

increased by 51.3 percent; the transfer income was 1,663.6 yuan, increased by 5.7 percent. In 2003, the annual per capita net income of rural households was 2,532.9 yuan, increased 135 yuan, up by 5.6 percent, if excluding the element of the price change, a real increase of 4.7 percent. Of which, the annual per capita net income from wage and stipend was 988.4 yuan, increased 74.1 yuan; the annual per capita net income from household business operation was 1,427.2 yuan, increased 50.5 yuan; the transfer and property income was 117.3 yuan, increased 10.4 yuan. The annual per capita disposable income of rural households was 2471.6 yuan, increased 108.4 yuan. The ways, channel and structure of residents' consumption have been changed greatly. In 2003, the annual per capita expenditure for consumption of urban households was 6,082.6 yuan, if excluding the element of the price change, real increase of 7.6 percent. Of which, the expenditure of urban households for transportation & telecommunication, education culture & recreation, and medical services were 680.2 yuan, 994 yuan and 391.3 yuan, increased by 14.1 percent, 12.5 percent and 13.9 percent respectively. The Engel coefficient of urban households was 35.8 percent. Averagely, every hundred urban families own 0.27 domestic automobiles and 26.7 computers. Per capita municipal residents' housing area reached 23.3 square meters, more 0.9 square meters than last year. The per capita consumption expenditures of rural households were 2,139 yuan, increased by 3.4 percent. The Engel coefficients (which refers to the proportion of expenditures on food to the total consumption expenditures of households) were 51.9 percent for rural households. Averagely, every hundred rural families numbered 49.6 color TV sets, 41.4 telephones, and 15.4 mobile telephones. The rural residents' per capita housing areas reached 35 square meters, more 1 square meter than last year.

Social security system was further consolidated. By the end of 2003, 6.34 million staff and workers in urban areas participated in the basic pension programs, increased by 2.9 percent. Of which, including 1.67 million retirees, an increase of 5.9 percent; 3.48 million people participated in unemployment insurance programs, having an increase of 6.4 percent; the basic health programs involved 4.24 million people, a growth of 4 percent. The retirees from enterprises were paid 8.14 billion yuan as basic pensions, 1.27 billion yuan were paid to lay-off workers from the state-owned enterprises for maintaining basic life during this year. The urban residents received 935 million yuan of the minimum income relief from governments.

#### **Note:**

1. All figures in the Communique are preliminary statistics.
2. Figures in value terms on Gross Domestic Product and Value-added of various sectors quoted in the Communique are at current prices, whereas growth rates are calculated at comparable prices.