

# Introductory Notes

1. The Ministry of Finance is in charge of the administration of the national finances. Its areas of work are in relation to the administration of national treasury, taxation, customs, national property and promotion of private participation in infrastructure. In this monthly , the administrative achievements in these major fields appear with statistics and prefatory notes. For trade statistics, please refers to the "Monthly Statistics of Exports and Imports".
2. The e-book version of this Monthly is also provided on the website (<http://www.mof.gov.tw/statistics/finance-monthlystatistics.htm>). For online inquiry of important financial statistics, please refer to the financial database which is in Chinese only (<http://www.mof.gov.tw/statistics/finance-database.htm> ).
3. The commencement, conclusion, and description of the fiscal year are as follows, prior to 2000, commencing on July 1 of the previous year and concluding on June 30 of the current year. The period from July 1 1999 to December 31, 2000 is described as the second half of 1999 and fiscal 2000 (i.e., FY2000). The years that follow fiscal 2001 shall commence on January 1 and conclude on December 31.
4. Since July 1999 to be in line with the revision of Budget Law the Issues of Public bonds & Loans revenues and Debt Repayment expenditures of all levels of Treasuries are included as Extra-budget item.
5. Since July 1999, the Taiwan Tobacco & Wine Monopoly Bureau and the Taiwan Mines Bureau, once affiliated to the Taiwan Provincial Government, are now under the Ministry of Finance and the Ministry of Economic Affairs respectively.
6. Since July 1999, in accordance with the revised Financial Revenue and Expenditure Allocation Law and the Central Allocation of Tax Revenue Act, the business tax under the province and municipality is change to national tax, the stamp tax is excluded from the central allocation tax, and 10% of the revenues form income tax and commodity tax shall be retrenched to the local governments, among other. Please pay attention to the changes.
7. Since December 25, 2010, in accordance with the redefinition of the status of special municipalities, Taipei county was upgraded to the status of a special municipality, to be called as New Taipei City; Taichung city and Taichung county were merged to become the special municipality of Taichung city; Tainan city and Tainan county were similarly merged to become Tainan city; and Kaohsiung city, already a special municipality, was merged with Kaohsiung county to form Kaohsiung city. As of January 1, 2013, in accordance with the reform of the Executive Yuan, the names of related authorities (units), including those under the Ministry of Finance, have been changed. Since December 25, 2014, Taoyuan county was upgraded to the status of a special municipality, to be called as Taoyuan city and increased six District office under the City.
8. In this Monthly, the "increase rate" stands for the percentage change between the month of current year and the same month of last year. The "cumulative increase rate" stands for the percentage change between the cumulative of several months of current year (or fiscal year) and the cumulative of the same period of last year (or fiscal year).
9. The details may not add up to the total due to rounding of the figures.
10. In the case that the figures in this Monthly differ from those published earlier, the revised figures shall prevail.
11. The following symbols are used:

<b>P</b> : preliminary figure	<b>0</b> : less than a half unit
<b>r</b> : revised figure	<b>—</b> : none
<b>f</b> : forecast	<b>...</b> : figure not available