

HIGHLIGHTS OF GOVERNMENTAL AND ECONOMIC EFFECTS OF INVINCIBILITY COURSE—HOLLAND 12 April – 12 July 2006

From the first week that the Super Radiance number of over 400 Yogic Flyers for the population of 16 million inhabitants of The Netherlands was reached, dramatic and fundamental improvements on all levels of life have been extensively reported by the Dutch press.

Raja Willem of The Netherlands had predicted in a press release on 14 April that such changes were going to take place. And indeed, the government adopted a truly parental role for the nation as a whole: The economy, beyond all predictions, took an unprecedented leap forward, displaying an economic boom; business and industry thrived with growth and innovation; and in the field of education and culture, the restoration of deeper values of life was observed.

This summary focuses on the most significant changes in government and economy, selected from the daily press reports on positive changes filed by Maharishi European Research University.

GOVERNMENT

Wise Investments

Due to a thriving economy the government received an unexpected increase of income. The Cabinet decided to use this money as much as possible for the good of the people. At least €1 billion extra was allotted these months to projects that directly supported the Dutch population. In addition, other wise investments in life-supporting developments have been reported:

- Lower personal and corporate taxes, as well as lower social premiums;
- €100 million to reduce the percentage of early school leavers;
- Increasing the compulsory education age from 16 to 18 years;
- €125 million extra for youth health care;
- €1 million for a study to stimulate biological food consumption. Its market share is now 2%; the government wants to raise it to 5% by 2007.
- An additional €25 million for neighborhoods with social problems;
- €900 million—double the budget—for environmental measures to improve the quality of air;
- €140 million to create jobs for school drop-outs through apprenticeships and subsidies for employers hiring these students;
- €4 million annual subsidy for multicultural exchange programs to

enhance mutual understanding of ethnic groups;

- Parliament decided to stimulate innovation through a more attractive fiscal policy for patents and royalties.

Long-Term Stalemates Resolved

Some issues have remained unresolved for decades, handed from one administration to the next. During this time four such problems were resolved:

- Expansion of Schiphol Airport traffic, with maintenance of environmental quality and quality of life of the citizens living nearby;
- Expansion of the industry area near Rotterdam, Maasvlakte 2;
- A highway extension between The Hague and Rotterdam (a 30-year continuing issue);
- Privatization of Schiphol Airport, pending final shareholders approval.

Less Bureaucracy

The Netherlands is an overregulated country where bureaucracy becomes an increasingly heavy burden to its citizens, industry, and the economy. Government took serious steps to reduce the number of regulations and its associated costs:

- The Cabinet aims to decrease the annual administrative costs for industry by 25%, from €16 billion to €12 billion. The Cabinet claims to have already saved €1.9 billion; the elimination or simplifying of another 70 measures would save the other €2.1 billion.

- The 2.7 million required licenses and permits for private citizens and industry annually has decreased to 1.2 million;
- Local governments have abolished 40 kinds of permits.

More Social Orientation

A warm-hearted, compassionate attitude has been expressed by the government over the last few weeks in the extra care given to the weaker groups in society:

- The Ministry of Social Affairs started a campaign to emphasize the abilities rather than the disabilities of partly-handicapped citizens. Minister de Geus even proposed a name change to ‘partly-abled’;
- €2 million subsidy to help people with low income with energy savings;
- Eight Ministers each ‘adopted’ a problem neighborhood, with the goal of removing bureaucratic obstacles;
- Measures were proposed to further reduce the annual energy savings from 1.5% to 2%;
- The Finance Minister lowered the maximum allowed interest from mail order companies from 21% to 16%.

Administrative Developments

Positive structural changes in the government have taken place over the last few weeks:

- The Prime Minister has been given a stronger position in the Cabinet, from ‘first among equals’ to a real government leader who can place items on the agenda. This freedom was needed

to deal more effectively with European affairs;

- A proposal came from the Parliament to change the Dutch Constitution in such a way that the Cabinet must obtain explicit prior consent from the Parliament before troops can be sent abroad;
- Prime Minister Balkenende has expressed satisfaction at all that has been accomplished over the last few months. His European colleagues have been approaching him, ask-

ing what is happening in Holland: 'Within a few months you are ahead of all of us again.'

- Quite unexpectedly the majority government had to resign, had to drop a small, unstable party from their coalition, and came back within a week as a minority government, which very diligently is acting according to the wishes of the Parliament (which expresses the collective consciousness of the nation).

ECONOMY

Predicted beforehand by Raja Willem of The Netherlands, Holland became one of the economic rising stars of the European Union. Projections had to be revised upward again and again:

- Economic growth for 2006 was projected to be a low 2%; during the Invincibility Course it was revised upward to 2.5%–2.7%. And now it has been revised again to 3%, according to the Central Planning Bureau (CPB), which calculates all projections for the government. CPB considers it remarkable that the eight national and international agencies that file economic projections for Holland now quite uncommonly all seem to strongly agree about the growth rate.
- Consumer Confidence raised significantly month after month, as measured by the Central Bureau of Statistics (CBS) Index, from -8 in March to

-6 April, to -2 in May, and +4 in June, showing that the majority of those interviewed have an increasingly positive outlook;

- Consumer's Estimate of the economic climate started out with a +2 for March, then +5, +10, and even +21 for April, May, and June respectively;
- Readiness to buy durable goods went from -15 in March to -13, -11, and -7 in June;
- Consumption in April increased 3.8% as compared to April 2005. This was the highest increase in the EU, and far above the projection of 1.5% for the whole year.
- CBS publishes monthly the Economic Climate Clock comprising the following 15 economic indicators: Producer Confidence, Order Intake, Consumer Confidence, Durable Good Purchases, Interest, Consumption, Ex-

port, Investment, Production, Gross Domestic Product, Volume Working Hours, Unemployment, Vacancies, Job Agency Hours, and Bankruptcies. All these indicators are rated by their growth and long-term trend. At the end of May the Economic Climate Clock was positive, with the majority of indicators in the phase of 'economic boom', i.e., increasing growth and above the trend; 13 of the 15 measures were in the 'increasing trend' phase, an economic growth state that is hard to improve upon.

- By the end of June, CBS reported the Economic Climate to be even healthier than May. The collection of indicators was now fully in the 'economic

boom' phase, with all 15 indicators showing growth.

- April 2006 for the first time saw a projected budget surplus for the government of €3.9 billion, or +0.4%. Only two years before, Holland was one of the weaker countries in EU, and was warned that it was approaching a deficit of -3%, the lowest level allowed for an EU country.
- There is also a trade surplus reaching substantially higher values than before: Export in April was €24.8 billion, an 8% rise, as compared to April 2005; import was €22.0 billion, which was 9% higher. The April trade surplus was €2.8 billion.

All these findings together can only be explained by the rapid development of coherence in the collective consciousness of The Netherlands. Extensive scientific research on the Maharishi Effect has shown that these results naturally occur once the Super Radiance number of a country has been reached. In this ongoing project to create an Invincible Netherlands, the positive societal changes are accelerating and expanding to all levels of Dutch society. All nations are invited to create their own groups of Yogic Flyers on a permanent basis, so that life on earth can be transformed to happiness, purity, and real freedom, with the whole family of nations enjoying sovereignty, invincibility, and peace.

Jai Guru Dev

All Glory to Guru Dev