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2016 GOVERNMENT FINANCIAL STATEMENT

CONSOLIDATED FISCAL ACCOUNT POSTS A 16.9 TRILLION WON SURPLUS IN 2016

Fiscal balance

The consolidated fiscal account posted a surplus of 16.9 trillion won, an increase of 17.1 trillion won (1.0 percent points to GDP) compared with the previous year and an increase of 14.4 trillion won (0.9 percentage points to GDP) compared with the outlook. Excluding social security funds¹, the fiscal account registered a deficit of 22.7 trillion won, a decrease of 15.3 trillion won (1.0 percentage points to GDP) compared with the previous year and a decrease of 16.3 trillion won (1.0 percentage points to GDP) compared with the outlook.

2016 Fiscal Account

(trillion won)

	2015	2016		Change	
	Settlement	Budget plan	Settlement	From 2015	From budget
	(A)	(B)	(C)	(C-A)	(C-B)
Total revenues (a)	371.8	401.0	401.8	30.0	0.8
Total expenditures (b)	372.0	398.5	384.9	12.9	-13.6
Consolidated fiscal account (c, a-b)	-0.2	2.5	16.9	17.1	14.4
% to GDP	-0.01	0.2	1.0	1.0%p	0.9%p
Social security funds (d)	37.8	41.5	39.6	1.8	-1.9
% to GDP	2.4	2.6	2.4	0.0%P	-0.1%p
Consolidated fiscal account	-38.0	-39.0	-22.7	15.3	16.3
excluding social security funds (c-d)					
% to GDP	-2.4	-2.4	-1.4	1.0%p	1.0%p

Government debt

Central government debt was 591.9 trillion won in 2016 (36.1 percent to GDP, and an increase of 35.4 trillion won compared with 2015 and 11.3 trillion won less compared with the outlook). Total government debt including local governments was 627.1 trillion won (*preliminary*, 38.3 percent to GDP).

¹ National Pension Fund, Private School Teachers' Pension Fund, Industrial Accident Compensation Insurance Fund, Unemployment Benefit Insurance Fund

2016 Government Debt

(trillion won)

	2015	2016		Change		
	Debt (A)	Outlook (B)	Debt (C)	From previous	From outlook	
				year (C-A)	(C-B)	
Central government (a)	556.5	603.2	591.9	35.4	-11.3	
% to GDP	35.6	37.2	36.1	0.5%p	-1.1%p	
Government bonds	551.5	598.8	587.5	36.0	-11.3	
- Treasury bonds	485.1	528.4	516.9	31.8	-11.5	
- FX stabilization bonds	7.1	7.1	6.7	-0.5	-0.5	
- Housing bonds	59.3	63.3	64.0	4.7	0.6	
Borrowings	3.3	3.9	3.9	0.6	-0.0	
Debt to fund project earmarks	1.7	0.5	0.5	-1.3	0.0	
Local government ¹ (b)	34.9	34.4	35.2	0.3	0.7	
Total ¹ (a+b)	591.5	637.7	627.1	35.7	-10.6	
% to GDP	37.8	39.3	38.3	0.5%p	-1.0%p	

^{1.} Preliminary

Accrual Basis Accounting²

Total national assets based on accrual basis accounting amounted to 1,962.1 trillion won, while liabilities amounted to 1,433.1 trillion won. Net assets were 529.0 trillion won, down 34.0 trillion won from 2015.

Total assets increased 105.9 trillion won compared with 2015. Total liabilities increased 139.9 trillion won due to growth in government bond issuance and pension fund liabilities.

2015 Assets and Liabilities according to Accrual Basis Accounting

(trillion won)

		2015	2016	Change
Assets (C)	Liquid assets (A)	795.2	878.6	83.4
	Real estate (B)	1,061.0	1083.5	22.5
	Total (C, A+B)	1,856.2	1962.1	105.9
Liabilities (F)	Government bonds (D)	633.3	680.5	47.2
	Pension fund liabilities (E)	659.9	752.6	92.7
	- Civil servant pension fund liabilities	531.8	600.5	68.7
	- Military pension fund liabilities	128.9	152.1	24.0
	Total (F, D+E)	1,293.2	1,433.1	139.9
Net assets (G, C-F)		563.0	529.0	-34.0

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² Revenues and expenses are recognized at the time in which the transaction occurs rather than when payment is made. The system was introduced in the government accounting in 2011