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### Kazakhstan



#### **Cattle and poultry livestock in Kazakhstan (Jan-Dec 2006)**

During January-December 2006 cattle livestock increased by 5.3% to the amount of 5,943 thousand heads, sheep and goats by 6.3% (16,073 thousand heads), pigs by 1.7% (1,535 thousand heads), poultry by 8.8% (30,361 thousand heads). At the same time eggs production decreased by 1% and constituted 2,312 million pieces.

During January-November 2006 the import of beef increased by 2.3 times (from 5,323 MT to 12,411 MT), pork by 2 times (from 1,416 MT to 2,398 MT), poultry by 1.4 times (from 98,704 MT to 135,759 MT), eggs by 2.4 times (from 3.424 mln to 8.149 mln.pcs). - *Source: meatinfo.ru; Translated by: usapeec.kz*

#### **The workshop on preventive measures against bird flu to be held in Kazakhstan**

The workshop on preventive measures against bird flu will be held in Pavlodar on February 13-17, 2007. U.S. funded Winrock International company jointly with Ministry of Agriculture organize this event. Representatives of State Veterinary Office and Emergency Ministry will take part in it. Experts of Winrock International and U.S. universities will give lectures on measures taken in U.S. and other countries of the world to prevent this disease. - *Source: minagri.kz; Translated by: usapeec.kz*

#### **Kazakhstan sees 8.6% inflation in 2006**

According to the State Statistics Agency, Kazakhstan had 8.6% inflation in 2006, compared with 7.6% in 2005. Prices for service charges grew 10.3%, foodstuffs

- 8.7% and nonfood goods -6.8% in 2006.

According to the preliminary data, in 2006 Kazakhstan's GDP amounted to \$77.9 billion, having increased by 10.6 % in comparison with 2005. In the first half of 2006 foreign investments influx into the country made up \$5.4 billion, that is twice as much as in the same period of 2005.

- *Source: Interfax News Agency, Kazinform*

#### **Kazakhstan's new government**

New government has been formed in Kazakhstan. The majority of the ministers of Akhmetov's government remained in their posts.

Karim Masimov has been appointed the Prime Minister of Kazakhstan, who earlier held the post of the Deputy Prime Minister. Aslan Musin has been appointed the Deputy Prime Minister and the Minister of Economics and Budgetary Planning. Victor Hrapunov will head the Emergency Ministry who earlier was akim (mayor) of the East Kazakhstan oblast. Marat Tazhin became the Minister for Foreign Affairs who earlier held the post of the President's envoy - the Secretary of Security Council. Ex-Prime Minister Daniyal Akhmetov has been appointed the Minister of Defense. Galym Orazbakov headed the Ministry of Industry and Commerce; Zhanseyit Tuymbabayev headed the Ministry of Education and Science. Baurzhan Mukhamedzhanov remained on the post of the Minister of Internal Affairs, Minister of Agriculture - Akhmetzhan Yesimov, Minister of Justice - Zagipa Baliyeva. Anatoly Dernovoy has remained in the post of the Minister of Health, Natalia Korzhova - the Minister of Finance, Gulzhan Karagusova - the Minister of Labor and Social Protection, Serik Akhmetov - the Minister of Transport and Communications. Nurlan Iskakov, as before, will head the Ministry for Environmental Protection, Yermukhamet Yertysbayev - the Ministry of Culture and

Information. Temirkhan Dosmukhanbetov kept the post of the Minister of Tourism and Sports. Bakhtykozha Izmukhambetov will be the Minister of Energy and Mineral Resources.

According to the Constitution of Kazakhstan, the Prime Minister is to present a report on the government program to the Parliament within a month after the appointment. - *Source: Kazakhstan Today*

## Kyrgyzstan



### **Kyrgyz GDP up 2.7% in 2006**

GDP in Kyrgyzstan increased by 2.7% in 2006 to 113.176 billion som.

Inflation in the country last year ran at 5.6%.

According to the statistics, GDP growth minus the contribution by the Kumtor gold project amounted to 5.1% to 107.76 billion som.

In 2005 Kyrgyz GDP fell 0.6% and inflation ran at 4.9%. - *Source: Interfax News Agency*

### **Foreign direct investment in Kyrgyzstan up 40% in Jan-Sept**

Foreign direct investment (excluding outflow) in the economy of Kyrgyzstan grew 40% year-on-year to \$189.5 million in January-September 2006.

The inflow of shareholders capital increased 40% to \$27.6 million in the period, while the inflow of other types of capital grew 50% to \$140.8 million. The growth in the latter indicator was the result of a 100% increase in trade loans

and a 9.4% rise in loans received from foreign co-owners in the period. Reinvested profit fell 17.5% to \$21.1 million in the nine months.

Foreign direct investment from non-CIS countries rose 21.4% to \$126.3 million in the period.

Foreign direct investment from CIS countries grew 90% to \$63.2 million in the period. Kazakhstan invested \$56.2 million in Kyrgyzstan in the nine months, accounting for 29.7% of total CIS investment, while Russia invested \$6.5 million, accounting for 3.4%. - *Source: Interfax News Agency*

## Uzbekistan



### **Uzbek Justice Ministry inspecting activity of U.S.-based NGO**

The Uzbek Justice Ministry is inspecting the activity of the U.S. non-governmental organization World Vision International.

The Ministry will verify the office's compliance with Uzbek laws and its charter.

The Uzbek office of World Vision International is registered with the Justice Ministry. Its proclaimed goal is humanitarian support to the poor.

The office has organized several deliveries of humanitarian aid in Uzbekistan.

The organization is currently involved in a youth project, which is funded under the institutional development partnership program between the European Commission and Uzbekistan. -

*Source: Interfax News Agency*