

Summary of social and economic development of Macao

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OVERALL SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC SITUATION

In May 2007, the number of visitor arrivals continued to increase and gross gaming receipts surged due to the effects of the Labour Day Golden Week. In terms of external trade, imports of goods sustained its growth whereas exports of goods fell moderately, narrowing the trade deficit over the previous month. In regard to Public accounts, fiscal surplus rose constantly upon the surge in revenue. Benefited from the rapid development of the gaming and tourism sector, the employed population continued to expand and the unemployment rate remained at 3.2%. In addition, the number of transactions in the property market in May rose over the preceding month, and registered an upsurge of over 95% compared with the same month of last year. The Composite Consumer Price Index (Composite CPI) in May recorded increases over the previous month and year-on-year.

GAMING AND TOURISM

Gross gaming receipts in May 2007 surged by 65.5% to MOP 7.32 billion. For the first five months of 2007, the cumulative gross gaming receipts rose by 47.1% to MOP 31.62 billion.

The total number of visitor arrivals grew by 24.3% to 2,121,988 in May 2007. Visitors from Hong Kong SAR; Mainland China; and Taiwan region registered increases of 27.9%, 21.5% and 5.0% respectively. For the first five months of 2007, total visitor arrivals reached 10,718,620, up by 21.5%.

CONSTRUCTION AND REAL ESTATE

At the end of April, the cumulative number of building units started was 3,022 and the respective gross floor area totalled 846,918 m², up by 119.1% and 176.6% respectively. The cumulative number of building units completed was 553 with their gross floor area at 171,599 m², down by 33.5% and 57.2% respectively. Regarding the property market, 3,907 units were transacted in May 2007, an increase of 1,152 units over the preceding month and up by 96.0% year-on-year. For the first five months of 2007, the total number of units transacted jumped by 102.6% to 16,986.

EXTERNAL TRADE

Value of total exports dropped by 2.9% to MOP 1.79 billion in May 2007, while value of total imports grew by 13.4% to MOP 3.67 billion, resulting in a trade deficit of MOP 1.89 billion. For the first five months of 2007, the cumulative value of exports amounted to MOP 7.68 billion, down by 7.1%, owing to the 22.9% decrease in the exports of **Textile & garment**, which accounted for 62.1% of the value of total export. The cumulative value of imports reached MOP 16.45 billion, up by 16.9% as a result the increases registered in **Capital goods** (+49.0%), **Consumer goods** (+14.8%), **Fuel & lubricants** (+13.2%) and **Raw materials & semi-manufactures** (+3.1%). Trade deficit at the end of May was MOP 8.77 billion.

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX

The Composite CPI for May 2007 was 113.22, a year-on-year increase of 4.68% and up by 0.57% over the previous month. The indices of Clothing & footwear; Housing & fuels; and Transport recorded notable increases of 2.37%, 1.37% and 0.98% respectively, on account of dearer prices of women's clothing and footwear, and LP gas and gasoline, as well as higher rentals for housing. In spite of

lower prices of fresh vegetables, the price index of Food & non-alcoholic beverages went up by 0.44%, as a result of higher charges for meals bought away from home. On the other hand, lower charges for outbound package tours after the Easter holidays pushed the index of Recreation & culture down by 1.56%. For the 12 months ended May 2007, the average Composite CPI rose by 4.66% over the previous period.

PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

In May 2007, total government revenue increased by 16.4% to MOP 2.78 billion, among which gaming tax revenue accounted for 86.8% of the total, up by 41.3% to MOP 2.41 billion. Total government expenditure rose by 9.8% to MOP 1,104 million. At the end of May 2007, the fiscal surplus amounted to MOP 10.71 billion.

EMPLOYMENT

The employed population expanded by 12.9% to 291,000 for March to May 2007. The unemployment rate stood at 3.2%, same as that in the preceding period (February to April 2007), but down by 0.7 percentage point year-on-year. At the end of May 2007, the number of non-resident workers was 73,460, corresponding to an increase of 912 workers over the end of April 2007.

MONEY

At the end of April 2007, narrow money supply (M1) and broad money supply (M2) amounted to MOP 18.70 billion and MOP 174.19 billion respectively. Moreover, domestic loans and advances to the private sector increased by 14.8% to MOP 51.77 billion. Foreign exchange reserves rose by 44.5% to MOP 84.49 billion.

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

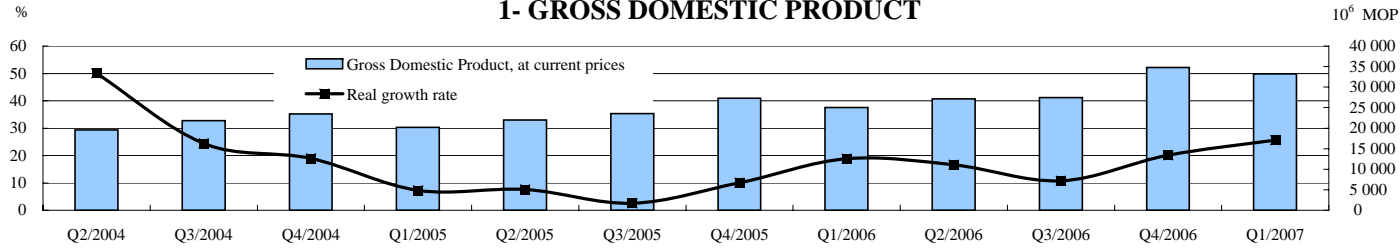
Principal statistical indicators of Macao	Unit	Latest period	Latest period		Cumulative	
			Value	Year-on-year % change	Value	Year-on-year % change
I - GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT						
Current prices	10 ⁶ MOP	Q1/2007	33 247.54	32.9	33 247.54	32.9
Real growth rate	%	Q1/2007	25.6	..	25.6	..
II - GAMING AND TOURISM						
Gross gaming receipts	10 ⁶ MOP	May/2007	7 320.12	65.5	31 615.68	47.1
Visitor arrivals	no.	May/2007	2 121 988	24.3	10 718 620	21.5
Mainland China	no.	May/2007	1 191 523	21.5	5 910 629	19.4
Hong Kong SAR	no.	May/2007	622 484	27.9	3 333 736	23.2
Taiwan region	no.	May/2007	117 888	5.0	584 518	2.9
III - CONSTRUCTION AND REAL ESTATE						
Gross floor area of buildings started	m ²	Apr/2007	6 393	-67.6	846 918	176.6
Units of buildings started	no.	Apr/2007	2	-71.4	3 022	119.1
Gross floor area of buildings completed	m ²	Apr/2007	4 996	-97.7	171 599	-57.2
Units of buildings completed	no.	Apr/2007	64	-86.6	553	-33.5
Building units transacted	no.	May/2007	3 907	96.0	16 986	102.6
IV - EXTERNAL TRADE						
Exports	10 ⁶ MOP	May/2007	1 787.15	-2.9	7 681.59	-7.1
Imports	10 ⁶ MOP	May/2007	3 672.77	13.4	16 447.65	16.9
Trade balance	10 ⁶ MOP	May/2007	- 1 885.63	..	- 8 766.05	..
V - COMPOSITE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX						
(7/2004 to 6/2005 = 100)		May/2007	113.22	4.7	..	4.7 ^a
VI - PUBLIC ACCOUNTS						
Total revenue	10 ⁶ MOP	May/2007	2 776.86	16.4	14 899.46	42.3
Revenue from gaming tax	10 ⁶ MOP	May/2007	2 411.24	41.3	11 842.97	46.5
Total expenditure	10 ⁶ MOP	May/2007	1 103.82	9.8	4 186.42	-6.9
Balance	10 ⁶ MOP	May/2007	1 673.04	..	10 713.04	..
			Latest period		Previous period	
			Value	Year-on-year % change	Value	Year-on-year % change
VII - EMPLOYMENT						
Employed population	10 ³	Mar/2007-May/2007	291.0	12.9	287.0	13.0
Unemployment rate	%	Mar/2007-May/2007	3.2	-0.7 ^b	3.2	-0.7 ^b
Non-resident workers in Macao	no.	May/2007	73 460	47.7	72 548	48.7
VIII - MONEY						
Narrow money supply (M1)	10 ⁶ MOP	Apr/2007	18 696.6	38.1	17 170.4	33.4
Broad money supply (M2)	10 ⁶ MOP	Apr/2007	174 190.6	15.9	168 855.6	15.5
Domestic loans and advances to the private sector	10 ⁶ MOP	Apr/2007	51 768.4	14.8	50 439.2	14.6
Foreign exchange reserves	10 ⁶ MOP	Apr/2007	84 486.5	44.5	82 096.1	45.5

a Annual rate of change ended May 2007.

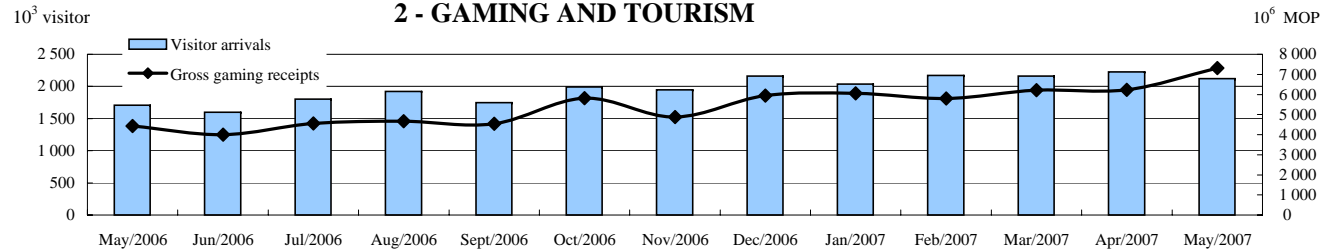
b Percentage difference from the same period of last year - positive value represents an increase and negative value represents a decrease.

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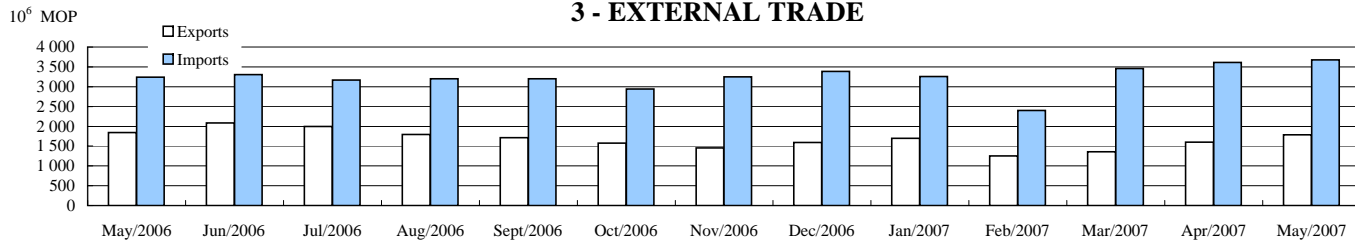
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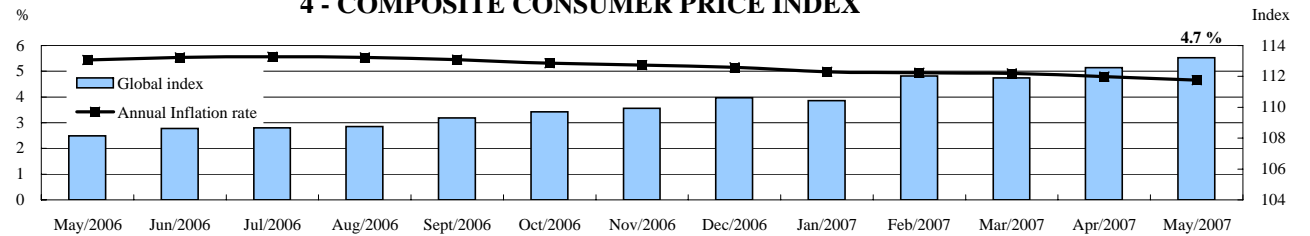
2 - GAMING AND TOURISM



3 - EXTERNAL TRADE



4 - COMPOSITE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX



5 - UNEMPLOYMENT RATE

