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**PAKISTAN RECEIVES \$811.85 MILLION AS WORKERS REMITTANCES
DURING THE FIRST TWO MONTHS OF CURRENT FISCAL YEAR.**

Pakistan received an amount of \$811.85 million as workers' remittances during the first two months (July - August, 2006) of the current fiscal year as against \$661.55 million in the corresponding period of the last fiscal year registering an increase of \$150.30 million or 22.72 per cent. The amount of \$811.85 million includes \$0.80 million received through encashment and profit earned on Foreign Exchange Bearer Certificates (FEBCs) and Foreign Currency Bearer Certificates (FCBCs).

During last month (August 2006), Pakistani workers remitted \$434.84 million as against \$348.41 million in August, 2005 depicting an increase of \$86.43 million or 24.81 per cent.

The inflow of remittances during the first two months (July – August, 2006) from USA, Saudi Arabia, UAE, GCC countries (including Bahrain, Kuwait, Qatar and Oman), UK, EU countries amounted to \$203.59 million, \$165.34 million, \$124.97 million, \$115.42 million, \$69.38 million and \$24.60 million respectively as compared to \$188.93 million, \$119.56 million, \$93.02 million, \$85.49 million, \$72.39 million and \$17.15 million. Remittances received from Canada, Australia, Norway, Switzerland, Japan and other countries during the first two months amounted to \$107.75 million as compared to \$80.01 million in the corresponding period of the last fiscal year.

The monthly average remittances for the period July-August, 2006 comes out to \$405.93 million as compared to \$330.78 million during the same period of the last fiscal year.

The inflow of remittances into Pakistan from almost all countries of the world increased last month as compared to August, 2005. According to the break up, Pakistan received workers' remittances during August, 2006 from USA (\$112.86 million), Saudi Arabia (\$84.42 million), UAE (\$65.35 million), GCC countries - including Bahrain, Kuwait, Qatar and Oman (\$57.94 million), UK (\$37.68 million) and EU countries (\$14.07 million) as compared to the corresponding receipts from the respective countries during August, 2005 i.e. \$97.63 million, \$62.93 million, \$49.71 million, \$44.93 million, \$38.67 million and \$9.89 million. Remittances received from Canada, Switzerland, Australia, Norway, Japan and other countries during August, 2006 amounted to \$62.40 million as compared to \$42.78 million during August, 2005.
