

# 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 five months of 2007 is US\$38.15 billion, a gain of 12.6% as compared to the same period of last year, in which Taiwan's exports to Mainland China gain 11.6% to US\$27.34 billion while imports from Mainland China gain 15.3% to US\$10.81 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\$48.62 billion over the first five months of 2007, exports to Hong Kong and Mainland China were US\$37.04 billion, while imports from Hong Kong and Mainland China were US\$11.58 billion).
- b. As aforementioned estimate, the significance of China to Taiwan in terms of total foreign trade is on the increase during 2000-2006. In the first five months of 2007, Taiwan's trade with Mainland China would account for 21.36% of Taiwan's total foreign trade, an increase of 0.71 percentage points comparing to 20.65% at the end of 2006. Exports to Mainland China accounted for 29.13% of Taiwan's total exports, an increase of 0.86 percentage points from 28.27% at the end of 2006, while imports from Mainland China accounted for 12.76% of Taiwan's total imports, an increase of 0.53 percentage points from 12.23% at the end of 2006. (If the trade of Taiwan with Hong Kong is included, Taiwan's trade with Hong Kong and Mainland China accounted for 27.22% of Taiwan's total foreign trade during the first five months of 2007. Exports to Hong Kong and Mainland China accounted for 39.46% of Taiwan's total exports, while imports from Hong Kong and Mainland China accounted for 13.67% 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\$8.92 billion over the first five months of 2007, a gain of 8.2% as compared to the same period of last year. In which, Taiwan's exports to Mainland China via Hong Kong gained 9.3% to US\$ 7.74 billion, while imports from Mainland China via Hong Kong increased 1.7% to US\$1.18 billion.
- d. According to Hong Kong Custom statistics, Cross-strait bilateral trade accounted

for 4.99% of Taiwan's total foreign trade during the first five months of 2007, a loss of 0.08 percentage points from 5.07% at the end of 2006. Exports to Mainland China accounted for 8.25% of Taiwan's total exports, a loss of 0.1 percentage points from 8.35% at the end of 2006, while imports from Mainland China accounted for 1.39% of Taiwan's total imports, a decrease of 0.05 percentage points from 1.44% at the end of 2006.

## **(2) Taiwan Investment in Mainland China**

According to the Investment Commission, MOEA, Taiwan, during the first five months of 2007, the number of approved foreign investment (including investment to Mainland China) totaled 637 cases and accrued US\$4.37 billion, in which US\$3.11 billion was approved for investment in Mainland China. Mainland China has attracted 71.06% of Taiwan's total foreign investment such that it became the foremost destination for Taiwan's foreign investment. Approved investment to Mainland China accumulated 35,962 cases from 1991 to the end of May 2007, which totaled US\$58.01 billion. A total of 420 cases of direct investment to Mainland China were approved during the first five months of 2007, which totaled US\$3.11 billion, with 8.02% increase over the same period in previous year. Taiwan's investment mainly concentrated in the areas of Mainland China, such as Kiangsu, Canton, Shanghai, Chekiang, Fukien and etc. The amount of investment in those areas were as in the following sequence: US\$1.2 billion, accounting for 38.54% of total direct investments, US\$674 million for 21.69%, US\$374 million for 12.03%, US\$219 million for 7.06% and US\$152 million for 4.88%. Investment was distributed among electronic parts and components manufacturing, with investment of US\$629 million and accounting for 20.26% of total direct investment, computers, electronic and optical products manufacturing with US\$426 million and for 13.71%, non-metallic mineral products manufacturing with US\$139 million and for 4.49%, fabricated metal products manufacturing with US\$118 million for 3.79%, and plastic products manufacturing with US\$116 million and for 3.75%.

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

- a. The banks of Taiwan remittance to and from Mainland China has been on the increase fast. As compared to the same period of last year, remittance to Mainland China gaining 27.47% to US\$60.69 billion during the first five months of 2007. At the same time, remittance from Mainland China to Taiwan totaled US\$32.41 billion, which is an increase of 27.99%.
- b. There have been more letters posted from Taiwan to Mainland China than the

other way round during 2002-2005. In the first five months of 2007, mails to Mainland China decreased 15.37% to 2.19 million while mails from Mainland China decreased 2.34% to 2.79 million. During 2001-2006, the more phone calls were made from Taiwan to China than the other way around. Telephone calls to Mainland China gaining 2.4% to 635.28 million minutes, with a total of 143.37 million calls during the first five months of 2007, while calls from Mainland China decreasing 12.9% to 317.73 million minutes, with a total of 120.58 million calls. The average time per call to and from Mainland China was 4.4 and 2.6 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 five months of 2007 totaled 1.89 million, and an increase of 8.84% as compared to the same period of last year. Cumulative figure from 1987 to the end of May 2007 showed that there were 44.30 million persons traveled to Mainland China.

#### **(5) Chinese visitors to Taiwan**

There has been 155.89 thousand people from China visited Taiwan for the first five months of 2007, which is an increase of 64.47% over the same period in previous year. Among these, 14.89 thousand people were traveling for economics and trade related activities, which represents a 73.79% increase over the same period in previous year. Number of tourists however, has decreased by 23.61% over the same period in previous year to 31.26 thousand persons. In total, there has been 1.70 million Chinese people visited Taiwan from 1987 to May 2007.

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

- a. Direct transport links' statistics. Taiwanese vessels made 1,194 trips to Mainland China for the first five months of 2007, which marks an increase of 83.98% over the same period of previous year. 974 trips were made to Taiwan by the Chinese vessels over the same period, which is an increase of 4.39% over the same period of previous year. In total, 16.05 thousand trips were made across the Taiwan Strait from 2001 to May 2007.
- b. Direct personnel links' statistics. 144.7 thousand Taiwanese traveled to Mainland China via Kinmen and Matsu for the first five months of 2007, which is an increase of 25.66% over the same period in previous year. 23.2

thousand Chinese traveled to Kinmen and Matsu during the same period, which is an increase of 57.39% over the same period in previous year. A total of 1.12 million travelers from 2001 to May 2007 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 609.50 thousand contracted foreign investment projects had been accrued up to the end of May 2007. During the first five months of 2007, there were 15.07 thousand foreign direct investment projects. During 2005, 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\$717.16 billion from 1979 to the end of May 2007. For the first five months of 2007, realized foreign direct investment reached US\$25.26 billion, an increase of 9.87% comparing to the same period of last year. In which, from Hong Kong & Macao reached US\$ 8.74 billion, accounting for 34.62% of total realized foreign direct investment, followed by the British Virgin Islands with US\$5.97 billion or 23.63%, Japan with US\$1.56 billion or 6.19%, Korea with US\$1.22 billion or 4.81%, Singapore with US\$1.04 billion or 4.11%, US with US\$1.03 billion or 4.08%, 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 2000-2006. In the first five months of 2007, US imports from Taiwan and Mainland China separately accounted for 1.97%, and 15.7% of its total imports, a decrease of 0.09 percentage points from 2.06% at the end of 2006, and an increase of 0.19 percentage points from 15.51% 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 five months of 2007, Japan imports from Taiwan and Mainland China accounted for 3.39%, and 20.94%

of its total imports, a decrease of 0.13 percentage points from 3.52% at the end of 2006 and an increase of 0.43 percentage points from 20.51% in correspondence.