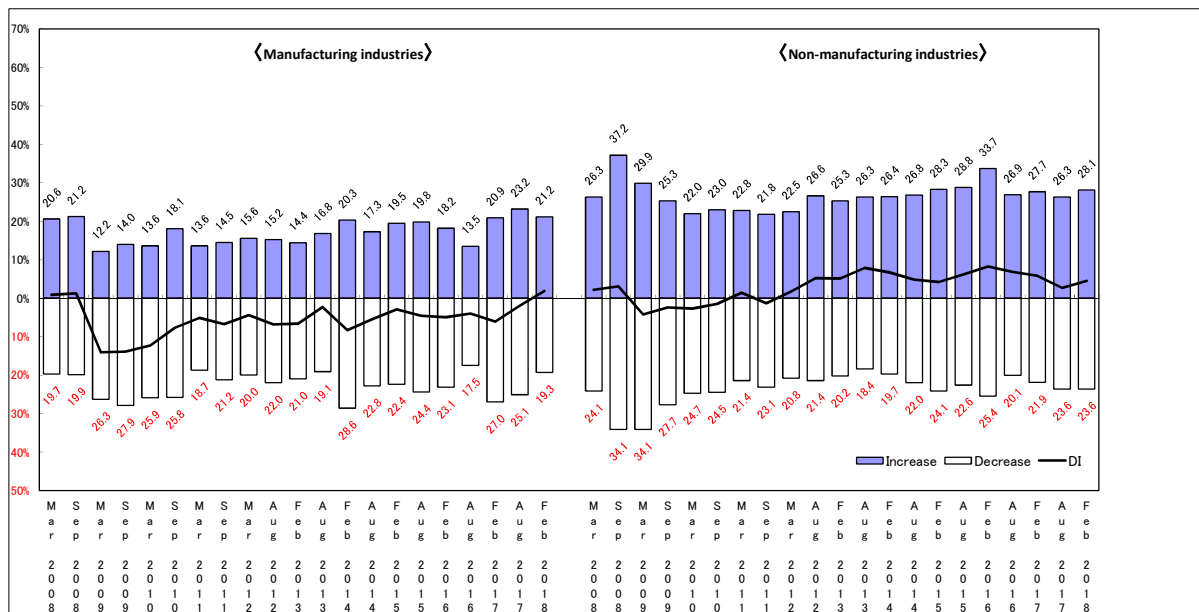
According to industry type, "manufacturing industry" is almost flat, while "non manufacturing industry" has decreased by 1.8 points.

Figure 10 Intentions to increase or decrease land and buildings for own company use within a year

(by location of properties)



(by industry)



Notes 1: The intentions to increase or decrease land and buildings for own company use are as follows:

- Exclude the purpose of selling and lending to other companies and the purpose of investment

- Include the use of a building only (cases of moving into a rental building as a tenant, etc. also apply)

- Include “rent” or “terminate to rent,” not only to purchase or sell

2: The figures of the intentions to increase or decrease are the ratios of companies which responded that they have intentions to increase or decrease land and building use to the total number of valid responses (the total number of valid responses in each industry for intentions by industry).