

## **Brief Summary**

China economic recovery led better Taiwan and China economic performances in January 2013 and thus Cross-Strait economic performance and trade exchange activities are higher compared to those in the same period last year. For examples, increases of 35.4% and 21.8% in Cross-Strait trade value and Taiwan's exports in January 2013 and so on. The major cross-strait economic exchange indicators and foreign investment in Mainland China below will provide more in details.

### **1. Major Cross-Strait Economic Exchange Indicators**

#### **(1) Overview of Cross-Strait Trade Activities**

- a. By referring to Taiwan Customs statistics, the estimated value of total cross-strait bilateral trade is US\$11.3 billion in January 2013 with a rise of 35.4% Year-On-Year. The value for Taiwan exports to Mainland China has increased by 34.8% Year-On-Year to US\$7.1 billion while the value that imports from Mainland China has also risen by 36.5% Year-On-Year to US\$4.2 billion.
- b. In 2013, Taiwan's trade with Mainland China accounted for 22.2% of Taiwan's total foreign trade with an increase of 0.2 percentage points from 22% at the end of 2012. Exports to Mainland China accounted for 27.6% of Taiwan's total exports, a rise of 0.6 percentage points from 27% at the end of 2012, while imports from Mainland China accounted for 16.6% of Taiwan's total imports with an increase of 0.5 percentage points from 16.1% at the end of 2012.

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

According to the Investment Commission, MOEA, Taiwan, the number of approved foreign investment totaled to 98 cases with the value of US\$1.1 billion, in which US\$0.7 billion was approved to invest in Mainland China in January 2013. Mainland China has attracted 60.7% of Taiwan's total foreign investment where it became the foremost destination for Taiwan's foreign investment. Approved investment to Mainland China accumulated to 40,273 cases from 1991 to the end of January 2013 with a value of US\$125.2 billion, which is 62.6% of Taiwan's total foreign investment. A total of 65 cases for the investment in Mainland China were approved in January 2013 with a rise of 44.4% Year-On-Year, while the total value of approved investment in Mainland China stands at US\$0.7 billion with a reduction of 20.2% Year-On-Year. Taiwan's investments

mainly located in Jiangsu, Canton, Fukien , Shanghai , and other areas in Mainland China with the investment values of US\$212.6 million (31.9% of total investments), US\$129.5 million (19.5%), US\$98.7 million (14.8%), and US\$60.2 million (9%) respectively. Investments were distributed among electronic parts and components manufacturing with investment with US\$106.6 million (16% of total direct investment), wholesale and retail trade with US\$77.9 million (11.7%), computers, electronic and optical products manufacturing with US\$77.5 million (11.7%), and basic metal manufacturing with US\$66.7 million (10%).

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

According to the Investment Commission, MOEA, Taiwan, the number of approved Mainland China investment in Taiwan totaled to 9 cases with the amount of US\$4.2 million in January 2013. The number of approved Mainland China investment in Taiwan totaled to 351 cases with the amount of US\$510 million from June, 2009 to January, 2013, where mainly distributed in port services, banking services, wholesale and retail trade, and computers, electronic and optical products manufacturing. The investment amounts for above industries are US\$139.1 million (27.4% of total amount), US\$91.5 million (18%), US\$86.8 million (17.1%), and US\$56.7 million (11.2%), respectively.

### **(4) Cross-Strait Remittance**

All Taiwan's bank remittances to and from Mainland China have shown a persisted growing pattern except for the year of 2009. The remittances to Mainland China have increasing 4.8% Year-On-Year to US\$329.1 billion during the period of January to December 2012. Meanwhile, the remittances from Mainland China to Taiwan totaled to US\$194.3 billion with an increase of 5.4 % Year-On-Year.

### **(5) Taiwan Visitors to Mainland China**

According to the China National Tourism Administration, the number of Taiwan tourists to Mainland China during January to December 2012 totaled to 5.3 million with an increase of 1.5% Year-On-Year. The number of Taiwan tourists to Mainland China from 1987 to the end of December 2012 totaled to 71.7 million visitors.

### **(6) Mainland China Visitors to Taiwan**

The poll of Mainland China residents visit to Taiwan for tourism has been more than

those visits to Taiwan for economic and trade activities since 2003. According to Taiwan National Immigration Agency statistics, there have been 0.2 million Chinese visitors from Mainland China in January 2013 with an increase of 42.7%. Among these, 12 thousands visitors to Taiwan for economic and trade related activities with an increase of 129.6%, and 0.2 million visitors to Taiwan for tourism with an increase 46.2% Year-On-Year. In total, there have been 9.3 million Chinese visitors to Taiwan from 1987 to the end of January 2013.

#### **(7) The Kinmen and Matsu Mini-Three Links Breakdowns (K-M mini three links)**

- a. Direct transport links' statistics. The Taiwanese vessels made 565 trips to Mainland China in January 2013, which shows an increase of 7.0% Year-On-Year. Meanwhile, 410 trips to Taiwan by the Chinese vessels have shown an increase of 34.9% Year-On-Year. In total, 73.6 thousand trips were made across the Taiwan Strait from 2001 to the end of January 2013.
- b. 47 thousands visitors (including foreigners, residents of Taiwan and Mainland China) arrived to Kinmen and Matsu in January 2013. And, 95 thousands visitors (including foreigners, residents of Taiwan and Mainland China) departed from Kinmen and Matsu in the same period. A total of 9.6 million visitors from 2001 to the end of January 2013 have arrived and departed from Taiwan and Mainland China via K-M mini three links.

## **2. Foreign Investment in Mainland China**

According to the Ministry of Commerce of Mainland China statistics, a total of 765 thousands approved foreign investment projects had been accrued up to January 2013 since Mainland China adapted opening policy in 1979. In January 2013, there were 1,883 approved foreign direct investments in Mainland China. For realized foreign direct investment, there were US\$1,285.4 billion from 1979 to the end of January 2013. In January 2013, realized foreign direct investment reached to US\$9.3 billion. During the period of January to November 2012, Hong Kong & Macao reached to US\$58 billion or accounting for 58% of total realized foreign direct investments, followed by the British Virgin Islands with US\$7.2 billion or 7.2%, Japan with US\$6.6 billion or 6.6%, and Singapore with US\$5.8 billion or 5.8%.

## **3. Comparison of Taiwan and Mainland China Market Shares in U.S. and Japan**

In the period of January to December 2012, U.S. imported from Taiwan and Mainland China respectively accounted for 1.7% and 18.7% of its total imports with a decline of

0.2 and an increase of 0.6 percentage points. Japan's economy has been contracted by the 311 earthquake in 2011 and its economy continues an insignificant recovery in 2012, which turned into the lower import demands in Japan. Therefore, Japan remained 2.7% of its total imports that imported from Taiwan in the period of January to December 2012. Meanwhile, 21.3% of Japan's total imports that imported from Mainland China has been reduced by 0.2 percentage points.

#### **4. The Implementation of ECFA Early Harvest Program**

The ECFA early harvest program has accumulatively reduced tariffs with a total of US\$ 0.7 billion from January, 2011 to December, 2012. The number of approved certificates of origin in January 2013 totaled to 7,061 cases with the total amount of US\$ 0.9 billion, where 1,073 cases in agricultural products with the value of US\$3.1 million and 64,065 cases in industrial products with US\$9.3 billion. According to the accumulated statistics to January 2013, Taiwan's Financial Supervisory Commission has approved 12 Taiwan's banks open branches in Mainland China, in which 10 banks have started their business and 6 banks established representative offices in Mainland China. In insurance industry, Taiwan's Financial Supervisory Commission has approved 9 Taiwan's insurance companies participate the equity in Mainland China, and 6 insurance companies has started the businesses and established 15 representative offices among these 9 approved Taiwan's insurance companies. Taiwan's Financial Supervisory Commission has also approved the permissions for the Mainland Chinese Bank to set up the branches and 2 offices in Taipei.