

## Explanatory Notes on Main Statistical Indicators

**Total Imports and Exports at Customs** refer to the value of commodities imported into and exported from the boundary of China. They include the actual imports and exports through foreign Trades, imported and exported goods under the processing and assembling Trades and materials, supplies and gifts as aid given gratis between governments and by the United Nations and other international organizations, and contributions donated by overseas Chinese, compatriots in Hong Kong and Macao and Chinese with foreign citizenship, leasing commodities owned by tenant at the expiration of leasing period, the imported and exported commodities processed with imported materials, commodities trading in border areas(excluding mutual exchange goods), the imported and exported commodities and articles for public use of the Sino-foreign joint ventures, cooperative enterprises and ventures exclusively with foreign own investment .Also included are import or export of samples and advertising goods for whose CIF or FOB value are beyond the permitted ceiling (excluding goods of no trading or use value and free commodities for export),imported goods sold in China from bonded warehouses and other imported or exported goods.The indicator of the total imports and exports at customs can be used to observe the total size of external Trades in a country.In accordance with the stipulation of the Chinese government,imports are calculated at CIF, while exports are calculated at FOB

**Foreign Direct Investment** refers to the investments inside China by foreign enterprises and economic organizations or individuals(including overseas Chinese,compatriots from Hong Kong and Macao,and Chinese enterprises registered abroad),

following the relevant policies and laws of China, for the establishment of ventures exclusively with foreign own investment, Sino-foreign joint ventures and cooperative enterprises or for co-operative exploration of resources with enterprises or economic organizations in China. It includes the re investment of the foreign entrepreneurs with the profits gained from the investment and the funds that enterprises borrow from abroad in the total investment of projects which are approved by the relevant department of the government.

**Contracted Projects with Foreign Countries** refer to projects undertaken by Chinese contractors (project contracting companies)through bidding process.They include: (1)overseas civil engineering construction projects financed by foreign investors; (2)overseas projects financed by the Chinese government through its foreign aid programs; (3)construction projects of Chinese diplomatic missions,Trades offices and other institutions stationed abroad; (4)construction projects in China financed by foreign investment; (5)sub-contracted projects to be taken by Chinese contractors through a joint umbrella project with foreign contractor(s); (6)housing development projects.The business income from international contracted projects is the work volume of contracted projects completed during the reference period, expressed in monetary terms, including completed work on projects signed in previous years.

**Overseas Labour Services** refer to operational activities of organizing labour force to go abroad providing services to foreign enterprises or agencies.