

## Summary of social and economic development of Macao

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### OVERALL SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC SITUATION

In January 2007, the number of visitor arrivals increased significantly and gross gaming receipts maintained a vigorous growth. In terms of external trade, imports of goods rose sharply while exports of goods continued to fall year-on-year, narrowing down the trade deficit from December 2006. In regard to employment, under the sustained rapid development of the gaming and tourism sector, the employed population kept expanding whereas the unemployment rate dropped further. In addition, the number of transactions in the property market in January rose over the preceding month, and registered an upsurge of over 100% when compared with January 2006. The Consumer Price Index (CPI) dropped from a month ago, but grew considerably year-on-year.

### GAMING AND TOURISM

Gross gaming receipts surged by 69.1% to MOP 6.06 billion in January 2007.

The total number of visitor arrivals climbed up 22.7% to 2,038,768. Visitors from Mainland China, Hong Kong SAR and Taiwan region registered increases of 24.6%, 14.2% and 12.3% respectively.

### CONSTRUCTION AND REAL ESTATE

In 2006, the cumulative number of building units started was 4,756 and the respective gross floor area totalled 1,054,289 m<sup>2</sup>, down 3.9% and 50.6% respectively. Meanwhile, the cumulative number of building units

completed was 3,026 with their gross floor area at 1,276,321 m<sup>2</sup>, which increased by 1.4 times and 2.3 times respectively. Regarding the property market, 3,436 units were transacted in January 2007, 477 units more than the preceding month and soared by 1.1 times year-on-year.

### EXTERNAL TRADE

The value of total exports in January 2007 amounted to MOP 1.70 billion, down 17.6%, due to a 36.2% decrease in the export value of **Textile & garment**, which accounted for 63.9% of the total exports. Total import value reached MOP 3.25 billion, up 23.8%, owing to the increases registered in **Capital goods** (+37.6%), **Raw materials & semi-manufactures** (+24.2%), **Consumer goods** (+19.0%) and **Fuel & lubricants** (+18.0%). A trade deficit of MOP 1.55 billion was recorded in January.

### CONSUMER PRICE INDEX

The Composite CPI for January 2007 was 110.44, a year-on-year increase of 3.83%, or down by 0.15% over December 2006. The indices of Communication, Recreation & culture, Clothing & footwear, and Transport recorded decreases of 3.72%, 1.09%, 0.73% and 0.72% respectively, which were attributable to the waiving of mobile phone license fees for 2007, lower charges for outbound package tours after the Christmas holiday, reduction sales of men's and women's clothing, as well as lower gasoline prices. In spite of higher rentals for housing, the price index of Housing & fuels went down by 0.66% as a result of lower electricity charges due to the discount in fuel adjustment surcharge. On the other hand, the indices of Food & non-alcoholic beverages and Household goods & furnishings increased by 0.97% and 0.52% respectively, on account of higher charges for meals bought away from home, and dearer prices of eggs, fish, seafood, fruit and household textiles. For the 12 months ended January 2007, the average Composite CPI rose by 4.98% over the previous period.

## **PUBLIC ACCOUNTS**

In January 2007, total government revenue increased 50.5% to MOP 2.89 billion, among which gaming tax revenue accounted for 83.9% of the total, up 53.6% to MOP 2.42 billion. On the other hand, total government expenditure reached MOP 935 million, down 23.7%. At the end of January, the fiscal surplus amounted to MOP 1.95 billion.

## **EMPLOYMENT**

The employed population was 281 thousand for the period from November 2006 to January 2007, up 12.5%. The unemployment rate was 3.4%, down by 0.1 percentage point over the previous period (October to December 2006), or down 0.5 percentage point year-on-year. At the end of January 2007, the number of non-resident workers was 66,769, corresponding to an increase of 2,096 over the end of December 2006.

## **MONEY**

At the end of December 2006, narrow money supply (M1) and broad money supply (M2) amounted to MOP 18.26 billion and MOP 168.91 billion respectively. Besides, domestic loans and advances to the private sector increased 14.9% to MOP 48.83 billion. Foreign exchange reserves rose 36.8% to MOP 73.11 billion.

\* Unless otherwise specified, growth rates mentioned in this analysis are comparisons with the same period of the previous year.

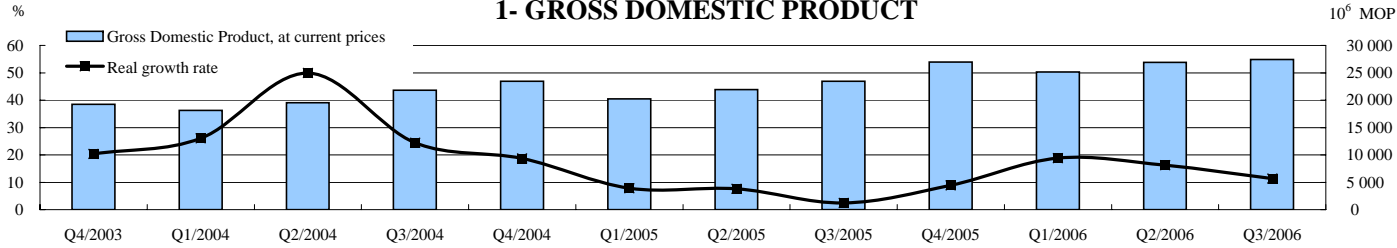
Principal statistical indicators of Macao	Unit	Latest period	Latest period		Cumulative	
			Value	Year-on-year % change	Value	Year-on-year % change
<b>I - GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT</b>						
Current prices	10 <sup>6</sup> MOP	Q3/2006	27 453.68	17.1	79 437.80	21.2
Real growth rate	%	Q3/2006	11.4	..	15.4	..
<b>II - GAMING AND TOURISM</b>						
Gross gaming receipts	10 <sup>6</sup> MOP	Jan/2007	6 062.03	69.1	6 062.03	69.1
Visitor arrivals	no.	Jan/2007	2 038 768	22.7	2 038 768	22.7
Mainland China	no.	Jan/2007	1 155 770	24.6	1 155 770	24.6
Hong Kong SAR	no.	Jan/2007	604 303	14.2	604 303	14.2
Taiwan region	no.	Jan/2007	104 751	12.3	104 751	12.3
<b>III - CONSTRUCTION AND REAL ESTATE</b>						
Gross floor area of buildings started	m <sup>2</sup>	Dec/2006	71 943	293.0	1 054 289	-50.6
Units of buildings started	no.	Dec/2006	906	824.5	4 756	-3.9
Gross floor area of buildings completed	m <sup>2</sup>	Dec/2006	30 367	-80.7	1 276 321	226.0
Units of buildings completed	no.	Dec/2006	10	-97.2	3 026	137.0
Building units transacted	no.	Jan/2007	3 436	114.2	3 436	114.2
<b>IV - EXTERNAL TRADE</b>						
Exports	10 <sup>6</sup> MOP	Jan/2007	1 697.93	-17.6	1 697.93	-17.6
Imports	10 <sup>6</sup> MOP	Jan/2007	3 248.32	23.8	3 248.32	23.8
Trade balance	10 <sup>6</sup> MOP	Jan/2007	- 1 550.39	..	- 1 550.39	..
<b>V - CONSUMER PRICE INDEX</b>						
(7/2004 to 6/2005 = 100)		Jan/2007	110.44	3.8	..	5.0 <sup>a</sup>
<b>VI - PUBLIC ACCOUNTS</b>						
Total revenue	10 <sup>6</sup> MOP	Jan/2007	2 888.06	50.5	2 888.06	50.5
Revenue from gaming tax	10 <sup>6</sup> MOP	Jan/2007	2 423.59	53.6	2 423.59	53.6
Total expenditure	10 <sup>6</sup> MOP	Jan/2007	934.52	-23.7	934.52	-23.7
Balance	10 <sup>6</sup> MOP	Jan/2007	1 953.54	..	1 953.54	..
			Latest period		Previous period	
			Value	Year-on-year % change	Value	Year-on-year % change
<b>VII - EMPLOYMENT</b>						
Employed population	10 <sup>3</sup>	Nov/2006 - Jan/2007	281.0	12.5	276.0	11.0
Unemployment rate	%	Nov/2006 - Jan/2007	3.4	-0.5 <sup>b</sup>	3.5	-0.5 <sup>b</sup>
Non-resident workers in Macao	no.	Jan/2007	66 769	57.1	64 673	64.1
<b>VIII - MONEY</b>						
Narrow money supply (M1)	10 <sup>6</sup> MOP	Dec/2006	18 255.2	42.7	16 654.2	32.8
Broad money supply (M2)	10 <sup>6</sup> MOP	Dec/2006	168 911.9	24.5	163 730.7	23.1
Domestic loans and advances to the private sector	10 <sup>6</sup> MOP	Dec/2006	48 825.2	14.9	48 238.3	14.7
Foreign exchange reserves	10 <sup>6</sup> MOP	Dec/2006	73 110.7	36.8	70 727.0	36.0

a Annual rate of change ended January 2007.

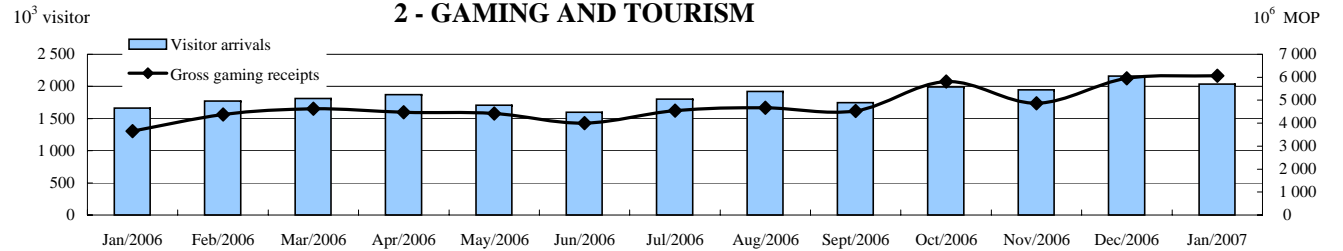
b Percentage difference from the same period of last year - positive value corresponds with increase and negative value corresponds with decrease.

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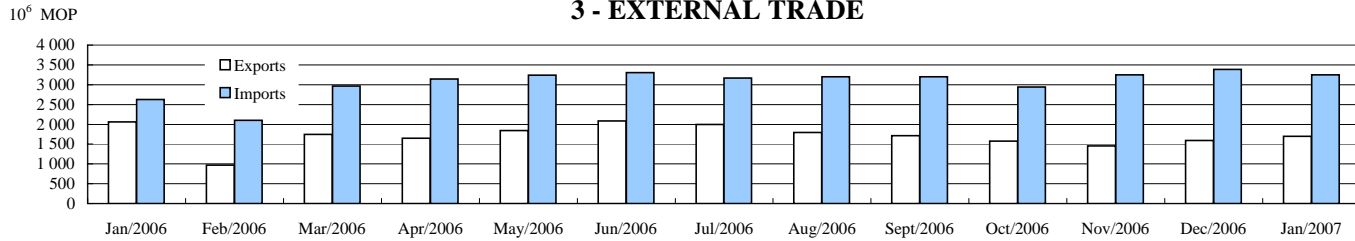
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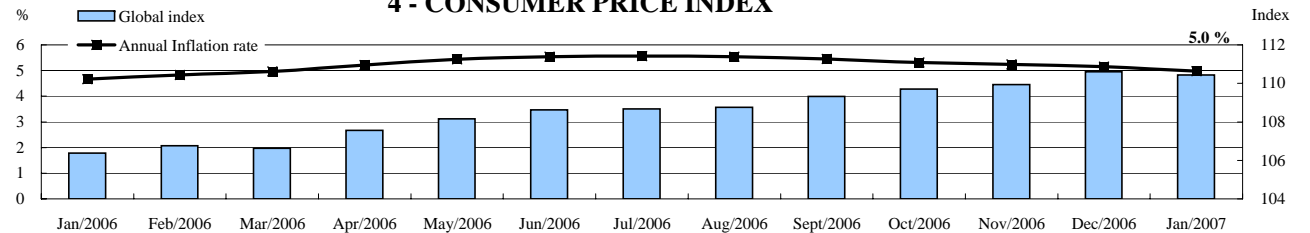
2 - GAMING AND TOURISM



3 - EXTERNAL TRADE



4 - CONSUMER PRICE INDEX



5 - UNEMPLOYMENT RATE

