

dents' saving increased slowly and the providing of loans increased largely. The deposit of all the financial organs of the province reached 253,980 million yuan, having increased 30,780 million yuan. The loan provided by the financial organs reached 240,800 million yuan, having increased 7,760 million yuan. The loans were comparatively centered on the key projects. The capital construction and housing development got strong support. The loans for capital construction increased 5,800 million yuan, the loans for real estate development increased 3,270 million yuan, the two items together made up 46% of the total loans of the whole province, the loans for capital construction were mainly centered on traffic, communication, electric power, water conservancy, the transformation of the electric network and the city fundamental facilities. The financial reform got new progress and the financial order was quite good.

The insurance industry gained steady development. The insurance fee of all the insurance organs of the whole province reached 4,534 million yuan, having increased 16.4%. The property insurance fee reached 1,302 million yuan, the life insurance fee reached 2,868 million yuan, having increased 2.7% and 22.6% respectively. The compensation payment reached 1,082 million yuan, in which the compensation payment for property reached 737 million yuan, having decreased 22.7%; the compensation payment for life accidents reached 149 million yuan, having increased 88.6%.

VIII. Science, Technology and Education

The scientific and technological procession grew further. By the end of 1999, there were 194 scientific research institutes at or above county level, among which there were 179 institutes for natural science research, and two institutes for social sciences, 13 institutes for sci - tech intelligence and literature, and 24 key labs at the province level. The number of the personnel engaged in scientific research amounted to 89 thousand, having increased 2.8%. Six scientists became academicians of the Chinese Academy of Science and Chinese Academy of Engineering respectively, the number of academicians in Hunan reached 23. There were 1,558 experts enjoying the government' allowance, the number of the provincial middle - aged and young experts reached 268, and that of the nation - level middle - aged and young experts reached 66.