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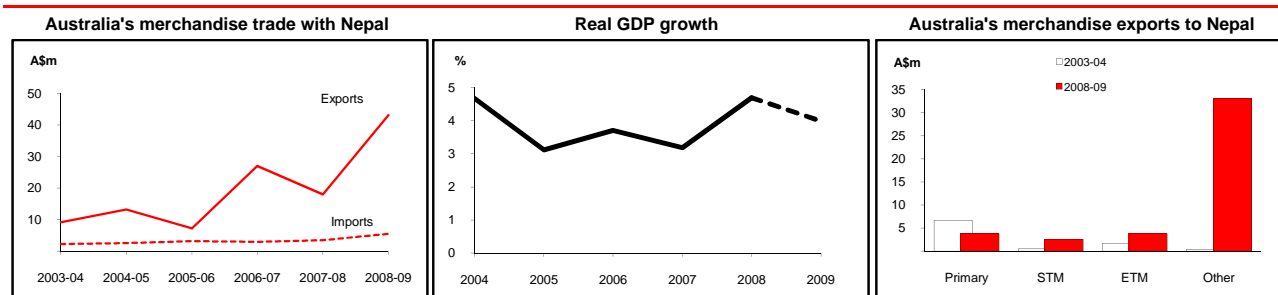
Fact Sheet

General information:

Fact sheets are updated biannually; June and December

Capital:	Kathmandu	Head of State:	President HE The Rt Hon Dr Ram Baran Yadav
Surface area:	147 thousand sq km	Head of Government:	Prime Minister The Hon Mr Madhav Kumar Nepal
Official language:	Nepalese		
Population:	27.9 million (2009)		
Exchange rate:	A\$1 = 64.4545 Rupees (Aug 2009)		

Recent economic indicators:	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008(a)	2009(b)
GDP (US\$bn) (current prices) (c):	7.3	8.2	9.0	10.3	12.3	13.1
GDP PPP (US\$bn) (d):	24.1	26.0	27.9	29.6	31.6	33.4
GDP per capita (US\$):	274	304	333	377	444	471
GDP per capita PPP (US\$) (d):	905	969	1,028	1,081	1,144	1,197
Real GDP growth (% change yoy) (c):	4.7	3.1	3.7	3.2	4.7	4.0
Current account balance (US\$m):	200	161	197	49	385	552
Current account balance (% GDP):	2.7	2.0	2.2	0.5	3.1	4.2
Goods & services exports (% GDP):	17.0	15.7	13.7	13.9	13.9	na
Inflation (% change yoy):	4.0	4.5	8.0	6.4	7.7	13.2



Australia's trade and investment relationship with Nepal (e):

Australian merchandise trade with Nepal, 2008-09:		Total share:	Rank:	Growth (yoy):
Exports to Nepal (A\$m):	43	0.0%	77th	139.9%
Imports from Nepal (A\$m):	6	0.0%	110th	55.8%
Total trade (exports + imports) (A\$m):	49	0.0%	90th	126.0%

Major Australian exports, 2008-09 (A\$m):		Major Australian imports, 2008-09 (A\$m):	
Gold	31	Floor coverings	2
Silver & platinum	3	Clothing	1
Vegetables	2	Vegetables	1
Internal combustion piston engines	2		

Australia's trade in services with Nepal, 2008-09:		Total share:
Exports of services to Nepal (A\$m):	na	na
Imports of services from Nepal (A\$m):	na	na

Australia's investment relationship with Nepal, 2008 (f):	Total:	FDI:
Australia's investment in Nepal (A\$m):	np	np
Nepal's investment in Australia (A\$m):	np	na

Nepal's global merchandise trade relationships.

Nepal's principal export destinations, 2008:			Nepal's principal import sources, 2008:		
1	India	67.7%	1	India	59.4%
2	United States	7.1%	2	China	13.1%
3	Bangladesh	6.0%	3	Singapore	1.7%
17	Australia	0.3%	9	Australia	0.7%

Compiled by the Market Information and Research Section, DFAT, using the latest data from the ABS, the IMF and various international sources.

(a) All recent data subject to revision; (b) IMF forecast; (c) Year ending July 15; (d) PPP is purchasing power parity; (e) Total may not add due to rounding;

(f) Stock, as at 31 December. Released annually by the ABS. na Data not available. np Data not published