TAIWAN'S ECONOMIC SITUATION AND OUTLOOK



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Economic Growth

- ⇒In 2007, The economy is preliminarily estimated to have grown 5.7%.
- ⇒Thanks to the brilliant performance in exports, industrial production and corporate profits, the Taiwan's economy grew 6.4% in the fourth quarter of 2007, much faster than previously forecasted.

Real GDP Growth (Change from a year ago)

			Domestic demand							Net	emand	
			Consu	mption	Gro	ss fixed ca	pital formati	on				Less:
	Economic								_		Exports	Imports
	growth					Private	Public		Increase in		of goods &	of goods &
		Total	Private	Gov't	Subtotal	sector	enterprises	Gov't	inventory	Total	services	services
2002	4.6	2.6	2.6	2.1	1.1	6.7	-1.2	-12.7	-	-	10.6	7.1
2003	3.5	1.8	1.5	0.6	1.7	3.7	-3.9	-1.3	-	-	10.4	8.1
2004	6.2	7.7	4.5	-0.5	19.5	33.1	-18.2	-5.8	-	-	14.4	18.9
2005	4.2	1.7	3.0	1.1	1.2	0.3	16.2	-1.8	-	-	7.6	3.8
2006	4.9	1.2	1.8	-0.4	0.6	3.0	-7.5	-6.2	-	-	10.4	5.2
2007p	5.7	2.2	2.6	0.8	2.4	3.4	3.9	-3.9	-	-	8.8	4.0
Q1	4.2	-0.1	2.1	-0.2	0.8	1.4	20.9	-13.0	-	-	6.4	-0.5
Q2	5.2	3.8	2.6	0.03	6.0	8.6	1.8	-6.9	-	-	4.7	2.4
Q3r	6.9	4.0	3.6	1.7	4.5	5.8	0.7	-0.8	-	-	11.1	7.3
Q4 _p	6.4	1.3	2.2	1.5	-1.6	-2.4	-0.8	1.6	-	-	12.9	6.3
2008 f	4.3	2.9	2.9	2.2	2.7	3.3	5.6	-2.4	-	-	3.1	0.5

p: Preliminary; f: Forecast; r: Revised.

Source: Directorate-General of Budget, Accounting, and Statistics (DGBAS), February 2008.

Contribution to GDP Growth (in percentage points)

					Domest	tic dema	nd			Net foreign demand					
	Economic		Consu	mption	Gro	ss fixed ca	pital formation	on				Lagge			
	growth (yoy)	Total	Private	Gov't	Sub-total	Private sector	Public enterprises	Gov't	Increase in inventory	Total	Exports of goods & services	Less: Imports of goods & services			
2002	4.6	2.5	1.6	0.3	0.2	0.8	-0.03	-0.6	0.4	2.1	5.4	3.2			
2003	3.5	1.7	0.9	0.1	0.3	0.5	-0.1	-0.1	0.4	1.8	5.5	3.7			
2004	6.2	7.1	2.7	-0.1	3.6	4.2	-0.4	-0.2	0.9	-0.9	8.2	9.1			
2005	4.2	1.5	1.8	0.1	0.3	0.05	0.3	-0.06	-0.6	2.6	4.7	2.0			
2006	4.9	1.1	1.0	-0.05	0.1	0.5	-0.1	-0.2	0.01	3.8	6.6	2.8			
2007p	5.7	2.0	1.5	0.1	0.5	0.5	0.1	-0.1	-0.1	3.7	5.9	2.1			
Q1	4.2	-0.1	1.3	-0.03	0.1	0.2	-0.3	-1.5	4.3	4.5	4.1	-0.2			
Q2	5.2	3.3	1.4	0.0	1.2	1.4	0.02	-0.2	0.7	2.0	3.3	1.4			
Q3r	6.9	3.6	2.1	0.2	0.9	0.9	0.01	-0.02	0.4	3.3	7.3	4.0			
Q4 _p	6.4	1.1	1.1	0.2	-0.3	-0.4	-0.02	0.1	0.2	5.3	8.5	3.3			
2008f	4.3	2.5	1.6	0.3	0.5	0.5	0.1	-0.1	0.1	1.9	2.1	0.3			

p: Preliminary; f: Forecast; r: Revised.

Source: Directorate-General of Budget, Accounting, and Statistics (DGBAS), February 2008.

Domestic Investment

- ⇒ In the fourth quarter of 2007, the 2.4% fall in private investment is attributable to a 2.0% decline in imports of capital equipment and a decrease in construction work, despite a 4.0% growth in manufacturing investment goods.
- ⇒ For 2007 as a whole, gross fixed capital formation rose 2.4%, including a 3.4% rise in private investment.

Gross Fixed Capital Formation: Real Growth and Current-price Value

NT\$ billion; yoy %

	\mathbf{T}	otal	Private i	nvestment		nterprises	_	rnment
		1		1		stment	mves	stment
	Amount	Growth rate	Amount	Growth rate	Amount	Growth rate	Amount	Growth rate
2002	1,910.9	1.1	1,284.4	6.7	226.8	-1.2	399.7	-12.7
2003	1,957.7	1.7	1,335.9	3.7	219.2	-3.9	402.6	-1.3
2004	2,420.2	19.5	1,826.8	33.1	181.6	-18.2	411.8	-5.8
2005	2,438.4	1.2	1,817.2	0.3	205.2	16.2	416.1	-3.2
2006	2,517.6	0.6	1,917.8	3.0	190.7	-7.5	409.1	-6.2
2007 _p	2,665.2	2.4	2,044.4	3.4	205.0	3.9	415.8	-3.9
Q1	564.6	0.8	444.6	1.4	42.4	20.9	77.5	-13.0
Q2	691.8	6.0	555.9	8.6	41.9	1.8	94.0	-6.9
$Q3_r$	692.4	4.5	534.1	5.8	48.8	0.7	109.5	-0.8
Q4 _p	716.3	-1.6	509.8	-2.4	71.8	-0.8	134.7	1.6
$2008_{\rm f}$	2,809.8	2.7	2,164.0	3.3	221.0	5.6	424.7	-2.4

f: Forecast. p: Preliminary. r: Revised.

Source: DGBAS, February 2008.

Foreign Trade

- ⇒ In January 2008, exports expanded 11.9% from a year ago, while imports rose 14.8% and generated a US\$1.5 billion trade surplus.
- ⇒ Exports and imports expanded 10.1% and 8.2%, respectively, in 2007.

Foreign Trade

US\$ billion; yoy %

	Tr	ade	Ex	ports	Im	ports	Balance	
	Value	Growth	Value	Growth	Value	Growth	Barance	
2001	234.3	-20.0	126.3	-16.9	108.0	-23.3	15.6	
2002	248.6	6.1	135.3	7.1	113.2	4.9	22.1	
2003	278.6	12.1	150.6	11.3	128.0	13.0	22.6	
2004	351.1	26.0	182.4	21.1	168.8	31.8	13.6	
2005	381.1	8.5	198.4	8.8	182.6	8.2	15.8	
2006	426.7	12.0	224.0	12.9	202.7	11.0	21.3	
2007	466.1	9.2	246.7	10.1	219.3	8.2	27.4	
2008 Jan	42.7	13.3	22.1	11.9	20.6	14.8	1.5	

Note: Trade data are adjusted according to the United Nations IMTS Compilers Manual (2004). Total exports include "exports" and "re-exports," and total imports include "imports" and "re-imports." Source: Ministry of Finance.

Major trade partners

- ⇒ China (including Hong Kong) and ASEAN have become increasingly important trade partners to Taiwan since 2000, though trade with these two regions has grown more slowly in the last four years. Japan has remained Taiwan's largest supplier of imports, despite a narrowing share.
- ⇒ Export shares of the United States, Europe and Japan have narrowed as those of China (including Hong Kong), and ASEAN have increased.

Changes in Two-way Trade with Major Trading Partners

Yoy %

											1 Uy 70		
				E	xports		Imports						
		USA	Japan	Europe	China (incl. Hong Kong)	ASEAN 6*	USA	Japan	Middle East	China (incl. Hong Kong)	ASEAN 6*		
2001		-20.9	-22.9	-16.3	-9.5	-19.1	-27.2	-32.9	-2.0	-7.4	-20.9		
	Share	22.3	10.3	15.8	26.6	11.9	17.0	24.0	6.1	7.4	14.9		
2002		-2.7	-5.0	-5.9	29.4	7.4	-0.8	5.5	9.8	24.2	3.7		
2003		-3.0	0.5	10.4	23.6	10.5	-6.9	19.6	43.7	30.9	5.2		
2004		8.3	11.1	14.7	28.8	33.0	28.2	33.6	34.6	47.7	16.2		
2005		1.3	9.4	-0.7	12.2	13.8	-2.8	5.3	36.5	16.2	3.8		
2006		11.2	7.9	10.6	14.8	13.8	7.1	0.5	30.1	20.1	10.4		
2007		-0.9	-2.2	9.7	12.6	16.7	17.0	-0.7	12.0	11.9	1.7		
2008	Jan	-1.0	-5.3	7.2	14.6	19.3	17.1	20.1	40.4	13.3	7.3		
·	Share	12.0	6.2	11.6	40.4	15.6	12.0	20.4	14.8	14.1	10.1		

^{*}ASEAN6 refers to Indonesia, Malaysia, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Vietnam.

Source: Ministry of Finance.

Production

Industrial production grew 12.3% in January 2008, with manufacturing increasing 12.6%.

In 2007, Industrial production registered an average growth of 8.1%.

Growth of Industrial Production Index

	Total	Mining	Manufacturing	Electricity, gas, and water	Construction
				and water	
2001	-7.8	0.1	-8.4	1.1	-11.2
2002	7.9	8.3	9.4	3.3	-20.7
2003	7.1	-7.4	7.4	3.8	9.0
2004	9.8	-4.4	10.5	3.0	4.8
2005	4.6	-9.8	4.5	3.7	11.4
2006	5.0	-5.8	5.0	3.0	9.0
2007	8.1	-14.8	8.8	2.5	-1.1
2008 Jan	12.3	-7.0	12.6	3.6	21.2

Source: Ministry of Economic Affairs.

Employment

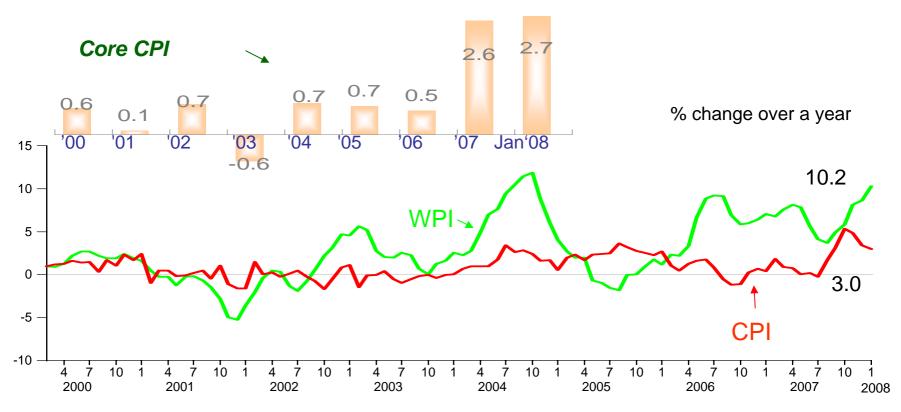
Nonagricultural employment has grown steadily. The unemployment rate recorded 3.8% in January 2008, lower than the level in 2007.

	Lab	or Force	Unei	mployment	Nonagricultural employment		
	1,000 Participation persons %		1,000 persons	Rate %	1,000 persons	yoy, %	
2001	9,832	57.2	450	4.57	8,677	-0.9	
2002	9,969	57.3	515	5.17	8,745	0.8	
2003	10,076	57.3	503	4.99	8,877	1.5	
2004	10,240	57.7	454	4.44	9,144	3.0	
2005	10,371	57.8	428	4.13	9,351	2.3	
2006	10,522	57.9	411	3.91	9,557	2.2	
2007	10,713	58.3	419	3.91	9,751	2.0	
2008 Jan	10,802	58.3	411	3.80	9,854	1.6	

Source: Directorate General of Budget, Accounting, and Statistics.

Prices

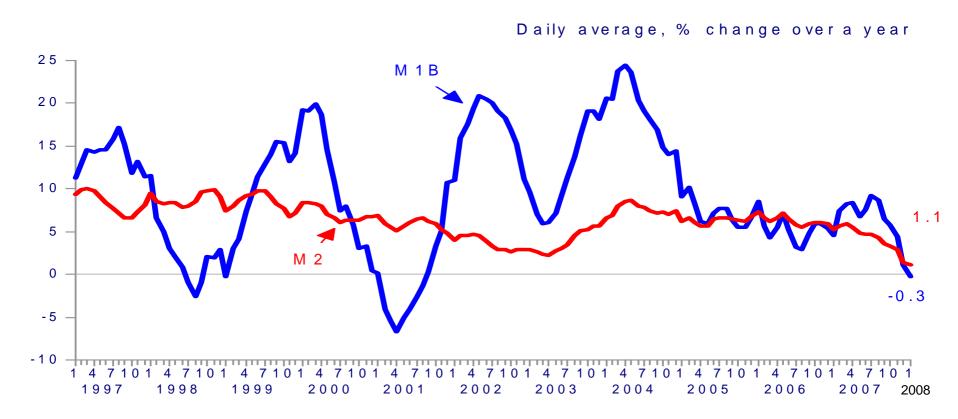
- ⇒In January 2008, CPI rose 3.0% from a year ago, with increases in food, oils, taxi fees, and Chinese herbal medicines, offsetting continued decreases in electronic products. Core prices (excluding fresh food and energy prices) climbed 2.7%.
- ⇒WPI were pushed up by 10.2% ,reflecting the rising prices of crude petroleum and natural gas, petroleum & coal products, basic metal, and chemical material.
- ⇒In 2007, CPI and WPI increased 1.8% and 6.5%, respectively.



Source: Directorate General of Budget, Accounting, and Statistics.

Money Supply

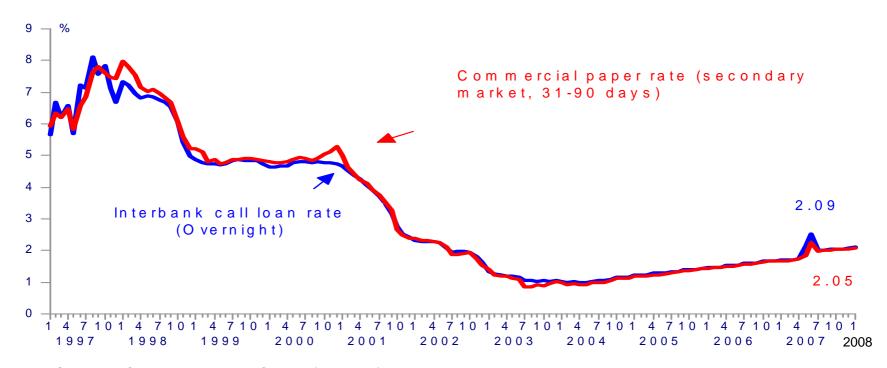
- ⇒In January 2008, M1B decreased 0.3% from a year ago, while M2 grew 1.1%.
- ⇒For 2007 as a whole, M1B and M2 expanded 6.4% and 4.3%, respectively.



Source: Central Bank of China (Taiwan).

Short-term Interest Rates

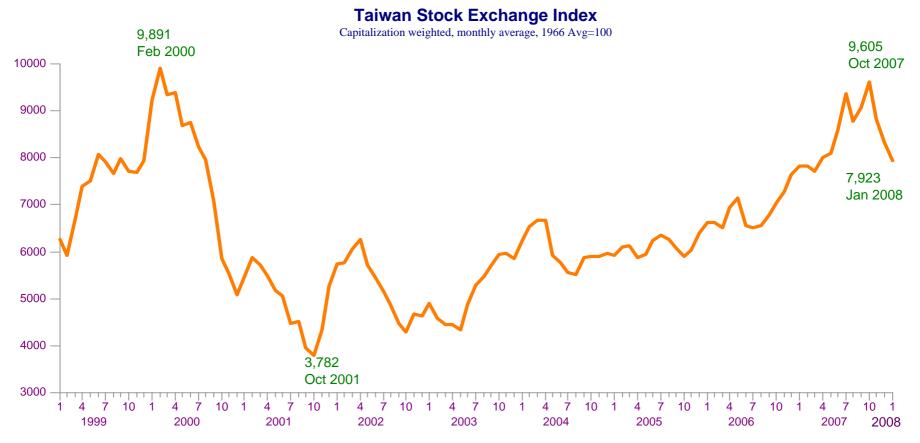
- ⇒Since late May 2007, both long-term and short-term market interest rates have trended up, as tight funding conditions prompted banks to adopt a cautious attitude towards funds operations. Commercial paper rate and interbank rate recorded 2.05% and 2.09%, respectively, in January 2008.
- ⇒In 2007, Commercial paper rate and interbank rate increased 1.9% and 2.0%, respectively.
- ⇒The rediscount rate was raised to 3.375% in December 2007, from 3.25%.



Source: Central Bank of China (Taiwan).

Stock Price

- ⇒In January 2008, stock exchange index rose 1.4% from a year ago.
- ⇒In 2007, stock exchange index stood at 8,510 points, increasing 24% from the previous year.



Source: Taiwan Stock Exchange.

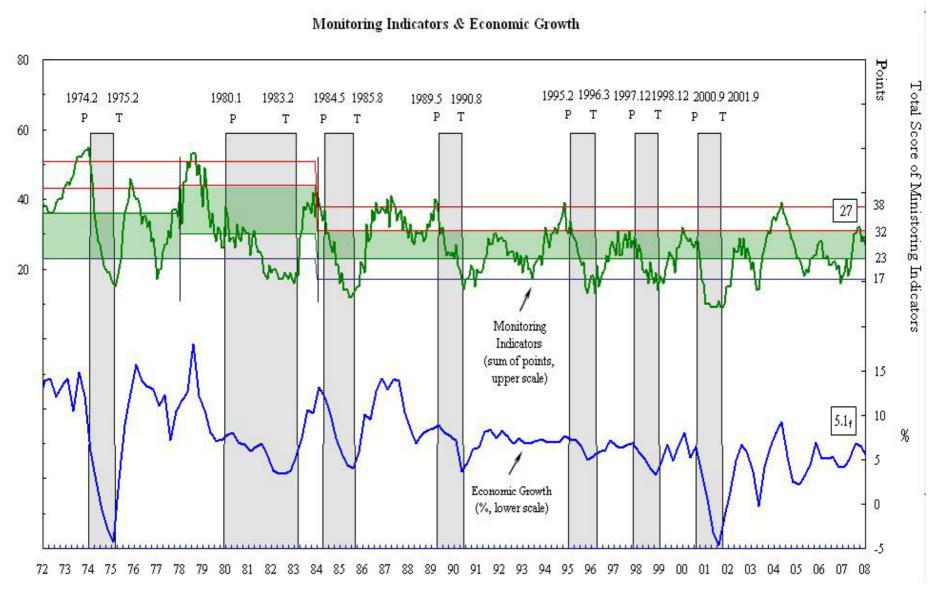
Monitoring Indicators

In January 2008, the total scores of monitoring indicators decreased to 27, and the light signaled "green" for the third consecutive month.

								2007							20	800
	Month	1	2	3	4	5	6		7	8	9	10	11	12		1
Total	Light			0				New Series beginning in July 2007*		0			0	0		
TOTAL	Score	18	19	23	18	20	25		30	30	32	32	28	29,	2	27
Mone tary Aggregate	es M1B, yoy%		0	0	0	0	0	Mone tary Aggregates M1B	0	0	0	0		0		-0.5
Direct and Indirect F	Finance, yoy %				0		0	Direct and Indirect Finance								3.2
Bank Clearings and	Remittance, yoy %			0	0	0	0	Stock Price Index						0	0	1.4
Stock Price Index, 1	966=100, yoy%	0	0	0				Industrial Production Index				•	•	•		13.2
Manufacturing New 1976.1=100, yoy%	Order Index, 1996\$,	7					0	Nonagricultural Employment	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1.6
Exports, 2001\$, yoy	%			0			0	Exports	0		0	0				12.0
Industrial Production yoy %	n Index, 2001=100,			0		0		Imports of Machinery and Electrical Equipment						0	0	15.2
Manufacturing Inve	ntory-to-Sales ratio, %	0	0	0	0	0	0	Manufacturing Sales		0						14.8
Nonagricultural Emp	ployment, yoy%		0	0		0	0	Wholesale, Retail and Food Services Sales		0				O _r	O	-3.2

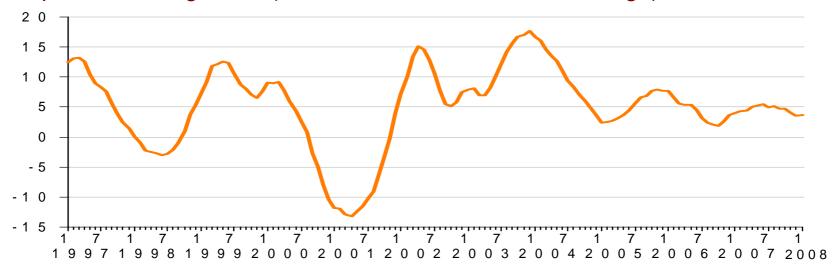
^{*}Components are in terms of pecentage changes over 1-years pan. All components, except stock price index, have been seasonally adjusted. The coverage of "direct and indirect finance" has been adjusted by the Central Bank and is used in the new series.

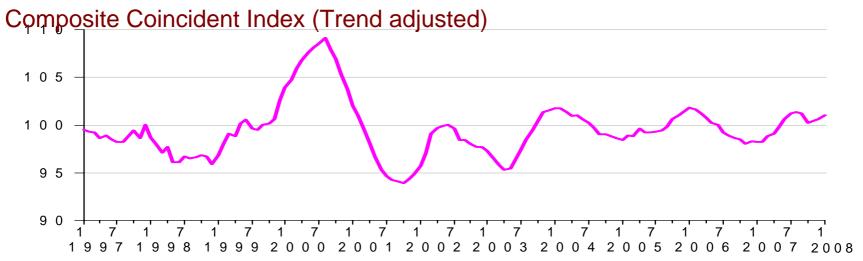
Monitoring Indicators and Economic Growth



Source: Council for Economic Planning and Development.

Composite Leading Index (Annualized 6-month rate of change)





Source: CEPD.

II. PROSPECTS - 2008

- Although the turbulence in the international financial markets has only very limited direct impact on Taiwan's financial markets, the tightening effect remains a source of threat to the overall economy.
- ⇒ Taiwan's economy is forecasted to grow 4.32% in 2008, with GNP amounting to US\$428.1 billion and per capita GDP reaching US\$18,042.
- ⇒ Because global economic prospects are becoming less buoyant, exports will be anticipated to mildly increase in 2008, growing 6.1%, supported by sound economic situation in emerging markets. Induced by export expansion, imports will be able to increase 6.3%.
- Several factors will continue to help sustain private consumption growth at the rate of 2.9% in 2008: the continued improvement in the job market, a further increase in social welfare transfers, and the increasing cash dividends provided by prosperous corporate profits.

II. PROSPECTS - 2008

- Despite the completion of aircraft replacement by private airlines and a switch to more cautious investment approach by foundry manufacturers, private investment is expected to increase 3.3% in 2008, thanks to the newly constructed investment plan from some flat panel display manufacturers, the accelerated implementation of government-led urban renewal and rural reconstruction projects. Limited growth is foreseen in government investment, while positive growth is anticipated in investment by public enterprises.
- Inflation pressures from international oil and commodity markets are forecasted to subside in 2008. As a result, WPI is estimated to be between 2.4% and 7.4% yoy by major research institutions. Since rising cost of raw materials have added to consumer price inflation pressure gradually, CPI inflation will not be below 2% until the second half of 2008. However, with stable prices of durable consumer goods and services, CPI is likely to see a moderate increase of 2.0% for the whole year. The government will keep alerting about price risks to achieve the target of below 2% inflation.

FORECASTS FOR TAIWAN'S ECONOMIC GROWTH

		20	007	2008
Forecasting institution	Release time	%	Change from last forecast (per. point)	%
World Bank	Nov 2007	4.6	+0.6	4.6
IMF	Oct 2007	4.1	-0.1	3.8
Global-Insight	Feb 2008	5.5	+0.1	4.0
CIER	Dec 2007	5.35	+0.8	4.17
TIER	Jan 2008	5.10	+0.7	4.29
DGBAS	Feb 2008	5.70	+0.24	4.32
Academia Sinica	Dec 2007	5.15	+0.69	4.31

CIER: Chung-hua Institute for Economic Research, Taipei.

TIER: Taiwan Institute of Economic Research, Taipei.

DGBAS: Directorate-General of Budget, Accounting and Statistics, ROC (Taiwan).

Macroeconomic Targets for 2008

- ⇒ The government set out a target of 4.8% growth for the economy in 2008, with CPI increasing no more than 2.0%. Efforts will be made to keep unemployment rate around 3.8%, with employment increasing 1.7% and labor participation rate standing at 58.5%.
- ⇒ Domestic demand will be expanded, while export momentum will be kept.

	Target for 2008
GDP growth (%)	4.8
Per capita GDP (US\$)	18,000
Consumer price increase (%)	< 2.0
Unemployment rate (%)	3.8
Employment increase (%)	1.7
Labor participation (%)	58.5
Demand components (Percent of GDP)	
National consumption	71.2
Domestic investment	21.5
Goods-and-services trade balance	7.0

Source: Council for Economic Planning and Development.

III. POLICY INITIATIVES

- The socio-economic environments at home and abroad have changed rapidly in recent years, with globalization intensifying international competition, and the problems of population aging and a low birth rate emerging in Taiwan. To address these challenges and act upon the conclusions of the "Conference on Sustaining Taiwan's Economic Development" (COSTED), the Executive Yuan has formulated the "Economic Development Vision for 2015" and mapped out its "First-Stage Three-Year Sprint Program" for 2007~2009.
- This initiative involves the re-examination and adjustment of socioeconomic systems and development directions, with the aim of advancing toward a "prosperous, just, sustainable and beautiful Taiwan" in 2015 as the new vision and target of efforts for national development. It will be implemented in stages under three sequential "Three-Year Sprint Programs."

Taiwan's Image for 2015: a Beautiful Land of Prosperity, Justice, and Sustainability

Creating a prosperous economy

With per capita GDP at US\$30,000, Taiwan to be known for its leading-edge R&D capabilities and top-notch manpower resources, attracting global flows of capital, goods and information for combination and value adding in Taiwan.

Prosperity

Justice

Sustainability

Caring and just society

All of the people sharing the benefits of economic development, no ethnic, regional or rich-poor divisions in society, and everyone able to enjoy equal dignity of life and necessary safeguards of their security.

Sustaining a green environment

With sustainable development established as national consensus, and having ample healthy, high-quality living facilities, all the people can enjoy a comfortable quality of life and congenial ecoenvironment on Taiwan.

A Prosperous Economy

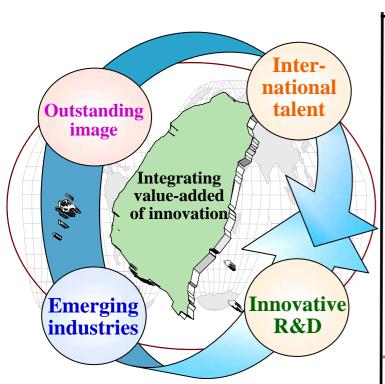
- Leading-edge innovation ability
- Top-notch manpower resources
- Outstanding Taiwan image
- Booming emerging industries

2006~2015

1996~2005

- Average annual GDP growth of 4.5%, derived from:
- Labor input contribution 13.3%
- Capital input contribution 53.3%
- Technical progress contribution 33.4%

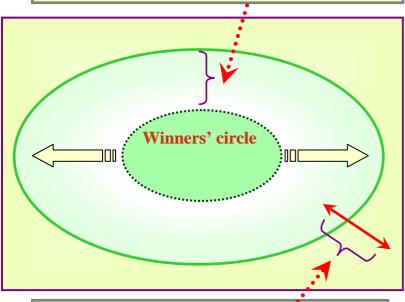
- ◆ Average annual GDP growth of 5.0%, derived from:
 - Labor input contribution 12.0%
- Capital input contribution 36.0%
- Technical progress contribution 52.0%
- **♥** Innovation and value-added become the main driving forces of economic growth



Caring and Just Society

- Warm solicitude for welfare
- Dignified safeguards of life
- Sound child-raising environment
- Balanced urban-rural development

Expanding the winners' circle and bring more outsiders inside the circle



Reducing the gap between the inside and the outside of the circle

Income Gap	2003	2004	2005
Top quintile of income distribution as a multiple of the bottom quintile	6.07	6.03	6.04
Gini concentration coefficient	0.343	0.338	0.340

Targets and Outlook for 2015

Warm solicitude for welfare

◆ Under a sustainable, comprehensive social safety net, the elderly, poor, disabled, new immigrants, and other disadvantaged members of society will be warmly cared for by the government, and the gap between the income of the top and bottom quintiles will be reduced below a ratio of six.

Dignified safeguards of life

◆ Under comprehensive national pension, medical protection, and long-term care systems, full safeguards will be provided for the people's dignity of life.

Sound child-raising environment

◆ With the provision of maternal and family protection, education benefits, employment promotion, and other such measures, the people's needs for having, raising and educating children will all be safeguarded; the unemployment rate will be kept below 4%, and the female labor-force participation rate will rise to over 50%.

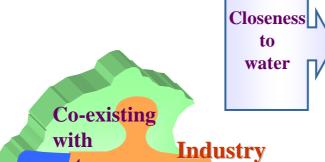
Balanced urban-rural development ◆ The urban-rural divide will be narrowed, and cities and counties, main and offshore islands alike, will all be able to enjoy the same economic opportunities, educational resources, public services, and medical care.

Sustainable Green Environment

- Closeness to water
- Rapid and convenient transport

High quality of life

Ecology



Rapid

and

convenient

transport

High

quality

of

life

Greenconsciousness

nature

Sustainability

Resources Environmental protection

Targets and Outlook for 2015

- ◆ Flood control measures will achieve conspicuous results in effectively protecting 600 square kilometers of flood-prone land.
- ◆ A safe water supply will be assured, homes and industry will have ample water to use, and the tap-water connection rate will be 94%, the same level as in advanced countries.
- Sewerage systems will be extensively in place, and the wastewater treatment rate will reach 50%.
- Green infrastructure will be prevalent, with the development of 47 river systems, and every county and city having at least two waterside living environments, to provide nearby residents with high-quality scenic ecological waterside space.
- ◆ Everyone will be able to enjoy fast and convenient transport services. The high-speed railway, MRT systems, and regional road networks will mean that all of Taiwan is just a day trip from home.
- International seaports and airports and major science parks will be just ten minutes away from expressways.
- Main cities will be just one to two and a half hours apart, and it will take only 30 to 60 minutes to reach regional centers from within metropolitan areas and country towns.
- ◆ There will be ample amenities such as cultural centers, sports stadiums, parks, green footpaths, and bicycle trails, and people will be able to fully enjoy the same level of high-quality living facilities as in advanced countries.
- ◆ International-standard performance venues and national games or competitive sports arenas will be built island-wide, with 90% of them reachable within one hour.
- ◆ The island-wide information super-highway will be complete, with broadband coverage reaching 90%. People will be able to enjoy economic and high-quality e-living.
- Successful land restoration will reduce deaths and injuries from landslides to almost zero.

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Targets up to 2015

To give concrete manifestation to the policy implementation theme of "big investment and big warmth" and realize the national development vision of "a prosperous economy, a just society and a sustainable environment," after giving consideration to the external and internal conditions previously described, the government has set the following macro-development targets for 2015, which it will seek to forge into a broad public consensus and spare no effort to achieve:

- Taiwan to be a unitary "living circle" in which no place is more than a day trip away.
- The CPI to rise by no more than 2% a year.
- Per capita GDP to reach US\$30,000 (US\$20,000 in 2009).
- The unemployment rate to be kept below 4%.
- The economic growth rate to be sustained at an average of 5%.
- The gap between the top and bottom quintiles of income to fall below a ratio of six.

First-Stage Three-Year Sprint Program

1. Industrial Development Package

Issues Faced

Private investment momentum needs to be strengthened

Domestic industry urgently needs to be transformed and upgraded

Emerging industries need to be developed as soon as possible

The imbalance of industrial development urgently needs to be remedied

Planning Concept

- ◆ Promoting high-value output in all industries, and upgrading industries across the board.
- ◆ Promoting Taiwan brands, and creating profit via product differentiation.
- ◆ Integrating manufacturing and services, and boosting industrial capacity.
- ◆ Improving energy efficiency, and pursuing a win-win-win situation for energy, industry, and environmental protection.
- ◆ Emphasizing social justice and balanced industrial development.

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	2005	2009	2015
1. Industrial Structure (% Agriculture	1.7	1.5	1.2
Industry	25.0	24.1	22.7
Manufacturing	21.4	20.8	20.0
Services	73.3	74.4	76.2
2. Real growth rate (%)			
Agriculture	-8.1	1.0*	1.0**
Industry	5.9	4.2*	3.9**
Manufacturing	6.5	4.9*	4.3**
Services	3.5	5.7*	5.5**
3. Energy efficiency Energy productivity	100 7	116.3	-
(NT\$/1 liter oil equivalent)	108.7	110.3	
Energy intensiveness (1 liter oil equivalent /NT\$1,000)	9.2	8.6	-

^{*}average for 2006-2009

^{**} average for 2005-2015

2. Financial Markets Package

Issues Faced

Lack of large and good internationally competitive financial institutions

Direct finance ratio on the low side

Inability to provide appropriate financial services in response to population aging and low birth rate

Bond market still insufficiently internationalized

Institutional investment ratio still too low, impacting stock market stability

Slowing trend in number of companies listing on stock and OTC markets

New financial product tax regulations inconsistent or illmatched to sound financial market development needs

Planning Concept

- ◆ Analysis from the retail and institutional investor demand side and the financial institution supply side as the basis for adjusting the financial market structure and strengthening financial industry composition, competitiveness, and product innovation capability, to provide customized financial services, and make this a core value of planning for 2015.
- ◆ First-Stage Sprint Program with main theme of building infrastructure for a financial services platform that can meet needs and generate benefits on both the supply and demand sides.

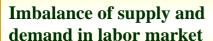
Targets and Vision

	2007	2008	2009			
Market ratio of government-shareholding banks	Gradual reduction, with prioritized divestment of non-leading financial institutions					
Banks' overseas earnings (US\$ billions)	4.6	5.5	6.8			
OBU non-financial institution deposits (US\$ billions)	22.7	25.0	27.5			
Fixed-income products market transaction volume (US\$ billions)	10,769	12,308	13,846			
Securitization market outstanding issuance value (US\$ billions)	9.2	11.4	13.8			
Annuity insurance premium income (US\$ billions)	2.0	2.1	2.2			
Average life insurance cover (US\$)	27,692	29,231	30,769			
International bond market	Accumulating to US\$3.1 billion in 2009					
Foreign and institutional investor stock market trading and stockholding ratios	Foreign investors 20% and 35%, institutional investors 30% and 60% at year-end 2009					
No. of companies listed on stock + OTC markets	Total addition of 250 companies over three years					

Regional financial services center

2. Industrial Manpower Package

Issues Faced



Educational mechanisms out of synch with industry's needs

Cooperation between industry and academia still needs to be strengthened

Lack of flexibility in competing for international talent

Planning Concept

- ◆ Integrating manpower supply and demand data, and making timely adjustments to manpower resources strategy.
- ◆ Strengthening job skills training and cultivation, to supply industry with supplemental technical manpower as and when needed.
- Developing a flexible education system, to cater to industry's changing needs.
- ◆ Deregulating personnel systems, to add value to the synergies of industrialacademic (research institute) cooperation.



Targets

Unemployment of university graduates to be close to the general average unemployment rate in 2009.

The number of researchers to reach 8.7 per 1,000 employed persons in 2009.

The share of the higher education sector's R&D spending provided by industry to double to 9.1% in 2009.

Making higher and technical/vocational education more market oriented, to raise educational quality.

Deregulating personnel systems, to promote the flow and utilization of manpower resources among industry, academia and the research sector.

4. Public Construction Package

Issues Faced

- 1. Shortage of water resources, frequent flooding, and serious pollution of rivers
- 2. Transport networks still need strengthening, and old bridges need reinforcement
- 3. Recreational facilities are inadequate, and the quality of residential environments still needs improvement
- 4. Cultural facilities are old, and there is still an urban-rural digital divide

Planning Concept

- 1. Building high-quality public infrastructure that is based on the people's needs, delivers innovalue and balanced development, maintains consistency of policy, and embodies humanistic sustainability.
- 2. Planning for people to live free from water shortages or floods and able to get close to water, in a society that offers fast and convenient travel, rapid distribution of goods, seamless transportation, and barrier-free passage, and in a greenified, high-quality environment where high importance is attached to conservation.

Targets and Vision

Water, water, water

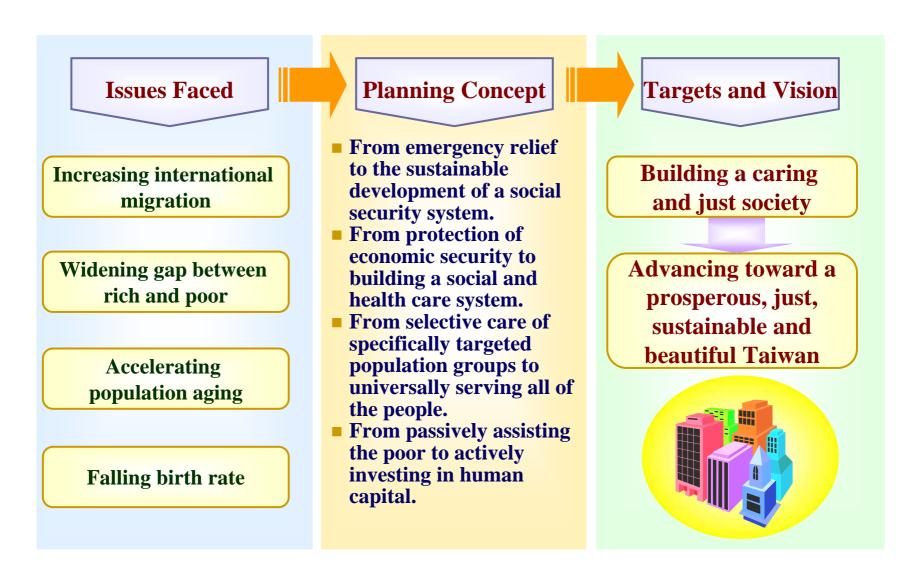
Fast and convenient transport

The good life



Building the living environment of a prosperous, just, sustainable and beautiful Taiwan.

5. Social Welfare Package



Funding Requirements of the Five Packages (2007-2009)

Unit: US\$ million

Five Packages	2007	2008	2009	2007~2009 Total
Industrial Development	1,785.0	2,298.6	2,764.3	6,847.9
Financial Markets	1.0	1.0	1.0	3.0
Manpower Resources	247.2	262.5	275.2	784.9
Public Construction	7,065.2	7,716.6	7,644.9	22,426.8
Social Welfare	1,414.5	1,763.8	2,712.3	5,890.6
Total	10,512.9	12,042.5	13,397.8	35,953.2

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