

## EXPLANATORY NOTES

The term "ESCAP region" is used in the present issue of the *Survey* to include Afghanistan; American Samoa; Armenia; Australia; Azerbaijan; Bangladesh; Bhutan; Brunei Darussalam; Cambodia; China; Cook Islands; Democratic People's Republic of Korea; Fiji; French Polynesia; Georgia; Guam; Hong Kong, China; India; Indonesia; Iran (Islamic Republic of); Japan; Kazakhstan; Kiribati; Kyrgyzstan; Lao People's Democratic Republic; Macao, China; Malaysia; Maldives; Marshall Islands; Micronesia (Federated States of); Mongolia; Myanmar; Nauru; Nepal; New Caledonia; New Zealand; Niue; Northern Mariana Islands; Pakistan; Palau; Papua New Guinea; Philippines; Republic of Korea; Russian Federation; Samoa; Singapore; Solomon Islands; Sri Lanka; Tajikistan; Thailand; Timor-Leste; Tonga; Turkey; Turkmenistan; Tuvalu; Uzbekistan; Vanuatu; and Viet Nam. The term "developing ESCAP region" excludes Australia, Japan and New Zealand. Non-regional members of ESCAP are France, the Netherlands, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the United States of America.

The term "Central Asian countries" in this issue of the *Survey* refers to Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan.

The term "East and North-East Asia" in this issue of the *Survey* refers to China; Hong Kong, China; Mongolia; and the Republic of Korea.

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Many figures used in the *Survey* are on a fiscal year basis and are assigned to the calendar year which covers the major part or second half of the fiscal year.

Growth rates are on an annual basis, except where indicated otherwise.

Reference to "tons" indicates metric tons.

Values are in United States dollars unless specified otherwise.

The term "billion" signifies a thousand million. The term "trillion" signifies a million million.

In the tables, two dots (..) indicate that data are not available or are not separately reported, a dash (–) indicates that the amount is nil or negligible, and a blank indicates that the item is not applicable.

In dates, a hyphen (-) is used to signify the full period involved, including the beginning and end years, and a stroke (/) indicates a crop year, fiscal year or plan year. The fiscal years, currencies and 2005 exchange rates of the economies in the ESCAP region are listed in the following table:

<i>Country or area in the ESCAP region</i>	<i>Fiscal year</i>	<i>Currency and abbreviation</i>	<i>Rate of exchange for \$1 as at November 2005</i>
Afghanistan .....	21 March to 20 March	afghani (Af)	3 000.00
American Samoa .....	..	United States dollar (\$)	1.00
Armenia .....	1 January to 31 December	dram	449.35
Australia .....	1 July to 30 June	Australian dollar (\$A)	1.34
Azerbaijan .....	1 January to 31 December	Azeri manat (AZM)	4 593.00 <sup>a</sup>
Bangladesh .....	1 July to 30 June	taka (Tk)	65.85
Bhutan .....	1 July to 30 June	ngultrum (Nu)	45.94
Brunei Darussalam .....	1 January to 31 December	Brunei dollar (B\$)	1.69
Cambodia .....	1 January to 31 December	riel (CR)	4 166.00
China .....	1 January to 31 December	yuan renminbi (Y)	8.08
Cook Islands .....	1 April to 31 March	New Zealand dollar (\$NZ)	1.43
Democratic People's Republic of Korea .....	..	won (W)	141.50
Fiji .....	1 January to 31 December	Fiji dollar (F\$)	1.73
French Polynesia .....	..	French Pacific Community franc (FCFP)	94.70 <sup>b</sup>

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Georgia .....	1 January to 31 December	lari (L)	1.79
Guam .....	1 October to 30 September	United States dollar (\$)	1.00
Hong Kong, China .....	1 April to 31 March	Hong Kong dollar (HK\$)	7.75
India .....	1 April to 31 March	Indian rupee (Rs)	45.94
Indonesia .....	1 April to 31 March	Indonesian rupiah (Rp)	10 035.00
Iran (Islamic Republic of) .....	21 March to 20 March	Iranian rial (Rls)	9 077.00
Japan .....	1 April to 31 March	yen (¥)	119.63
Kazakhstan .....	1 January to 31 December	tenge (T)	134.07
Kiribati .....	1 January to 31 December	Australian dollar (\$A)	1.34
Kyrgyzstan .....	1 January to 31 December	som (som)	41.19
Lao People's Democratic Republic ....	1 October to 30 September	new kip (NK)	10 855.00 <sup>c</sup>
Macao, China .....	1 July to 30 June	pataca (P)	8.00
Malaysia .....	1 January to 31 December	ringgit (M\$)	3.77 <sup>d</sup>
Maldives .....	1 January to 31 December	rufiyaa (Rf)	12.80
Marshall Islands .....	1 October to 30 September	United States dollar (\$)	1.00
Micronesia (Federated States of) .....	1 October to 30 September	United States dollar (\$)	1.00
Mongolia .....	1 January to 31 December	tugrik (Tug)	1 221.00 <sup>d</sup>
Myanmar .....	1 April to 31 March	kyat (K)	5.96
Nauru .....	1 July to 30 June	Australian dollar (\$A)	1.33
Nepal .....	16 July to 15 July	Nepalese rupee (NRs)	74.10
New Caledonia .....	..	French Pacific Community franc (FCFP)	94.70 <sup>b</sup>
New Zealand .....	1 April to 31 March	New Zealand dollar (\$NZ)	1.43
Niue .....	1 April to 31 March	New Zealand dollar (\$NZ)	1.43
Northern Mariana Islands .....	1 October to 30 September	United States dollar (\$)	1.00
Pakistan .....	1 July to 30 June	Pakistan rupee (PRs)	59.78
Palau .....	1 October to 30 September	United States dollar (\$)	1.00
Papua New Guinea .....	1 January to 31 December	kina (K)	3.09
Philippines .....	1 January to 31 December	Philippine peso (P)	54.00
Republic of Korea .....	1 January to 31 December	won (W)	1 033.50
Russian Federation .....	1 January to 31 December	ruble (R)	28.73
Samoa .....	1 July to 30 June	tala (W\$S)	2.74
Singapore .....	1 April to 31 March	Singapore dollar (S\$)	1.69
Solomon Islands .....	1 January to 31 December	Solomon Islands dollar (SI\$)	7.58 <sup>d</sup>
Sri Lanka .....	1 January to 31 December	Sri Lanka rupee (SL Rs)	102.00
Tajikistan .....	1 January to 31 December	somoni	3.20
Thailand .....	1 October to 30 September	baht (B)	41.17
Timor-Leste .....	1 July to 30 June	United States dollar (\$)	1.00
Tonga .....	1 July to 30 June	pa'anga (T\$)	1.97 <sup>d</sup>
Turkey .....	1 January to 31 December	Turkish lira (LT)	1.35
Turkmenistan .....	1 January to 31 December	Turkmen manat (M)	5 200.00
Tuvalu .....	1 January to 31 December	Australian dollar (\$A)	1.33
Uzbekistan .....	1 January to 31 December	som (som)	1 152.00
Vanuatu .....	1 January to 31 December	vatu (VT)	109.88 <sup>d</sup>
Viet Nam .....	1 January to 31 December	dong (D)	15 878.00 <sup>c</sup>

Sources: United Nations, *Monthly Bulletin of Statistics*, available at <<http://esa.un.org/unsd/mbs/mbsearch.asp>>, accessed on 2 February 2006; and EIU, *Country Reports*, available at <<http://db.eiu.com/countries.asp>>, accessed on 2 February 2006.

<sup>a</sup> September 2005.

<sup>b</sup> Average 2005.

<sup>c</sup> August 2005.

<sup>d</sup> October 2005.