

NBS: Macro-economic policies should prioritize flexibility and target orientation

"If the major issue facing China in 2009 was how to maintain a certain growth rate, more attention should be focused on how to enhance the quality and efficiency of economic growth in 2010," Yao Jingyuan, the National Bureau of Statistics (NBS) chief economist said February 2.

Yao added that China achieved an 8.7 percent GDP growth in 2009. According to the forecast by the World Bank and International Monetary Fund, the U.S., Europe and Japan would all have a negative growth in 2009 and the world economy would fall by 2 percent, while China's economy has undergone a V-shaped pickup.

But Yao pointed out that although China's economy is on course for stabilization and recovery, it still faces uncertainties in foreign demand, and lots of its profound problems and contradictions have yet to be fundamentally solved.

Yao added that China should prioritize the flexibility and target orientation of the macroeconomic policies on the basis of maintaining the continuity and stability of the policies. The major issue facing China in 2009 was how to maintain a growth rate in order to ensure employment, and efforts should be prioritized on how to enhance the quality and efficiency of economic growth in 2010. "There is the risk that the economy will touch the bottom for a second time, but generally, China's economic growth rate will not fall below 8 percent in 2010. The macroeconomic policies in 2010 should therefore prioritize the quality and efficiency of economic growth," Yao said.

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