

Foreign Investment Capital Focused on Real Estate, Distribution Service Industry in First Half of 2013

On July 25, Vice Director of the Foreign Investment Department of the Ministry of Commerce Cao Hongying remarked at a press conference for the 17th China International Fair for Investment and Trade that in the first half of this year, China had put to use US \$61.984 billion of foreign capital, a year-on-year increase of 4.9 percent. Foreign investment inflows have risen steadily.

There were major investments from the EU, the US and Japan. Though fewer new companies were registered, total inflows rose.

According to statistics, China's eastern regions attracted the most foreign investment, accounting for 82.56 percent of the national total. Foreign investment in the central and western regions of the country has dramatically increased, registering a rise of 32.54 percent. Meanwhile, foreign investment has focused on real estate and the distribution service industry.

The Chinese government has emphasized improving the country's investment environment, and hopes to see companies moving inland – rather than overseas – as they expand their business.

