

181.63 billion yuan, up by 10.8 percent over the previous year. Of this total, the retail sales of consumer goods in urban areas reached 99.71 billion yuan, up by 11.9 percent. In terms of different industries, 155.84 billion yuan from wholesale and retail sale trade, an increase of 10.6 percent; 22.46 billion yuan from catering industries, increased by 13.3 percent; 3.33 billion yuan from other industries, up by 4.7 percent. The new consumer goods represented by motor vehicles and telecommunication equipments increased in consumer goods market quickly. In 2003, of the total wholesale and retail sales above designated size, the retail sales of motor vehicles and telecommunication equipment increased 46.7 percent and 56.6 percent respectively. The new industries, such as store chains and supermarkets developed quickly. In 2003, there were 44 store chains above designated size with 5.52 billion yuan of the retail sales, up by 51.5 percent.

VII. Foreign Economic Relations and Tourism

New progress was gained in foreign trade. The total volume of export and import in 2003 amounted to 3.74 billion US dollars, up by 29.9 percent over the previous year. Of which, the export value was 2.15 billion US dollars, up by 6.1 percent; the import was 1.59 billion US dollars, up by 47.1 percent. The volume of export and import of general trade was 3.29 billion US dollars, up by 33.3 percent; the volume of export and import of processing trade was 0.334 billion US dollars, up by 24.9 percent. By the types of enterprises, the export and import of the state-owned corporations was 2.23 billion US dollars, increased by 23.3 percent; the export and import of collective owned enterprises was 241 million US dollars, up by 36.6 percent; the export and import of private enterprises reached 449 million US dollars, up by 136.9 percent; the export and import of foreign investment enterprises was 769 million US dollars, up by 16.0 percent. Of the volume of export, the export of agricultural goods was 185 million US dollars, up by 20.2 percent; the export of machinery and electronic products was 431 million US dollars, up by 17.7 percent; the export of textile and articles was 196 million US dollars, had an increase of 30.3 percent.

New breakthrough was registered in utilization of foreign capitals. During the year, the contracted foreign capitals reached 2.38 billion US dollars, up by 43.3 percent over the previous year, and that of actually utilized was 1.79 billion US dollars, up by 30.0 percent, of which, the foreign direct investment was 1.49 billion US dollars, increased by 44.4 percent. The internal capitals utilized actually 33.54 billion yuan, increased by 110.8 percent.

Rapid growth was made in foreign economic and technical cooperation. In 2003, the value involved in the new contracts signed through contracted projects, labor contracts and design and consultancy services reached 391 million US dollars, up by 25.3 percent; the accomplished business revenue was 386 million US dollars, up 30.3 percent.

Tourism maintained steadily growth. The year 2003 saw 59.7 million domestic tourists and tourists from overseas, up by 3.7 percent. The total income of tourism reached 29.4 billion yuan, up by 19.7 percent.

VIII. Banking, Security and Insurance

Savings deposits and loans of financial institutions increased by a wide margin, and its support to economic growth was strengthened. By the end of 2003, the savings deposit in Renminbi and foreign exchange in all financial institutions totaled 477.48 billion yuan, creating an increase of 74.74 billion yuan over the beginning of the year, and more than 14.12 billion yuan on comparable basis. Of this total, the savings deposits by urban and rural