

4% , the price of education and entertainment instruments went down 3.8 % , the price of housing went down 0.9 % , the price of services went up 16.5% .

VI. Foreign Trade and Tourism

Foreign trade export stopped falling and started to show a strong tendency of increasing. In 1999, with gradual withdrawal of the influence of the Asian financial crisis and the economic recovery of the surrounding countries, and raise the tax – refund on enports, the export falling tendency of our province started to make a turn from september 1999. According to the statistics by the Custom, the total export of our province reached 1,282 million yuan, keeping a balance with the last year. On account of the reduce of the import tariff, the import demands went up strongly, and the total import reached 674 million yuan, having increased 35% . The total of export and import reached 1,956 million yuan, having increased 9.8% .

Foreign economic cooperation got new progress. The contracts of undertaking foreign projects, labor cooperation and designing and consultation reached 653, and contract fund reached 126 million yuan, the realized total reached 122 million yuan, having increased 15.7% . The exported labor reached 2,062 person times, having increased 10.4% .

The availability of foreign funds glided down. The contract foreign funds amounted to 919 million dollars, having decreased 38.8% ; the actually used foreign funds reached 1,069 million dollars, having decreased 15.2% , the loans from abroad reached 350 million dollars, having increased 24.6% , the direct investment by foreigners reached 654 million dollars, having decreased 20% .

Tourism showed a tendency of quick development. In 1999, encouraged by the holiday economy, the tourism advanced fast. We received 386 thousand foreign tourists, having increased 8.6% ; the domestic tourists reached 43,000 thousand person times, having increased 2.4% ; the income from he domestic tourism reached 10,500 million yuan, having increased 20.7% .

VII. Finance and Insurance

The run of finance was quite steady, and its support to economic growth was strengthened. The resi-