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TAIWAN'S ECONOMIC PERFORMANCE IN THE THIRD QUARTER OF 2006 AND OUTLOOK FOR 2006-2007

Economic Performance in the Third Quarter of 2006 and Forecasts for 2006

In the third quarter of 2006, the external sector showed brilliant performance with the real exports of goods and services up by 13.09%. However, the weakened private consumption, caused by the negative effects of credit and cash cards' insolvent loans pressed the real domestic demand to increased only by 1.09%. Taking all situations as a whole, Taiwan's real gross domestic products (GDP) increased by 5.02% from the same quarter of one year ago.

Looking ahead the fourth quarter of 2006, the propelling strength of external sector may sustain. Meanwhile, the contribution of domestic sector might recover. The forecasted growth rate is 3.15%. For 2006 as a whole, real GDP is expected to grow by 4.39%.

Outlook for 2007

According to the latest world economic outlook, the growth of global economy may be moderate in 2007. Taiwan's export is anticipated to mildly increase. Combining the improved domestic sector, real GDP is predicted to grow by 4.14% in 2007.

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Fourth Quarter Gross Domestic Products in 2006 (Preliminary).