

## **May 31 TOCOM of rubber hit a six-month low**

TOKYO, May 31, TOCOM benchmark rubber futures contract Thursday decline, prices hit a six-month low due to renewed concerns about the eurozone debt crisis, triggered stop-loss, due to a stronger yen and investors' risk aversion selling.

0054 GMT, the most actively traded The Tokyo Commodity Exchange rubber contract for November fell to 10.3 yen, or 3.8% per kg of 261.4 yen.

The contract fell to 257.9 yen, its lowest level since November 24.

The stronger yen Order TOCOM rubber futures prices in yen-denominated easy to decline, even if the dollar-denominated rubber prices remained unchanged in the producing countries.

TOCOM market so far this month has slipped by about 17% fell to 17.2 percent in September last year.

The dealers said on Wednesday the Indonesian tire grade rubber prices in at least four years to its lowest level after the global benchmark TOCOM rubber futures fell to a four-month low, but the price weakness is expected to attract buying from China.

Thai government and industry officials said on Tuesday that government intervention has only bought 4,300 tons of rubber, much lower than the target of 200,000 tons, failed to boost prices.

Vice Premier Li Keqiang said Wednesday that China should rely on domestic demand and structural reforms to support the face of economic growth under pressure.

European Commission on Wednesday to provide Spain with two rescue support, agreed to give more time to reduce the deficit problem, and will also provide direct help for the banking industry recapitalization through a euro-zone assistance fund.

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