

Message from the Governor



I am pleased to introduce the September Quarter 2005 issue of Cambodia's Balance of Payments Statistics Bulletin. This issue is the ninth 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 the period from 2002 to 2004 and quarterly data from the March Quarter 2004 to the September Quarter 2005.

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 sources and methods used in the compilation of these statistics is provided in the *Technical Notes* at the end of this publication.

The 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 merry Christmas and a happy New Year. Thank you very much for your interest in Cambodia's BOP and IIP statistics.

Phnom Penh, December 26, 2005

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Chea Chanto', written in a cursive style.

Chea Chanto

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Changes in This Issue

This issue includes revisions to Exports and Imports for the March and June quarters 2005, which also affect the related Services - Transportation - Sea Transport, Other Services Insurance Services, and Other Investment - Trade Credit estimates. The revision on Current Transfers - General Government (credits), aid related imports was due to updated data on Aid Flows for the March and June quarters 2005. These revisions led to revised estimates on current account balance and capital account and financial account balances. Revised estimates have also been produced for the Net International Investment Position and External Debt for the March and June quarters 2005. The revisions were mainly due to earlier estimates being replaced by more up-to-date source data.

Changes in Next Issue

Revisions to preliminary September Quarter 2005 estimates are expected as a result of more up-to-date source data. Revisions are also possible for earlier quarters as the NBC completes its reconciliation with partner country trade data for 2004 and incorporates additional information for services, income and transfers from the ITRS.

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 sums in this publication are due to rounding.

More Detailed Information

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