

## Summary of social and economic development of Macao

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### OVERALL SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC SITUATION

In November 2006, the number of visitor arrivals increased significantly. Gross gaming receipts abated over the previous month but maintained a considerable year-on-year growth. In terms of external trade, imports of goods rose but exports of goods fell substantially, resulting in an increase in trade deficit. Fiscal surplus kept widening in the Public accounts. Benefited from the rapid development of the gaming and tourism sector, the employed population continued to grow and the unemployment rate remained at 3.6%. On the other hand, the number of transactions in the property market surged, by 60% year-on-year, marking a record high monthly volume since December 2001. Moreover, the Composite Consumer Price Index (CPI) sustained its growth compared with the previous month and over the year.

### GAMING AND TOURISM

Gross gaming receipts rose 31.1% to MOP 4.87 billion in November 2006. For the first eleven months of the year, total gross gaming receipts increased 19.0% to MOP 49.93 billion.

The number of visitor arrivals in November climbed up 21.4% to 1,949,583. Visitors from Hong Kong SAR and Mainland China registered increases of 33.9% and 14.5% respectively, while visitors from Taiwan region rose 9.1%. For the first eleven months of 2006, total number of visitor arrivals reached 19,835,205, up 16.4%.

### CONSTRUCTION AND REAL ESTATE

At the end of October 2006, the cumulative number of building units started was 3,565 and the respective gross floor area totalled 934,470 m<sup>2</sup>, down 15.5% and 52.7% respectively. The cumulative number of building units completed was 2,916 with their gross floor area at 1,175,718 m<sup>2</sup>, which increased by 2.2 times and 5.2 times respectively. Regarding the property market, 5,093 units were transacted in November 2006, 3,166 units more than the preceding month and up 60.2% year-on-year. For the first eleven months of 2006, the total number of units transacted went down 26.1% to 23,441.

### EXTERNAL TRADE

The value of total exports in November 2006 amounted to MOP 1.45 billion, down 33.2%, but the value of total imports reached MOP 3.25 billion, up 9.8%, with trade deficit widening to MOP 1.80 billion. For the first eleven months of 2006, the cumulative export value expanded 6.8% to MOP 18.88 billion, attributable to a 0.4% increase in the value of **Textile & garment** exports that accounted for 72.3% of the total export value. Moreover, the cumulative import value escalated 17.1% to MOP 33.13 billion, mainly due to increases in **Fuel & lubricants** (+33.8%), **Consumer goods** (+19.7%), **Raw materials & semi-manufactures** (+14.8%) and **Capital goods** (+7.5%). Trade deficit at the end of November 2006 was MOP 14.25 billion.

### CONSUMER PRICE INDEX

The Composite CPI for November 2006 was 109.94, a year-on-year increase of 4.40%, or up by 0.22% over the previous month. The indices of Clothing & footwear and Housing & fuels recorded notable increases of 2.44% and 0.54% respectively, owing to rising prices of women's clothing and footwear,

as well as higher rentals for housing. Moreover, dearer charges for dental services raised the index of Health by 0.14%. On the other hand, lower charges for outbound package tours pushed the price index of Recreation & culture down by 0.24%. Despite higher charges for meals bought away from home, the price index of Food & non-alcoholic beverages decreased by 0.05% as a result of lower prices of vegetables and fruits. For the 12 months ended November 2006, the average Composite CPI increased by 5.24% over the previous period.

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

## **PUBLIC ACCOUNTS**

In November 2006, total public revenue, excluding Autonomous Agencies, increased 5.2% to MOP 3.14 billion, among which gaming tax revenue, which accounted for 71.4% of the total, rose 44.4% to MOP 2.24 billion. Total public expenditure, excluding Autonomous Agencies, reached MOP 1.59 billion, up 16.3%. At the end of November 2006, the fiscal surplus amounted to MOP 12.26 billion.

## **EMPLOYMENT**

The employed population was 275 thousand for the period from September to November 2006, up 12.7%. The unemployment rate stood at 3.6%, same as that in the preceding period (August to October 2006), but down 0.4 percentage point year-on-year. At the end of November 2006, the number of non-resident workers was 62,045, corresponding to an increase of 1,684 over the previous month.

## **MONEY**

At the end of October 2006, narrow money supply (M1) and broad money supply (M2) reached MOP 17.14 billion and MOP 162.45 billion respectively. Besides, domestic loans and advances to the private sector increased 14.4% to MOP 47.32 billion. Foreign exchange reserves rose 36.4% to MOP 68.62 billion.

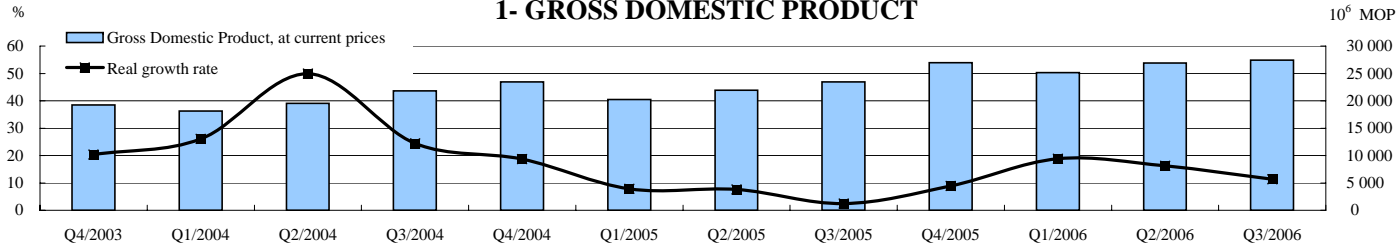
Principal statistical indicators of Macao	Unit	Latest period	Latest period		Cumulative	
			Value	Year-on-year % change	Value	Year-on-year % change
<b>I - GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT</b>						
Current prices	10 <sup>6</sup> MOP	Q3/2006	27 453.68	17.1	79 437.80	21.2
Real growth rate	%	Q3/2006	11.4	..	15.4	..
<b>II - GAMING AND TOURISM</b>						
Gross gaming receipts	10 <sup>6</sup> MOP	Nov/2006	4 870.21	31.1	49 933.02	19.0
Visitor arrivals	no.	Nov/2006	1 949 583	21.4	19 835 205	16.4
Mainland China	no.	Nov/2006	1 069 214	14.5	10 843 042	13.7
Hong Kong SAR	no.	Nov/2006	596 085	33.9	6 234 347	22.3
Taiwan region	no.	Nov/2006	118 113	9.1	1 319 590	-4.4
<b>III - CONSTRUCTION AND REAL ESTATE</b>						
Gross floor area of buildings started	m <sup>2</sup>	Oct/2006	344 933	-19.4	934 470	-52.7
Units of buildings started	no.	Oct/2006	1 732	-4.2	3 565	-15.5
Gross floor area of buildings completed	m <sup>2</sup>	Oct/2006	112 759	936.1	1 175 718	515.1
Units of buildings completed	no.	Oct/2006	12	500.0	2 916	223.3
Building units transacted	no.	Nov/2006	5 093	60.2	23 441	-26.1
<b>IV - EXTERNAL TRADE</b>						
Exports	10 <sup>6</sup> MOP	Nov/2006	1 452.18	-33.2	18 877.53	6.8
Imports	10 <sup>6</sup> MOP	Nov/2006	3 248.06	9.8	33 129.85	17.1
Trade balance	10 <sup>6</sup> MOP	Nov/2006	- 1 795.88	..	- 14 252.32	..
<b>V - CONSUMER PRICE INDEX</b>						
(7/2004 to 6/2005 = 100)		Nov/2006	109.94	4.4	..	5.2 <sup>a</sup>
<b>VI - PUBLIC ACCOUNTS</b>						
Revenue excluding Autonomous Agencies	10 <sup>6</sup> MOP	Nov/2006	3 137.43	5.2	24 855.95	18.4
Revenue from gaming tax	10 <sup>6</sup> MOP	Nov/2006	2 239.79	44.4	18 858.18	18.6
Expenditure excluding Autonomous Agencies	10 <sup>6</sup> MOP	Nov/2006	1 590.45	16.3	12 598.33	11.4
Balance	10 <sup>6</sup> MOP	Nov/2006	1 546.99	..	12 257.62	..
			Latest period		Previous period	
			Value	Year-on-year % change	Value	Year-on-year % change
<b>VII - EMPLOYMENT</b>						
Employed population	10 <sup>3</sup>	Sept/2006 - Nov/2006	275.0	12.7	274.0	12.6
Unemployment rate	%	Sept/2006 - Nov/2006	3.6	-0.4 <sup>b</sup>	3.6	-0.5 <sup>b</sup>
Non-resident workers in Macao	no.	Nov/2006	62 045	66.9	60 361	70.2
<b>VIII - MONEY</b>						
Narrow money supply (M1)	10 <sup>6</sup> MOP	Oct/2006	17 141.4	26.3	15 159.8	21.6
Broad money supply (M2)	10 <sup>6</sup> MOP	Oct/2006	162 451.2	22.5	160 117.2	21.3
Domestic loans and advances to the private sector	10 <sup>6</sup> MOP	Oct/2006	47 321.0	14.4	46 816.6	14.0
Foreign exchange reserves	10 <sup>6</sup> MOP	Oct/2006	68 620.6	36.4	66 304.2	34.8

a Annual rate of change ended November 2006.

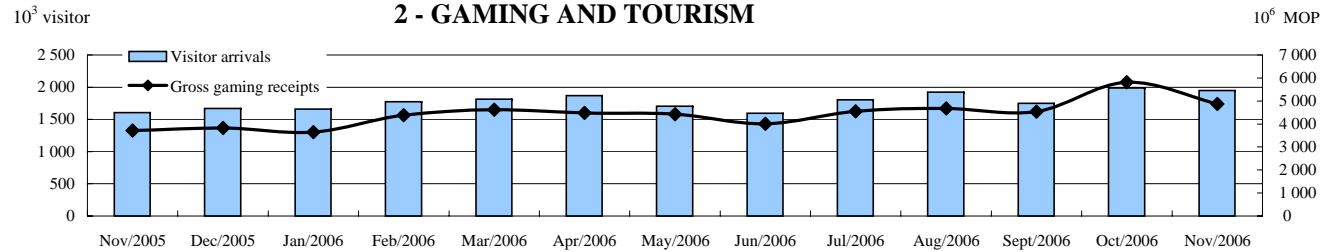
b Percentage difference from the same period of last year - positive value corresponds with increase and negative value corresponds with decrease.

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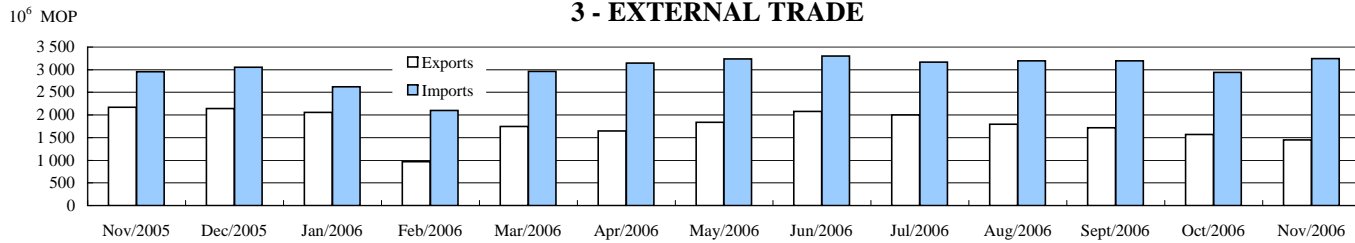
1- GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT



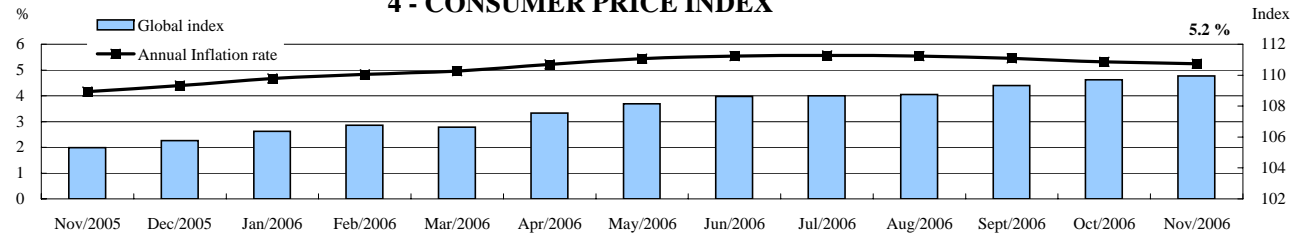
2 - GAMING AND TOURISM



3 - EXTERNAL TRADE



4 - CONSUMER PRICE INDEX



5 - UNEMPLOYMENT RATE

