News Release

Japan Credit Rating Agency, Ltd.

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Japan Credit Rating Agency, Ltd. (JCR) announces the following credit rating.

JAPAN POST HOLDINGS Co., Ltd. (security code: 6178)

<Rating Change>

Long-term Issuer Rating:	from AA+ to AAA
Outlook:	Stable
Bonds:	from AA+ to AAA

Rationale

(1) JAPAN POST HOLDINGS Co., Ltd. (the “Company”) is a special company established under the Act on Japan Post Holdings Co., Ltd. The Company is a holding company of the JAPAN POST Group (the “Group”) having JAPAN POST Co., Ltd. (“JAPAN POST”), JAPAN POST BANK Co., Ltd. (“JAPAN POST BANK”) and JAPAN POST INSURANCE Co., Ltd. (“JAPAN POST INSURANCE”) the latter of two being financial subsidiaries. The Company and JAPAN POST are required by laws and ordinances to fulfill obligations to offer universal services to enable customers to receive postal, savings and insurance services consistently, universally and fairly at post offices throughout Japan. Backed by its extensive post office network, the Group has an overwhelming and broad customer base in the postal, banking, and insurance businesses, surpassing that of its private-sector peers. In June 2026, the Act Partially Amending the Postal Service Privatization Act and Other Relevant Acts was enacted. It was made even clearer that the strong integration between the Company and the two financial subsidiaries would be maintained, as JAPAN POST will be required, “for the time being,” to hold more than one-third of the shares in the two financial subsidiaries, and as provisions stipulate that JAPAN POST must also seek the necessary consultations with the two financial subsidiaries in order to fulfill its responsibility to provide universal services.

(2) JCR has upgraded the Company’s long-term issuer rating by one notch to “AAA,” the same level as Japan’s sovereign rating. This reflects JCR’s view that, given the Group’s critically important role as social infrastructure and its responsibility to provide universal services, it is highly likely to receive additional support from the government in times of stress. JCR also takes into account the Group's ability to maintain a certain level of earning capacity and financial soundness. Under the Act Partially Amending the Postal Service Privatization Act and Other Relevant Acts enacted in June 2026, the business of providing essential services, such as public services, was added to JAPAN POST's core businesses. This has further enhanced JAPAN POST's policy significance as social infrastructure. Additionally, a legal framework has been established under which the government will continuously support part of the costs incurred by JAPAN POST to maintain its post office network, and grants will be provided starting in April 2027. Although such support is limited to postal counter operations and the provision of essential services, the government's provision of financial support for ordinary business operations constitutes a factor that indicates stronger government involvement in the Company than in the past.

(3) The Group’s earning capacity is improving. In the fiscal year ended March 2026 (FY2025), despite the impact of a reduction in its ownership stake resulting from the third offering of JAPAN POST BANK shares, net profit was maintained at a level comparable to the previous fiscal year. On the back of rising domestic interest rates, JAPAN POST BANK's profits have improved significantly, and the Group's profits are expected to remain at a reasonable level for the time being. Meanwhile, securing a stable earnings base in businesses centered on JAPAN POST continues to be an important challenge. Amid a rapid decline in mail volumes, it aims to maintain profitability by pursuing structural reforms centered on the consolidation of collection and delivery hubs and workforce reductions, while flexibly revising postal rates and Yu-Pack basic shipping charges taking into account cost burdens and other factors. In addition, the Company is promoting its transformation into an integrated logistics company by strengthening domestic and international B-to-B logistics through M&A, capital and business alliances, and other initiatives. Attention will be paid to whether these initiatives can help boost profitability across JAPAN POST as a whole.

(4) JCR finds no major concerns about the Group’s financial soundness. On a stand-alone basis, the Company has a sufficiently strong capital base, and its financial structure remains sound. For JAPAN POST, equity ratio has improved thanks to capital increases by the Company. Capital raised through

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equity offerings is being used for investments in growth areas, including the postal and logistics businesses, and therefore a significant deterioration in the financial structure is unlikely. JAPAN POST BANK has expanded its risk-weighted assets such as fund investments but is now reconstructing the yen interest rate portfolio in response to rising domestic interest rates. Core capital ratio is maintained at a relatively good level, even when unrealized losses on available-for-sale securities are excluded. JAPAN POST INSURANCE also has a sufficient capital base against risks.

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Rating

Issuer: JAPAN POST HOLDINGS Co., Ltd.

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Long-term Issuer Rating: AAA Outlook: Stable

Issue	Amount (bn)	Issue Date	Due Date	Coupon	Rating
Bonds no. 1 (green bonds)	JPY 15.0	Sept. 1, 2022	Sept. 1, 2027	0.255%	AAA
Bonds no. 2 (green bonds)	JPY 15.0	Sept. 1, 2022	Sept. 1, 2032	0.469%	AAA
Bonds no. 3 (green bonds)	JPY 5.0	Sept. 1, 2022	Sept. 1, 2042	0.984%	AAA
Bonds no. 4	JPY 26.0	Oct. 24, 2023	Oct. 24, 2028	0.603%	AAA
Bonds no. 5	JPY 24.3	July 19, 2024	July 19, 2029	0.808%	AAA
Bonds no. 6	JPY 10.0	Apr. 22, 2026	Apr. 22, 2031	2.083%	AAA
(all with general security)					

Rating Assignment Date: November 13, 2026

The assumptions for the credit ratings and the definitions of the rating symbols are published as "Types of Credit Ratings and Definitions of Rating Symbols" (January 6, 2014) in Information about JCR Ratings on JCR's website (https://www.jcr.co.jp/en/).

Outline of the rating methodology is shown as "FILP Agencies, etc." (May 29, 2020), "JCR's Rating Methodology" (October 1, 2024), "Land Transportation" (April 1, 2026), "Rating Methodology for a Holding Company" (April 2, 2025) and "Rating Methodology for Financial Groups' Holding Companies and Group Companies" (September 1, 2022) in Information about JCR Ratings on JCR's website (https://www.jcr.co.jp/en/).

The rating stakeholder participated in the rating process of the aforementioned credit ratings.

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Disclosure Required by Paragraph (a)(1)(ii) of Rule 17g-7

Issuer:	JAPAN POST HOLDINGS Co.,Ltd.
Rating Publication Date:	November 18, 2026

1 The Symbol, Number, or Score in the Rating Scale used to Denote Credit Rating Categories and Notches and, the Identity of the Obligor or the Identity and a Description of the Security or Money Market Instrument as Required by Paragraph (a)(1)(ii)(A) of Rule 17g-7

- Please see the news release. If the credit rating is a private rating, please see the report for private rating.

2 The version of the procedure or methodology used to determine the credit rating; as Required by Paragraph (a)(1)(ii)(B) of Rule 17g-7

- Please see the news release. If the credit rating is a private rating, please see the report for private rating.

3 The Main Assumptions and Principles used in Constructing the Procedures and Methodologies used to Determine the Credit Rating as Required by Paragraph (a)(1)(ii)(C) of Rule 17g-7

- The credit rating methodology assumes, in principle, to be applied to assess the likelihood of a given debt payment in light of its issuer's condition and business environment, etc. in the relevant future. There is certain limitation, however, in the time horizon that the rating foresees.
- The credit rating methodology assumes, in principle, that the factors posted in the below are particularly important for such likelihood to be determined, and that the rating determination is made by evaluating each of them not only quantitatively but also employing qualitative analyses.

A) Legal Protection and Support Provided by the Government

The likelihood of a given debt payment is highly conditional to the issuer's legal protection provided by the government, personnel and capital relationship with the government, importance in the government's policy, credit enhancement, and other forms of the government's supporting policy, framework and the strength thereof.

B) Business Bases

The likelihood of a given debt payment is highly conditional to its issuer's business bases - how they can be maintained/ expanded into the future and thereby secure earnings and cash flows in adequacy and in a sustainable way.

C) Financial Grounds and Asset Quality

The likelihood of debt payment is highly dependent on the degree of the issuer's indebtedness and loss absorption capacity in terms of equity capital. Also notable is that a financial institution might see a significant loss of financial grounds as a result of changes in value of the assets under its possession.

D) Liquidity Positions

The likelihood of debt payment is highly dependent on the adequacy of the issuer's cash and other sources of repayment (liquidity positions).

E) Order of Seniority in Debt Payment

The likelihood of debt payment can be different between given debts of the same issuer. The likelihood of debt payment for an individual debt is dependent on the issuer's discretion, and/ or its rank relative to other debts of the same issuer in the order of seniority in principal/ interest payment which is determined by design as financial product or by laws, etc.

4 The Potential Limitations of the Credit Rating as Required by Paragraph (a)(1)(ii)(D) of Rule 17g-7

- The credit rating herewith presented by JCR is its summary opinion with regard to the likelihood of given debt payment and hence not necessarily a perfect representation of such likelihood. The credit rating is not intended to estimate the probability of default or the loss on given default, either.
- The objective of the credit rating herewith presented does not include any concerns other than the likelihood of debt payment, such as risks of price changes, market liquidity, etc.
- The credit rating herewith presented is necessary to be reviewed along with possible changes of the issuer of rated objects in its business performance and/ or circumstances which include regulatory environment, and hence subject to possible alteration.

5 Information on the Uncertainty of the Credit Rating as Required by Paragraph (a)(1)(ii)(E) of Rule 17g-7

- The information used for the determination of credit rating as herewith presented is obtained by JCR from the issuer of rated objects and other sources that JCR trusts in terms of accuracy and reliability but possibly contains errors due to human, non-human or other causes. Consequently, the credit rating determined on the grounds of such information does not constitute, explicitly or implicitly, any representation or warrant of JCR on the information itself or any consequences of its use in terms of accuracy, relevance, timeliness, wholeness, market value, or usefulness for any specific purposes.

6 Use of Due Diligence Services of a Third Party in Taking the Rating Action as Required by Paragraph (a)(1)(ii)(F) of Rule 17g-7

- There is no use of any third-party due diligence service in the determination of the credit rating herewith presented.

7 Use of Servicer or Remittance Reports to Conduct Surveillance of the Credit Rating Required by Paragraph (a)(1)(ii)(G) of Rule 17g-7

- There is no use of any servicer or remittance report to conduct surveillance of the credit rating herewith presented.

8 The Types of Data Relied Upon for the Purpose of Determining the Credit Rating as Required by Paragraph (a)(1)(ii)(H) of Rule17g-7

- The information posted in the below, which includes data, is used for the determination of the credit rating herewith presented.

  A) Audited financial statements presented by the rating stakeholders

  B) Explanations of business performance, management plans, etc. presented by the rating stakeholders

9 Overall assessment of the Quality of Information Available and Considered in Determining the Credit Rating as Required by Paragraph (a)(1)(ii)(I) of Rule 17g-7

- JCR holds its basic policies for securing the quality of information as a base of due diligence for the determination of credit ratings. The information used as a base for the determination of credit rating herewith presented satisfies such policies, which include the audit by an independent auditor, the publication by the issuer or some independent media or, otherwise, JCR analyst's scrutiny, etc.
- JCR sees no particular weakness in the quality of information used for the determination of the credit rating herewith presented as compared to the information used in other cases of the credit rating for comparable issuers or ratable objects.
- If the credit rating is an Indication, please see the report for Indication.

10 Information Relating to Conflicts of Interest as Required by Paragraph (a)(1)(ii)(J) of Rule 17g-7

- JCR receives payment of compensation for the determination of the credit rating herewith presented from either one of those parties who are issuer, underwriter, depositor or sponsor.
- JCR did not receive in the last fiscal year in the past payment of compensation from the same party for any kind of JCR's service other than the determination of public or private credit rating, such as one in the ancillary business.

11 Explanation or Measure of the Potential Volatility of the Credit Rating as Required by Paragraph (a)(1)(ii)(K) of Rule 17g-7

A) Legal Protection and Support Provided by the Government

The credit rating is subject to alteration if there is a change in the issuer's legal support by the government, personnel or capital relationship with the government, importance in the government's policy, credit enhancement and other forms of the government's supporting policy, framework and the strength thereof. The resultant alteration of the credit rating is usually by a notch, with possibility of a few notches if and when the change is large.

B) Business Bases

The credit rating is subject to alteration if there is improvement or deterioration of the issuer's business bases, since its revenue, etc. may improve or deteriorate by the change in its business management policies, clients' preferences, competitive situation, or a technological innovation. The resultant alteration of the credit rating is usually by a notch, with possibility of a few notches if and when the change in the business bases is large.

C) Financial Grounds and Asset Quality

The credit rating is subject to alteration if the issuer increases/ decreases its debt/ capital or vice versa and thereby makes its individual debt payment liability less or more bearable and its loss absorption capacity into the future decreased or increased. Also, the changes in the quality of asset under the

issuer's holding may affect the credit rating, since such changes could raise or lower the likelihood of future loss of the issuer's financial grounds. The resultant alteration of the credit rating is usually by a notch, with possibility of a few notches if and when the change in the financial grounds and/ or asset quality is large.

D) Liquidity Positions

The credit rating is subject to alteration if there is a change in the issuer's financial management policy or in the relations with fund procurement sources and the change thereby makes its liquidity positions improve or deteriorate. The resultant alteration of the credit rating is usually by a notch, with possibility of a few notches if and when the change is large.

E) Creditworthiness of the Government, etc. that Constitute the Framework of Credit Enhancement

The credit rating is subject to alteration if there is a change in the creditworthiness of the government, etc. that constitute the framework of credit enhancement. The resultant alteration of the credit rating is usually a notch, with possibility of a few notches if and when the change on such framework is exceptionally large.

F) Various Events

The credit rating is subject to alteration on occurrence of various events, such as change in the issuer's major shareholders, M&A and other organizational change, accident, violation of the law, litigation, legal/ regulatory change, natural disaster, etc., which are unforeseeable at the time when the credit rating is determined, causing a significant change on the issuer's business bases, financial grounds, etc. The resultant alteration of the credit rating could be by a notch but more often than not as much as a few notches.

12 Information on the Content of the Credit Rating, Including the Historical Performance of the Credit Rating and the Expected Probability of Default and the Expected Loss in the Event of Default as Required by Paragraph (a)(1)(ii)(L) of Rule 17g-7

- Historical records of the credit rating herewith presented are posted in the end of this paper.
- The credit rating herewith presented by JCR is its summary opinion with regard to the likelihood of given debt payment and hence not necessarily a perfect representation of such likelihood. The credit rating is not intended to estimate the probability of default or the loss on given default, either.
- Facts of the probability of default are posted as Form NRSRO Exhibit 1 on the JCR website under the URL:

https://www.jcr.co.jp/en/service/company/regu/nrsro/

13 Information on the Sensitivity of the Credit Rating to Assumptions Made as Required by Paragraph (a)(1)(ii)(M) of Rule 17g-7

A) Legal Protection and Government Support

The credit rating herewith presented could be changed if and when the assumptions made at the time of its determination turn out to be inaccurate with regard to the issuer's legal protection provided by the government, personnel and capital relationship with the government, importance in the government's policy, credit enhancement and other forms of the government's supporting policy, framework and the strength thereof. The resultant change of the credit rating is most likely by one notch, as JCR stipulates, but possibly as much as a few notches if the change in the government's supporting policy is significant.

B) Business Bases

The credit rating herewith presented could be changed if and when the assumptions made at the time of its determination turn out to be inaccurate with regard to the issuer's business bases and powers of earning or cash flow generation, etc. The resultant change of the credit rating is most likely by a notch, as JCR speculates, but possibly as much as a few notches if the development is rapid in improvement or deterioration of the issuer's business bases on some drastic change in the operational environments, etc.

C) Financial Grounds and Asset Quality

The credit rating herewith presented could be changed if and when the assumptions made at the time of its determination turn out to be inaccurate with regard to the issuer's financial grounds and asset quality. The resultant change of the credit rating is most likely by a notch, as JCR speculates, but possibly as much as a few notches if the development is rapid in improvement or deterioration of the issuer's financial grounds and/ or asset quality on some drastic change in its business bases.

D) Liquidity Risks

The credit rating herewith presented could be changed if and when the assumptions made at the time of its determination turn out to be inaccurate with regard to the issuer's liquidity positions. The resultant change of the credit rating is most likely by a notch, as JCR speculates, but possibly as much as a few notches if the development is rapid in improvement or deterioration of the issuer's liquidity positions on some drastic change in its financial management policy or relations with fund procurement sources, etc.

E) Creditworthiness of the Government, etc. that Constitute the Framework of Credit Enhancement

The credit rating herewith presented could be changed if and when the assumptions made at the time of its determination turn out to be inaccurate with regard to the creditworthiness of the government, etc. that constitute the framework of credit enhancement. JCR assumes the resultant change of the credit rating is most likely by a notch. The change could be as much as a few notches should the creditworthiness of said government, etc. change so greatly.

14 Information on the Representations, Warranties, and Enforcement Mechanisms of an Asset-backed Security as Required by Paragraph (a)(1)(ii)(N) of rule 17g-7

・ The credit rating herewith presented is not for an ABS product, and hence no relevant issue.

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The Historical Performance of the Credit Rating

Issuer Name	Issue Name	Publication Date	Rating	Outlook/Direction
JAPAN POST HOLDINGS Co.,	Issuer(Long-term)	September 23, 2016	AA+	Negative
JAPAN POST HOLDINGS Co.,	Issuer(Long-term)	September 22, 2017	AA+	Negative
JAPAN POST HOLDINGS Co.,	Issuer(Long-term)	August 10, 2018	AA+	Stable
JAPAN POST HOLDINGS Co.,	Issuer(Long-term)	October 12, 2018	AA+	Stable
JAPAN POST HOLDINGS Co.,	Issuer(Long-term)	October 17, 2019	AA+	Stable
JAPAN POST HOLDINGS Co.,	Issuer(Long-term)	October 23, 2020	AA+	Stable
JAPAN POST HOLDINGS Co.,	Issuer(Long-term)	December 16, 2021	AA+	Stable
JAPAN POST HOLDINGS Co.,	Issuer(Long-term)	December 15, 2022	AA+	Stable
JAPAN POST HOLDINGS Co.,	Issuer(Long-term)	October 6, 2023	AA+	Stable
JAPAN POST HOLDINGS Co.,	Issuer(Long-term)	October 16, 2024	AA+	Stable
JAPAN POST HOLDINGS Co.,	Issuer(Long-term)	October 28, 2025	AA+	Stable
JAPAN POST HOLDINGS Co.,	Issuer(Long-term)	November 18, 2026	AAA	Stable
JAPAN POST HOLDINGS Co.,	Bonds no.1	August 26, 2022	AA+	
JAPAN POST HOLDINGS Co.,	Bonds no.1	December 15, 2022	AA+	
JAPAN POST HOLDINGS Co.,	Bonds no.1	October 6, 2023	AA+	
JAPAN POST HOLDINGS Co.,	Bonds no.1	October 16, 2024	AA+	
JAPAN POST HOLDINGS Co.,	Bonds no.1	October 28, 2025	AA+	
JAPAN POST HOLDINGS Co.,	Bonds no.1	November 18, 2026	AAA	
JAPAN POST HOLDINGS Co.,	Bonds no.2	August 26, 2022	AA+	
JAPAN POST HOLDINGS Co.,	Bonds no.2	December 15, 2022	AA+	
JAPAN POST HOLDINGS Co.,	Bonds no.2	October 6, 2023	AA+	
JAPAN POST HOLDINGS Co.,	Bonds no.2	October 16, 2024	AA+	
JAPAN POST HOLDINGS Co.,	Bonds no.2	October 28, 2025	AA+	
JAPAN POST HOLDINGS Co.,	Bonds no.2	November 18, 2026	AAA	
JAPAN POST HOLDINGS Co.,	Bonds no.3	August 26, 2022	AA+	
JAPAN POST HOLDINGS Co.,	Bonds no.3	December 15, 2022	AA+	
JAPAN POST HOLDINGS Co.,	Bonds no.3	October 6, 2023	AA+	
JAPAN POST HOLDINGS Co.,	Bonds no.3	October 16, 2024	AA+	
JAPAN POST HOLDINGS Co.,	Bonds no.3	October 28, 2025	AA+	
JAPAN POST HOLDINGS Co.,	Bonds no.3	November 18, 2026	AAA	
JAPAN POST HOLDINGS Co.,	Bonds no.4	October 18, 2023	AA+	
JAPAN POST HOLDINGS Co.,	Bonds no.4	October 16, 2024	AA+	
JAPAN POST HOLDINGS Co.,	Bonds no.4	October 28, 2025	AA+	
JAPAN POST HOLDINGS Co.,	Bonds no.4	November 18, 2026	AAA	
JAPAN POST HOLDINGS Co.,	Bonds no.5	July 12, 2024	AA+	
JAPAN POST HOLDINGS Co.,	Bonds no.5	October 16, 2024	AA+	
JAPAN POST HOLDINGS Co.,	Bonds no.5	October 28, 2025	AA+	
JAPAN POST HOLDINGS Co.,	Bonds no.5	November 18, 2026	AAA	
JAPAN POST HOLDINGS Co.,	Bonds no.6	April 16, 2026	AA+	
JAPAN POST HOLDINGS Co.,	Bonds no.6	November 18, 2026	AAA	

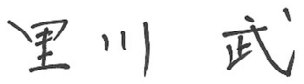
Attestation Required by Paragraph (a)(1)(iii) of Rule 17g-7

I, Takeshi Rikawa, have responsibility to this Rating Action and to the best of my knowledge:

A) No part of the credit rating was influenced by any other business activities.

B) The credit rating was based solely upon the merits of the obligor, security, or money market instrument being rated.

C) The credit rating was an independent evaluation of the credit risk of the obligor, security, or money market instrument.



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