

Brief Summary

1. Leading Cross-Strait Economic Exchange Indicators

(1) Cross-Strait Bilateral Trade

- a. Comparing the statistical data officially released by Taiwan and Hong Kong, in order to improve the accuracies of the cross-strait trade statistics, Taiwanese export estimates have been reappraised, with regard to the formula please refer to the table 6. Therefore, according to the formula, the estimated value of total cross-strait bilateral trade of the first two months of 2006 is US\$12.39 billion, a gain of 18.8% as compared to the same period of last year, in which Taiwan's exports to Mainland China gain 18.3% to US\$9.02 billion while imports from Mainland China gain 20.2% to US\$3.36 billion. (If the trade of Taiwan with Hong Kong is included, The value of Taiwan's trade with Hong Kong and Mainland China totaled US\$16.23 billion over the first two months of 2006, exports to Hong Kong and Mainland China were US\$12.57 billion, while imports from Hong Kong and Mainland China were US\$3.66 billion).
- b. As aforementioned estimate, the significance of China to Taiwan in terms of total foreign trade is on the increase during 2000-2005. In the first two months of 2006, Taiwan's trade with Mainland China would account for 19.69% of Taiwan's total foreign trade, a decrease of 0.35 percentage points comparing to 20.04% at the end of last year. Exports to Mainland China accounted for 27.93% of Taiwan's total exports, a decrease of 0.43 percentage points from 28.36% at the end of 2005, while imports from Mainland China accounted for 11.0% of Taiwan's total imports, which was the same as the end of 2005. (If the trade of Taiwan with Hong Kong is included, Taiwan's trade with Hong Kong and Mainland China accounted for 25.8% of Taiwan's total foreign trade during the first two months of 2006. Exports to Hong Kong and Mainland China accounted for 38.9% of Taiwan's total exports, while imports from Hong Kong and Mainland China accounted for 11.95% of Taiwan's total imports).
- c. According to the Hong Kong Customs Statistics, The value of Taiwan's trade with Mainland China via Hong Kong totaled US\$3.09 billion over the first two months of 2006, a gain of 19.3% as compared to the same period of last year. In which, Taiwan's exports to Mainland China via Hong Kong gain 17.5% to US\$ 2.63 billion, while imports from Mainland China via Hong Kong increase 30.5% to US\$462 million.
- d. According to Hong Kong Custom Statistics, Cross-strait bilateral trade accounted for 4.91% of Taiwan's total foreign trade during the first two months of 2006, a

loss of 0.26 percentage points from 5.17% at the end of 2005. Exports to Mainland China accounted for 8.13% of Taiwan's total exports, a loss of 0.47 percentage points from 8.6% at the end of 2005, while imports from Mainland China accounted for 1.51% of Taiwan's total imports, increasing 0.07 percentage points from 1.44% at the end of 2005.

(2) Taiwan Investment in Mainland China

According to the Investment Commission, MOEA, Taiwan, during the first two months of 2006, the number of approved foreign investment (including investment to Mainland China) totaled 201 cases and accrued US\$1.08 billion, in which US\$913 million was approved for investment in Mainland China. Mainland China has attracted 84.88% of Taiwan's total foreign investment such that it became the foremost destination for Taiwan's foreign investment. Approved investment to Mainland China accumulated 34,601 cases from 1991 to the end of February 2006, which totaled US\$48.17 billion. A total of 149 cases of direct investment to Mainland China were approved during the first two months of 2006, which totaled US\$913 million, with 31.88% increase over the same period in previous year. Taiwan's investment mainly concentrated in the areas of Mainland China, such as Jiangsu, Guangdong, Zhejiang, Fujian, Shandong and etc. The amount of investment in those areas were as in the following sequence: US\$338 million, accounting for 37.07% of total direct investments, US\$296 million for 32.48%, US\$88 million for 9.66%, US\$31 million for 3.41% and US\$5 million for 0.49%. Investment was distributed among computer, communications, and AV (audio and video) electronic products manufacturing, with investment of US\$272 million and accounting for 29.79% of total direct investment, precision, optical, medical equipment, watches and clocks manufacturing with US\$80 million and for 8.77%, chemicals with US\$73 million and for 7.96%, plastic products manufacturing with US\$66 million and for 7.23%, textile product manufacturing with US\$46 million and for 5.04%.

(3) Cross-Strait Remittance, Mail Delivery and Telephone Communication

- a. Taiwan remittance to and from Mainland China has been on the increase fast. As compared to the same period of last year, Taiwan remittance to Mainland China gaining 78.19% to US\$3.34 billion during the first two months of 2006, with a total of 109,537 remittance cases. At the same time, remittance from Mainland China to Taiwan totaled US\$4.15 billion, which is an increase of 40.83%, with 40,171 remittance cases.
- b. There have been more letters posted from Taiwan to Mainland China than the

other way round during 2002-2005. In the first two months of 2006, mails to Mainland China decreased 55.84% to 1,036,970 while mails from Mainland China increased 5.15% to 1,289,965. At the same time, the more phone calls were made from Taiwan to China than the other way around. Telephone calls to Mainland China gaining 7.4% to 249,087,879 minutes, with a total of 54,879,131 calls during the first two months of 2006, while calls from Mainland China increasing 0.4% to 138,664,703 minutes, with a total of 43,765,996 calls. The average time per call to and from Mainland China was 4.5 and 3.2 minutes respectively.

(4) Visits of Taiwan people to Mainland China

According to the China Travel Yearbook and the China Monthly Statistics, the number of Taiwan tourists to Mainland China during the first two months of 2006 totaled 646.1 thousand, and an increase of 4.46% as compared to the same period of last year. Cumulative figure from 1987 to the end of February 2006 showed that there were 38.64 million persons traveled to Mainland China.

(5) Chinese visitors to Taiwan

There has been 31,805 people from China visited Taiwan for the first two months of 2006, which is an increase of 52.8% over the same period in previous year. Among these, 2,690 people were traveling for economics and trade related activities, which represents a 45.17% increase over the same period in previous year. Number of tourists however, has increased by 312.57% over the same period in previous year to 12,307 persons. In total, there has been 1.33 million Chinese people visited Taiwan from 1987 to February 2006.

(6) Kinmen's "Mini-Three Links" statistics

- a. Direct transport links' statistics. Taiwanese vessels made 262 trips to Mainland China for the first two months of 2006, which marks an increase of 10.55% over the same period of previous year. 285 trips were made to Taiwan by the Chinese vessels over the same period, which is a decrease of 25.0% over the same period of previous year. In total, 9,970 trips were made across the Taiwan Strait from 2001 to February 2006.
- b. Direct personnel links' statistics. 46,670 Taiwanese traveled to Mainland China via Kinmen and Matsu for the first two months of 2006, which is an increase of 8.93% over the same period in previous year. 5,263 Chinese traveled to Kinmen and Matsu during the same period, which is an increase of

121.79% over the same period in previous year. A total of 671,297 travelers from 2001 to February 2006 have traveled between Taiwan and China via Kinmen and Matsu.

2. Foreign Investment in Mainland China

According to Ministry of Commerce of the People's Republic of China statistics, since Mainland China adopted open door policy in 1979, a total of 552,942 contracted foreign investment projects had been accrued up to the end of December 2005, with value reaching US\$1,285.66 billion. During the year of 2005, there were 44,001 foreign direct investment projects, US\$189.07 billion of contracted foreign direct investment, which was a gain of 23.19% as compared to 2004. In which, investment from Hong Kong & Macao reached US\$64.99 billion, which accounted for 34.37% of total contracted foreign direct investment. Investment from the British Virgin Islands and the Korea amounted to US\$22.03 billion and US\$19.76 billion respectively, accounting for 11.65% and 10.45% of total contracted foreign direct investment. Following in sequence was investment from USA, Japan and Taiwan, reaching US\$13.51 billion, US\$11.92 billion and US\$10.36 billion respectively and accounting for 7.15%, 6.3%, and 5.48%. For realized foreign direct investment, there were US\$631.02 billion from 1979 to the end of February 2006. For the first two months of 2006, there were 5,136 contracted foreign direct investment projects. At the same time, realized foreign direct investment reached US\$8.59 billion, an increase of 7.79% comparing to the same period of last year. In which, from Hong Kong & Macao reached US\$ 2.59 billion, accounting for 30.14% of total realized foreign direct investment, followed by the British Virgin Islands with US\$1.31 billion or 15.2%, Korea with US\$766 million or 8.92%, Germany with US\$697 million or 8.11%, Japan with US\$ 605 million or 7.04%, US with US\$387 million or 4.51%, and so on.

3. Comparison of Taiwan and Mainland China Market Shares in US and Japan

As the Taiwanese manufacturers' investments in Mainland China increases, Taiwanese products' market shares in the US has been on the decline in recent years. As Mainland China fast becoming the destination of foreign manufacturing investments, the products' market shares of Mainland China in the US has been on the upside during 2000-2005. In the first two months of 2006, US imports from Taiwan and Mainland China separately accounted for 2.04%, and 13.99% of its total imports, a decrease of 0.04 percentage points from 2.08% at the end of 2005, and a loss of 0.58 percentage points from 14.57% correspondingly. On the same token, as the Taiwanese manufacturing base migrated to China, Taiwanese products'

market shares in Japan has been on the decline whereas products made in Mainland China has been on the increase during 2000-2005. In the first two months of 2006, Japan imports from Taiwan and Mainland China accounted for 3.61%, and 19.22% of its total imports, an increase of 0.11 percentage points from 3.5% at the end of 2005 and a loss of 1.82 percentage points from 21.04% in correspondence.