PREFACE

This publication contains statistical data relating to economic areas covering money, banking, credit and investment, public finance, foreign exchange transactions; balance of payments and external debt; production, construction and public utilities; and prices. The series presented in this report may be used as indicators of the impact of policies and measures adopted by the Monetary Board and in support of the analysis of the economic and financial developments discussed in the Annual Report text. The Statistical Bulletin is published in compliance with Article V, Section 40 of the New Bank Act (R.A. 7653).

The statistical series presented in this issue are not intended to duplicate certain statistical data compiled and published by various source agencies.

Sources. Statistics are derived from government bureaus, and offices, financial institutions and private firms, through direct communication with the entities concerned, from published statistical reports and bulletins and from the different departments of the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas.

Definitions. The series are defined in general and specific terms in the section on “Notes on the Series Used”. Footnotes are used for further description or clarification and for drawing attention to specific differences between the data presented and the general terms used.

Symbols. The following symbols are used to convey the information in each case:

-	Data not available
.	Rounds off to zero
..	No transaction, no quote, no issue
…	Blanks
p	Preliminary
r	Revised
e	Estimate

Rounding off figures. Any slight discrepancy that may be noticed between the sum of the constituent items and the total as shown in some tables may be attributed to the rounding of numbers.