

Message from the Governor

It is my great pleasure to introduce the December Quarter 2006 issue of Cambodia's Balance of Payments Statistics Bulletin. This issue is the fourteenth in a series of balance of payments publications prepared by the National Bank of Cambodia (NBC).

The publication contains details of balance of payments (BOP) and international investment position (IIP) statistics for 2004 and quarterly data from the March Quarter 2005 to the December Quarter 2006.

Cambodia's BOP and IIP statistics are compiled broadly in accordance with the *Fifth Edition of the IMF's Balance of Payments Manual (BPM5)*. The main objective of the publication is to provide information on recent developments in Cambodia's BOP and IIP, including changes in the components of the current, capital and financial accounts, as well as changes in foreign financial assets and liabilities. A brief description of the sources and methods used in the compilation of these statistics is provided in the *Technical Notes* at the end of this publication.

NBC has been trying its best to improve the availability and quality of these statistics, and has a continuous program of improvement in place. Therefore, we would welcome your feedback on this publication and your suggestions for improvement in relation to the content and layout.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you a very happy Khmer New Year. Thank you very much for your interest in Cambodia's BOP and IIP statistics.



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Forthcoming issues

Issue	Expected release
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Changes in this issue

This issue includes revisions to exports and imports from March to September quarters of 2006. The revisions were due mainly to revised data from line ministries and the results of recent investigations. These revisions have affected the related Services–Transportation–Sea Transport, and Other Investment –Trade Credit estimates. Direct investment has also been revised from March to September 2006, due to the improving estimates on approval data. These revisions have led to revised estimates of the Current Account Balance and the Capital Account and Financial Account Balances. Revised estimates have also been produced for the Net International Investment Position and External Debt from March to September quarters of 2006. The revisions were mainly due to earlier estimates being replaced by more up-to-date source data.

Changes in next issue

Further changes will be made to Investment Income and the Financial Account once the new FDI estimation model has been developed and revised FDI estimates incorporated.

Abbreviations

BOP Balance of Payments
ITRS International Transactions Reporting System
NBC National Bank of Cambodia
n.i.e. Not Included Elsewhere
NIS National Institute of Statistics

Rounding

Any discrepancies between totals and the sum of the component aggregates in this publication are due to rounding.

More detailed information

More detailed information and special data services are available on request and on a “user pays” basis.

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