

*Dear my business friends and personal Friends!  
May wish you all enjoy Merry Christmas for 2023!  
A Happy New year for 2024!*



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*Yours sincerely,  
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Especially on The Open Group Business on 2023 and 2024 plan Regis full year summary by Jan. 30 as my Annual report on ReGIS and CRMA-Japan Annual Report by end of July 2024.

(A)General most acute pain points were reported for the world; Both in Ukraine and GAZA and Israeli, Ho HUMANITY WERE RESPECTED! Feb.,2023, It had passed full 1 year from Russian Invasion 4.1 million humanitarian registered to UN. OCHA(Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs)

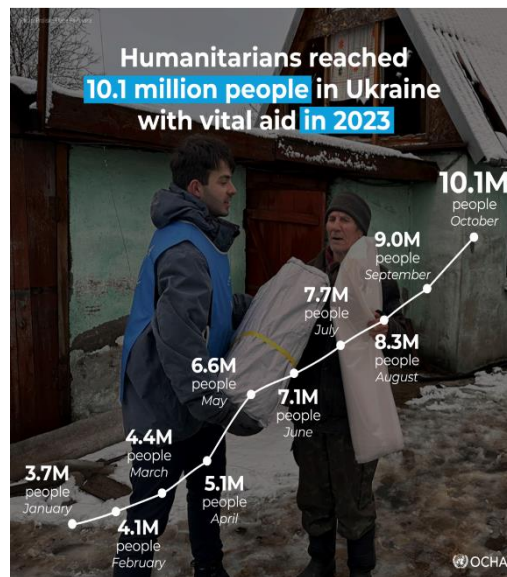


Chart:1: Ukraine Humanitarian 2023 Oct. 10 million People need help!

I hope so. Especially, I am very much worry that Biden \$ 105 Billion Proposal including \$60 BILLIONS for UKRAINE, HOW COULD BE APPROVED ASAP?

In House, Majority are grasped by DEMOCRAT. By president order, can it go to UPPER HOUSE.

President Biden's total foreign aid proposal for 2024(for another) one year; Total proposal is \$105 billion dollars;

(1) \$60 B for Ukraine, who is, at now edge of drought out;

(2) \$14 B for Israeli Gaza;

(3) \$7B for Taiwan,

(4) \$10 B for (1) & (2) Humanitarian, and

(5) \$14 B for Mexican border issues. I think This one proposal is great, but how to get Putin come to sit for cease war. No sign of cease Wars we cannot see and Russia in the back stage teamed with Oct. Terror attack by Hamas to Israeli happened and Israeli rebuttal committed at Gaza happened just like a lightning.

Qatar in front of peace negotiation backed by Iran and Turkey. As far as I listened USA Fed.

(B)USA ECONOMY Challenges of Soft Landing of Economy Inflation and US Dollars-1960 peak4%; 1965 6%;1970 peak12% 1980-20%-1990-8%; 2000-6.5%;2008 -4.8%; 2010~zero; 2019-2%; 2020~0%;2022~2%

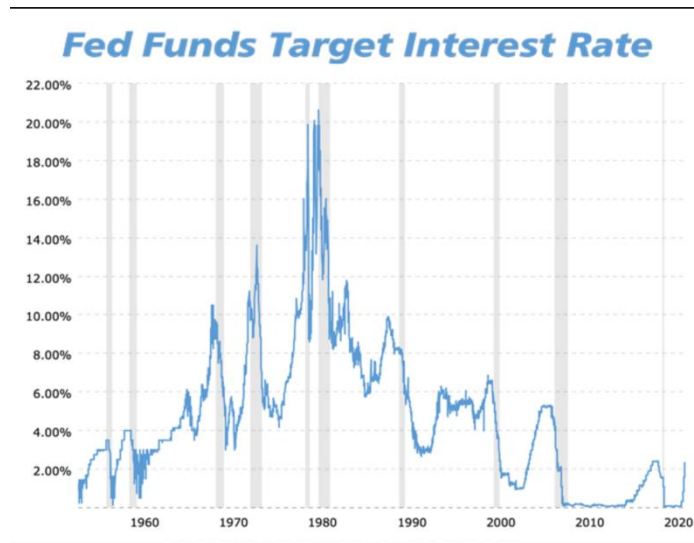


Chart 2: Fed Funds Target Interest Rate up & Down Data

By 2024 FEB. Already 2 years world spread Inflation has been damaging worldwide and more than 11 million could be counted to by now for inflation due to Russian had choked a life line, value chain services, food and energy Transport-ations prices are to move up high. Now, Winter is coming to Ukraine.

Fortunately, USA economy is proving inflation of USA is rather well controlled because, Jerome H. Powell had an early warning guides about one year ahead given to the stock holder and or key bank executives who help sold the aggressive investing Global Growth branded account companies to take a self-guarding actions to replan head counts layoff plan to be announced and top 30 biggest invested GGB with lowest rated money and had done many M&A, using 6 months to max one year to find the overlapping recourses and functions to be assumed as muda and unless otherwise have special unique talents, then use as specialists for revenues As soon As possible.

After big guys managed then go to next bigger zone of 60~100 large accounts are following, and every 3 months, not only sales, number of lay off achievement are positive measurement index to show the future transformed company image, thus people can buy stock. If delayed, it shows the management as weakness. No action is the worst. So, Labor index is also the very important economy index but that is for Macro index to show a future landscape.

Jerome has all 7~9 past up and down data models after 1980, by industry with Rate impacts up and down and counter strategy they used . That speed and results and alternate strategies are rich, thus, I heard many American friends says. US economy and dollars are still very strong. I am not at all saying, Jerome is talking like this with financial account guys. Not at all.

But I can feel the orchestration of US Economy had been repeatedly passing through those and they remember the melody and even see the tact moves. Champion, Federal Reserve Chairman Jerome Powell eased concerns in financial markets, saying that while U.S. economic momentum is solid. Even there are some volatility might in world bond and stock markets, might be still a bumpy risk but the “central bank is sensitive to the risks highlighted by investors and will be patient with its monetary policy updated in 2019.”

Powell said the “Fed would be flexible in deciding future interest rate hikes, balancing the steady flow of strong economic data against an array of risks, from slowing global growth to worries about trade, that have spooked investors”. USA has the most experienced Financial indirect and directive architecture under control by the scientific Financial Management Architecture.

## ***Farewell to my respected brother KOJU!***

*Even though it is time for Merry Christmas, could I ask your favor and share my memory of my late elder brother Koju? He passed away on September 6th, 2023 at a hospital in Echizen after only 2 weeks of hospitalization.*

*He was brought to the hospital just after lunch on August 22th by the city ambulance service to the hospital. Initially it was an emergency call of heatstroke and after a few days his fever went down but he suffered intense diarrhea. While diarrhea was also healed, on Friday, August 25, I got a call from my sister, with a message that “Koju was in a critical condition.” I instantly went about booking train tickets to travel to the hospital, but only to find out that late evening meetings were not allowed at the hospital.*

*So, on the following Saturday, August 26, I reserved train tickets to visit my brother at noon. I went directly from the train station to the hospital. I was allowed to visit with Koju and his wife Masako-san for 1 hour only.*

*Koju looked better than I had expected. Koju recognized me and showed neither pains nor fever. The first word he spoke was “Let me get out from the guarded bed.” I asked the nurse, who said “No, he should stay on the bed.” He then suddenly tried to speak in English.*

*I was shocked but I asked him back in English. He did not answer or speak in Japanese. So, I put my hand on his forehead. I felt no higher fever than normal. 60 minutes were the max time to meet. We hugged and shook hands.*

*His weight felt very light to me. He looked like having no pain, possibly due to medications.*

*I met Masako-san and Satoe-san, my younger sister who is the temple wife of Junkouji Temple in Fukui City.*

*Five years ago, Koju decided to have Dr. Eri Fujieda to succeed Ryokeiji Temple as the 16<sup>th</sup> Priest after successfully completing a three-year training program at Chuo Bukkyo Gakuin operated by Nishi Hongwanji, Kyoto.*

*But the 2020 COVID outbreak delayed everything.  
Communications are the key driver of success. During the few years of the*

*COVID pandemic, we used my company's 10 years of experience in using WebEX for remote communications between Minnesota, Tokyo, and Ryokeiji in Echizen, Fukui. Koju liked it because his hearing was getting weak. We were able to see faces and show Powerpoint slides to facilitate conversations.*

*Eri could have benefitted from practicing the priesthood under Koju's F2F supervision at least for a year. This Koju's sudden sickness and death robbed all on-the-job learning opportunities. The headquarter of Shin Buddhism's Izumoji sect, Goshouji Temple, Chief Abbot Fuji Koshin has appointed her as the temple priest elect. The passing of the 15th Ryokeiji Temple Priest to Pure Land rendered her the real practices of succeeding the temple as the 16th Ryokeiji Temple Priest.*

*I came back to Tokyo by 4:00 PM on Aug.26. Dr. Eri Fujieda, Koju's first Daughter arrived. She has been in the USA for almost more than 35 years after graduating Tsuda University. She pursued a Master's and Doctoral degree in the USA and, after teaching as a sociology faculty, she joined the administrative faculty at Winona State University in Minnesota. She is married to Mr. Stuart Arkley, a J.D. working for the State of Minnesota as the IT procurement strategic planning manager. I personally helped the remote communication between USA, Ryokeiji in Fukui, and my company, ReGIS Inc., using the WebEX remote communication network day on.*

*The situation changed with weakening Koju's breathing function. Koju started receiving oxygen. Koju was no longer able to engage in any verbal communication with others. So, I became one of the last persons to talk directly with Koju's last end of life. Alas.*

*The hospital did not allow any visitors on Sundays. Eri saw Koju daily from the following Monday, Aug .28 until Wednesday, Sep.6 when his soul flew west to the Pure Land where all Awaken souls are residing.*

*Some of you met him. Some of you visited Ryokeiji Temple. In Shintoism, death is not clean. In Buddhism we learn to repeat Nami-amida-butsumi 10 times to thank Amida Buddha for helping me to reach the Pure Land where all awaken bodhisattvas reside, where we can talk with my father and mother, uncle and my mentors - late Masanori Ozeki, late Bob O Evans, late Mary & Bud Enright.*



From left: Dr. Eri Fujieda, the 15th Ryokeiji Temple Priest, Koju Fujieda, Junkyo Fujieda



From left: Dr. Eri Fujieda, Ms. Patty, Koju Fujieda, Mr. Steve Nunn, Junkyo Fujieda,  
@ Ryokeiji Temple, May 2023



From Right:  
Chief Abbot, Reverend (Revd.) **Koshin Fuji.**  
@ Ryokeiji Temple, September 10, 2023



3rd Funeral with attendance of Chief Abbot,  
Reverend (Revd.) **Koshin Fuji.**  
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Front View of Ryokeiji Temple

**Dr. Eri Fujieda** to succeed Ryokeiji Temple as the 16th Priest after successfully completing.

*Here on, I will use formal wording in Buddhism.*

*Eight-Prince Mountain (Hachioji) Ryokeiji Temple Priest Funeral - Three Days of Funeral Events:*

*1st day in the afternoon: Clean the remains & put on a black robe after Nirubana (Close family members and relatives).*

*2nd day in the evening: Wake; the Buddhist name given to Koju = Shaku Jogon with an awakening.*

*3rd Funeral with attendance of Chief Abbot, Reverend(Revd.) Koshin Fuji.*

*Awarded a higher ranked Pure land name “Jungakuin” over <Shaku Jogon> Buddhism name (First ID) >*

*Passed away and fully awakened on Sept. 6, 2023 at age 89 and was given a higher ranked Pure land name, “Jungakuin” (mean “the Master Scholar” as his 2nd Pure Land Sir Name) named by Revd. Koshin Fuji, Chief Abbot of Gshoji Temple.*

*End*

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