

# Weekly Economic Bulletin

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## MAJOR NEWS AND EVENTS

### [\[MOSF\] Current Employment Statistics, September 2017 \(October 18\)](#)

The economically active population marked 27,779,000 in September 2017, and the number of employed persons totaled 26,844,000. [More](#)

### [\[BOK\] Economic Outlook for 2017 and 2018 \(October 19\)](#)

Taking into account recent changes in global and domestic economic conditions, annual real GDP is projected to increase by 3.0 percent in 2017 and by 2.9 percent in 2018. [More](#)

### [\[BOK\] Monetary Policy Decision, October 2017 \(October 19\)](#)

The Monetary Policy Board of the Bank of Korea decided today to leave the Base Rate unchanged at 1.25 percent for the intermeeting period. [More](#)

### [\[BOK\] Monetary and Liquidity Aggregates, August 2017 \(October 18\)](#)

During August 2017, Narrow Money (M1, seasonally adjusted, period-average) increased by 0.7 percent compared to the previous month. Broad Money (M2, seasonally adjusted, period-average) grew by 0.7 percent. [More](#)

### [\[BOK\] Export/Import Price Indexes, September 2017 \(October 18\)](#)

The Export Price Index (won basis) increased 0.9 percent from the previous month. The Import Price Index (won basis) increased 1.7 percent from the previous month. [More](#)

### [\[BOK\] Financial Market Trends, September 2017 \(October 16\)](#)

The Treasury bond (3-yr) yield has risen substantially since the latter part of September, affected mainly by rising government bond rates in major economies, by risks related to North Korea and by foreigners' net selling of bonds. [More](#)

### [\[BOK\] Loan Officer Survey on Financial Institution Lending \(Developments in Q3 2017 and Prospects for Q4\) \(October 16\)](#)

It is forecast that domestic banks will tighten their lending attitudes toward households and SMEs during the fourth quarter of 2017, while maintaining their attitudes on lending to large corporations similar to those in the third quarter. [More](#)

## UPCOMING PRESS RELEASES

### [MOSF]

- ♦ Treasury Bond Issuance Plan, November 2017 (October 26)

### [BOK]

- ♦ Producer Price Index, September 2017 (October 23)
- ♦ Trade Indices & Terms of Trade Indices, September 2017 (October 24)
- ♦ Real Gross Domestic Product, Q3 2017 (advanced estimate) (October 26)
- ♦ Consumer Survey, October 2017 (October 27)
- ♦ Interest Rates, September 2017 (October 27)

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