

■ Rubber Futures Rise as Yen's Drop Raises Appeal

TOKYO Rubber advanced for a third day on Wednesday as the Japanese currency declined to a three-month low against the dollar, raising the appeal of yen-denominated contracts, and on speculation that demand from tyre makers may increase. The July-delivery contract gained as much as 2% to 323.3 yen a kg (\$4,115 a tonne) on the Tokyo Commodity Exchange at 10:48 am, reaching the highest level since February 9. The yen dropped to 78.66 per dollar, the lowest level since November 1.