



## News Release

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### TAIWAN'S ECONOMIC PERFORMANCE IN THE FOURTH QUARTER OF 2005 AND OUTLOOK FOR 2006

#### Economic Performance of the Fourth Quarter of 2005

Although the slowdown of the global economy dragged the growth rate of the real gross domestic products (GDP) down to 2.73%, Taiwan's economy has strongly rebounded in the second half, owing to favorable exports and improving industrial production. The preliminary real GDP growth rate in the fourth quarter is 6.40%. For 2005 as a whole, real GDP grew by 4.09%.

#### Economic Outlook for 2006

According to the latest world economic outlook, global economy in 2006 may exhibit a growth pattern, similar to that of previous year. Taiwan's trade sector is expected to stay in a fairly upward trend. Meanwhile, domestic sector will keep achieving a modest gain. Taiwan's real GDP is projected to increase by 4.25% in 2006.

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