

Japan's industrial output grows 2.5 pct in December

TOKYO, Jan. 31 (Xinhua) -- Japan's industrial production rose a seasonally adjusted 2.5 percent in December 2012 from the previous month for the first rise in two months, according to the data released by the government Thursday.

The index of output at factories and mines stood at 88.9 against the base of 100 for 2005, the Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry said in a preliminary report.

The index of industrial shipments rose 4.4 percent to 90.6 while that of inventories was down 1.1 percent to 105.2.