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The developing actuality of producer price indices For services of China

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China's producer price indices that had been compiled are indices of producer price for farm products and producer price for industrial products, producer price indices for services are later to start on.

Since reform and opening, services of our country are biggish development. But they are bigger difference with developed country and some developing country. According to stat., in china the proportion of the service value added within GDP is raised from 23.7% of 1978 to 31.9 of 2004. The collectivity level is still on the low side.

Our active manner about service stat. is conventionality stat. and combine with periodicity general investigation, conventionality stat. is given priority to industry and department. The conventionality stat. system about service stat. is not sanity. It's about practicality quantity without value quantity. It isn't satisfied the demand of GDP accounting.

At present, our service price stat. is not very perfect too, some field are located the moment of underway. Except consumer price of service, in more ten industries of service, the producer price investigate that we have developed is only Real estate investigate. Besides, last year we have developed experimental unit of water carriage, road transport and telecom price indices.

1. General situation of Real estate investigate

Our Real estate investigate was began since 1998. The range is 35 Large-scale and Medium-scale Cities. It's quarterly survey, and consists of three parts. They are Selling Price Indices of Houses, Renting Price Indices of Houses and Transactions Price Indices of Land. Since July of 2005, the Selling Price Indices of Houses is changed monthly survey, and adds price survey of property management. The range of Real estate survey is enlarged from 35 Large-scale and Medium-scale Cities to 70 cities.

2 General situation of experimental unit of water carriage, road transport and telecom price indices.

For consummating our system of price indices and satisfying the demand of GDP accounting, we developed experimental unit of water carriage, road transport and telecom price indices in three cities: Haerbin, Qingdao and wuhan. By making great efforts, every city figured out the general quarterly indices and the yearly indices of 2003 and every sorts of indices. Such as, Qingdao figured out the sea transport index, it comprises Ocean transport and coastal transport (passenger transport and freight transport). wuhan figured out the via river transport index, it comprises passenger transport and freight transport (passenger transport comprises 4 little kinds, freight transport comprises 12 little kinds). Haerbin figured out the telecom price index and road transport price index. The telecom price index comprises domestic telecom and international telecom

(domestic telecom comprises 5 little kinds; international telecom comprises 2 little kinds). Road transport price index comprises passenger transport and freight transport (passenger transport comprises 2 little kinds; freight transport comprises 3 little kinds).

In the future, we need do the jobs as follows:

- 1. More consummating the workout of the Real estate price index.
- 2. Summing-up the experience of experimental unit, bursting through gradually the compiling of Transport and Telecom price index. In well-rounded occasion, adding civil air, railway and via pipeline transport price index.
- 3. Investigating the survey system of catering and tourism, finance, medical treatment and health care service. We also consider to developing the investigation of storage and software consultation service.

Along with the incessant thorough of our investigation, in the future the producer price indices for services of our country will have a new leap.