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PREFACE

Most real phenomena and process are much more complicated than can be conveyed by a description compiled from statistical data or indicators.

In Hungary, the official statistical service has been running since 1867.

The volume produced for the turn of the millennium differs somewhat from customary statistical compilations. In attempting to present as much as possible about the country and about the life of the people that have lived here over the centuries, the field of subjects has necessarily been widened. The result is still not, of course, a complete picture. There are no unbroken series of data available for the relevant social and economic events over such a long period. And it was not only the significance of each subject that determined the quantity and quality of information included on it: the scope of the data at our disposal was also a major factor.

In addition to statistics on Hungarian society and economic development – from the very oldest to the very latest – the book also gives a brief historical chronology and a look into the past and present of the country's smaller regional units – the capital city and 19 counties, and some smaller parts of these.

The original, Hungarian-language version of the book, published for Christmas 2001, was greeted with a such a level of interest that the decision was made to bring out an English-language version. The information it contains will thus be accessible to a much wider set of readers who will, we trust, find it just as useful.

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DEDICATION

The start of a new millennium is a fitting time for the statistical service to re-view the statistics and related activities of past decades and even past centuries. Facts and figures were taken note of long before official statistics came into existence. Researchers of various branches of science, in particular historians explored them, on this basis they established or hypothesized further facts. It was thus natural to draw on the findings of disciplines other than just statistical science in our review of the centuries.

No account of social, economic, scientific and intellectual life for such a long period could be completely comprehensive, even in case a volume going beyond the present one. This volume attempts to present the most general, the most important and the most characteristic data; no doubt some readers would have considered more or other things worthy of mention.

The contents of the book are naturally dominated by statistical data, obtained from contemporary publications or later revisions to meet the requirements of the time. Intercomparison among figures collected and processed in different eras calls for a degree of caution but, with some conditions and reservations, can generally give a good indication.

The editors

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- = Non occurrence.
- .. = Not available.
- 0 = Less than half of unit.