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<News Highlights>

* The Statistics Bureau of Japan (SBJ) published the 66th Japan Statistical Yearbook 2017

The Japan Statistical Yearbook is the comprehensive and systematic summary of basic statistical information of Japan covering wide-ranging fields such as Land, Population, Economy, Society, Culture, and so on.

The yearbook covers all fields of statistics published by the government and private organisations. This volume contains 30 fields and 537 tables, including explanations of data sources and survey method of each statistic.

At the beginning of each chapter, a general description is presented on contents of the chapter, objects and methods of surveys, definition of terms and source of data.

For this edition, all statistical tables were reexamined to provide statistics that appropriately meet the changes in socio-economic conditions.

There are English translations in the statistical tables of the Yearbook, so it is useful to introduce information on Japan.

<http://www.stat.go.jp/english/data/nenkan/index.htm>

* Lecture by Prof. Paul Cheung, Professor of Social Policy and Analytics at the National University of Singapore

On December 14, Prof. Paul Cheung, Professor of Social Policy and Analytics at the National University of Singapore (Former the Director of

the United Nations Statistics Division) visited the Statistics Bureau of Japan. After exchanging greetings with the senior officials for statistics of the Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications (MIC), he gave a lecture titled "The Future of Official Statistics in the era of Big Data and Sustainable Development", and questions and answers were accomplished.
http://www.stat.go.jp/english/info/meetings/receiving/p_cheung1612.htm

*Visitors

- Mr. Ashish Kumar New Director of United Nations Statistical Institute for Asia and the Pacific (UNSIAP) visited Statistics Bureau of Japan (January 11, 2017)

<http://www.stat.go.jp/english/info/meetings/receiving/siap1701.htm>

<Recent Releases>

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*Results of the Survey of Research and Development (2016)

- R&D Expenditure

Japan's total expenditure on R&D during fiscal year (FY) 2015 stood at 18.94 trillion yen, a 0.2 percent decrease from the previous fiscal year. It dropped for the first time in three years.

Expenditure on R&D as a percentage of GDP was 3.56 percent, a 0.10 percentage point decrease from the previous fiscal year.

- R&D Personnel

As of 31 March 2016, the total number of researchers is 847,100, a 2.3 percent decrease from the previous year. The number of researchers dropped for the first time in three years.

The number of female researchers (Head Count) is 138,400 and accounts for 15.3 percent of the total researchers. This figure is the highest ever.

- Technology Balance of Payments

With regard to technology balance of payments by business

enterprises, receipts from technology exports stood at 3.95 trillion yen, an increase of 7.9 percent from the previous fiscal year. It achieved its highest figure, having increased for four consecutive years.

<http://www.stat.go.jp/english/data/kagaku/1543.htm>

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* "Population Estimates" (December 2016)

- As of December 1, 2016 (Provisional estimates)

<Total Population>

- The total population was 126.92 million, a decrease of 0.16 million (0.13 percent) from the previous year.

- As of July 1, 2016 (Final estimates (Based on the Preliminary Count of the 2015 Population Census))

<Total Population>

- The total population was 126,995 thousand, a decrease of 162 thousand (0.13 percent) from the previous year.

- The population aged 0 to 14 was 15,848 thousand (12.5 percent of the total population).

- The population aged 15 to 64 was 76,711 thousand (60.4 percent of the total population).

- The population aged 65 and over was 34,436 thousand, (27.1 percent of the total population).

<Japanese population>

- Japanese population was 125,117 thousand.

<http://www.stat.go.jp/english/data/jinsui/tsuki/index.htm>

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* "Monthly Report on Internal Migration in Japan" (November 2016)

- The number of internal migrants (All nationalities) was 339,023, an increase of 1,702 (0.5%) from the previous year.

- The number of inter-prefectural migrants (All nationalities) was 136,275, a decrease of 1,904 (1.4%) from the previous year.
- The number of intra-prefectural migrants (All nationalities) was 202,748, an increase of 3,606 (1.8%) from the previous year.
- The number of internal migrants (Japanese) was 310,720, a decrease of 1,306 (0.4%) from the previous year.
- The number of inter-prefectural migrants (Japanese) was 122,488, a decrease of 3,730 (3.0%) from the previous year.
- The number of intra-prefectural migrants (Japanese) was 188,232, an increase of 2,424 (1.3%) from the previous year.

<http://www.stat.go.jp/english/data/idou/3.htm>

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* Family Income and Expenditure Survey (Two-or-more-person Households: November 2016)

- Expenditures for Two-or-more-person Households

The average of monthly consumption expenditures per household for November 2016 was 270,848 yen, down 0.9% in nominal terms and down 1.5% in real terms from the previous year.

- Income and Expenditures for Workers' Households

The average of monthly income per household stood at 432,415 yen, up 1.6% in nominal terms and up 1.0% in real terms from the previous year.

The average of consumption expenditures per household was 294,019 yen, down 0.3% in nominal terms and down 0.9% in real terms from the previous year.

<http://www.stat.go.jp/english/data/kakei/156.htm>

*Consumer Price Index (2015-base) (November 2016, Japan / December 2016, Ku-area of Tokyo (preliminary))

- The consumer price index for Japan in November 2016 was 100.4 (2015=100), the same level as the previous month, and up 0.5% over the year.
- The consumer price index for Ku-area of Tokyo in December 2016 (preliminary) was 99.8 (2015=100), down 0.4% from the previous month, and the same level as the previous year.

<http://www.stat.go.jp/english/data/cpi/1581.htm>

*Consumer Price Index (2015-base) (2016 Yearly Average, Ku-area of Tokyo (preliminary))

- The consumer price index for Ku-area of Tokyo in 2016 (preliminary) was 99.8 (2015=100), down 0.2% over the year.

<http://www.stat.go.jp/english/data/cpi/158b.htm>

*"Labour Force Survey (Basic Tabulation)" (November 2016)

- The number of employed persons in November 2016 was 64.52 million, an increase of 730 thousand or 1.1% from the previous year.
- The number of unemployed persons in November 2016 was 1.97 million, a decrease of 120 thousand or 5.7% from the previous year.
- The unemployment rate, seasonally adjusted, was 3.1%.

<http://www.stat.go.jp/english/data/roudou/results/month/index.htm>

* "Retail Price Survey" (November 2016, Main Cities (December 2016, Ku-area of Tokyo))

<http://www.stat.go.jp/english/data/kouri/doukou/15i2.htm>

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*"Monthly Survey on Service Industries" (October 2016 (preliminary))

- Monthly sales: 28.6 trillion yen, up 0.1 % over the year.
- Demand Situation DI: -3.0 over the year.
- Number of persons working at the Location of Establishment: 28.75 million persons, up 0.5 % over the year.

<http://www.stat.go.jp/english/data/mssi/kekka.htm>

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* "Survey of Household Economy" (Items Related to Expenditure) (November 2016)

- Summary Results of the November 2016 (final) Survey of Household Economy (Items Related to Expenditure) (Two-or-more-person households)
- Change over the year of Monthly Expenditure per household on Main Items
<Main Items increased in real terms>
 - TV: up 13.5% in nominal terms and 33.8% in real terms
 - Vacuum cleaners: up 12.8% in nominal terms and 33.5% in real terms
 - Mobile telephone (cell phone, PHS) charges: up 6.6% in nominal terms and 9.0% in real terms

- <Main Items decreased in real terms>
 - Package tour costs (overseas): down 23.0% in nominal terms and 25.5% in real terms
 - Accommodation services: down 11.6% in nominal terms and 12.6% in real terms
 - House-related equipping/ construction/ repair costs: down 11.5% in nominal terms and 12.2% in real terms

<http://www.stat.go.jp/english/data/joukyou/12.htm>

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