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<News Highlights>

**\* The 27th Japanese Statistical Mission to Korea**

The 27th Japanese Statistical Mission to Korea headed by Mr. Tamotsu MIZUKAMI, Vice President, National Statistics Center (NSTAC), visited Korea from 13 to 18 February 2017.

They had discussions with the staff of Statistics Korea (KOSTAT) concerning the Population Census, data processing and tabulation (Time Use Survey of Japan), Changing in Work Style.

In addition, the mission visited Busan Metropolitan City, and exchanged information about statistical activities at the local level with the staff of Dongnam Regional Statistics Office.

Japan and Korea have been exchanging statistical missions with each other almost every year since 1982. The missions aim to develop official statistics for both countries, and have served as opportunities for interoffice discussions on their experiences and challenges with regard to a wide range of statistical issues, such as: organization, surveys, data processing & provision, and circumstances of local statistical organizations.

The members of the 27th mission were:

Mr. Tamotsu MIZUKAMI, Vice President, NSTAC

Mr. Takayuki DATE, Senior Research Officer, Population Census Division, Statistical Survey Department, Statistical Bureau of Japan (SBJ), Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications (MIC)

Ms. Yumiko TAKATSUKI, Deputy Director, Statistical Information Planning Office Statistical, Information Systems Division, SBJ, MIC

Mr. Kazuhiko SAKAI, Director, Population Census Data Processing Division, Statistical Data Processing Department, NSTAC

Website: <http://www.stat.go.jp/english/info/meetings/bilateral/korea201702.htm>

### **\* Training Course for Beginners on Statistics Being Opened on YouTube**

The Statistical Research and Training Institute has recently started providing an on-line training course titled “Statistics for Beginners—Online Course for Government Officials—” to the world on YouTube.

To contribute to the dissemination and improvement of statistical literacy on a worldwide scale, the Institute has produced English versions of lecture slides and subtitles from a course which had originally been developed in Japanese and released for domestic use in 2016.

The course provides basic statistical knowledge focusing on how to read and use data as well as going back to how to collect them. All lecturers are selected from those currently directly working on the production, coordination, or provision of official statistics or related education.

Each chapter is composed of approximately five lecture videos. By following the five chapters, you will gain basic knowledge on statistics. Each lecture is short—about ten-minutes long—so it is easy to take the course.

Website: <http://www.stat.go.jp/training/english/e-index.htm>

<Recent Releases>

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\*Family Income and Expenditure Survey (2016 Yearly Average)

- Expenditures for Two-or-more-person Households

The yearly average of monthly consumption expenditures per household for 2016 was 282,188 yen, down 1.8% in nominal terms and down 1.7% in real terms from the previous year.

- Income and Expenditures for Workers' Households

The yearly average of monthly income per household stood at 526,973 yen, up 0.2% in nominal terms and up 0.3% in real terms from the previous year.

The yearly average of monthly consumption expenditures per household was 309,591 yen, down 1.8% in nominal terms and down 1.7% in real terms from the previous year.

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

\* Family Income and Expenditure Survey (Total Households) (2016 Yearly Average)

<http://www.stat.go.jp/english/data/sousetai/es16.htm>

\* Family Income and Expenditure Survey (Total Households) (The fourth quarter of 2016)

<http://www.stat.go.jp/english/data/sousetai/2.htm>

\* Family Income and Expenditure Survey (One-person Households) (2016 Yearly Average)

<http://www.stat.go.jp/english/data/tanshin/et16.htm>

\* Family Income and Expenditure Survey (One-person Households) (The fourth quarter of 2016)

<http://www.stat.go.jp/english/data/tanshin/2.htm>

\*"Labour Force Survey (Detailed Tabulation)" (Quarterly Average Results  
-Oct.-Dec.2016-)

- The number of the regular employee was 33.71 million, an increase of 640 thousand from the previous year.

- The number of the non-regular employee was 20.42 million, an increase of

270 thousand from the previous year.

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

\*"Labour Force Survey (Detailed Tabulation)" 2016 Yearly Average Results

- The number of the regular employee was 33.55 million, an increase of 510 thousand from the previous year.
- The number of the non-regular employee was 20.16 million, an increase of 360 thousand from the previous year.

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

\* "Survey of Household Economy" (Items Related to Expenditure) (December 2016, October 2016-December 2016 and 2016 Yearly Average), (Items Related to Information and Communication Technology (ICT))(October 2016-December 2016 and 2016 Yearly Average)

- Summary Results of the December 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>
  - Package tour costs (overseas): up 32.4% in nominal terms and 27.7% in real terms
  - Mobile telephones unit prices (cell phone, PHS): up 15.1% in nominal terms and 26.8% in real terms
  - Mobile telephone (cell phone, PHS) charges: up 7.9% in nominal terms and 10.3% in real terms

<Main Items decreased in real terms>

- Water supply and drainage construction costs: down 20.8% in nominal terms and 22.4% in real terms
- House-related equipping/ construction/ repair costs: down 18.6% in nominal terms and 19.2% in real terms
- Personal computers (excluding peripherals and softwares): down 10.3% in nominal terms and 4.3% in real terms

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

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\* "Population Estimates" (February 2017)

-As of February 1, 2017 (Provisional estimates)

<Total Population>

- The total population was 126.83 million, a decrease of 0.18 million (0.14 percent) from the previous year.

-As of September 1, 2016 (Final estimates)

<Total Population>

- The total population was 126,903 thousand, a decrease of 162 thousand (0.13 percent) from the previous year.

- The population aged 0 to 14 was 15,797 thousand (12.4 percent of the total population).

- The population aged 15 to 64 was 76,562 thousand (60.3 percent of the total population).

- The population aged 65 and over was 34,544 thousand, (27.2 percent of the total population).

<Japanese population>

- Japanese population was 125,045 thousand, a decrease of 291 thousand (0.23 percent) from the previous year.

<http://www.stat.go.jp/english/data/jinsui/2.htm>

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\* Unincorporated Enterprise Survey (Trend survey) (October to December 2016)

- The sales per establishment for October-December 2016 increased by 7.5% in "Manufacturing", decreased by 6.0% in "Wholesale and retail trade", 8.3% in "Accommodations and food services" and 6.6% in "Services", respectively over the previous year (corresponding period).

- The net operating profit per establishment for October-December 2016 increased by 6.8% in "Manufacturing" and decreased by 16.3% in "Wholesale and retail trade", 17.7% in "Accommodations and food services", 9.3% in "Services" respectively over the previous year

(corresponding period).

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

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\* "Monthly Report on Internal Migration in Japan" (January 2017)

- The number of internal migrants (All nationalities) was 321,162, an increase of 5,060 (1.6%) from the previous year.
- The number of inter-prefectural migrants (All nationalities) was 141,475, an increase of 1,978 (1.4%) from the previous year.
- The number of intra-prefectural migrants (All nationalities) was 179,687, an increase of 3,082 (1.7%) from the previous year.
- The number of internal migrants (Japanese) was 294,816, an increase of 2,463 (0.8%) from the previous year.
- The number of inter-prefectural migrants (Japanese) was 128,274, an increase of 198 (0.2%) from the previous year.
- The number of intra-prefectural migrants (Japanese) was 166,542, an increase of 2,265 (1.4%) from the previous year.

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

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\* "Monthly Survey on Service Industries" (December 2016

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- Monthly sales: 31.1 trillion yen, up 1.3% over the year.
- Demand Situation DI: -0.8 over the year.
- Number of persons working at the Location of Establishment: 28.83 million persons, up 0.4% over the year.

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

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\*"Labour Force Survey (Basic Tabulation)" (January 2017)

- The number of employed persons in January 2017 was 64.70 million, an

increase of 460 thousand or 0.7% from the previous year.

- The number of unemployed persons in January 2017 was 1.97 million, a decrease of 140 thousand or 6.6% from the previous year.
- The unemployment rate, seasonally adjusted, was 3.0%.

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

\* Consumer Price Index (2015-base) (January 2017, Japan / February 2017, Ku-area of Tokyo (preliminary))

- The consumer price index for Japan in January 2017 was 100.0 (2015=100), up 0.4% over the year before seasonal adjustment, and up 0.1% from the previous month on a seasonally adjusted basis.

- The consumer price index for Ku-area of Tokyo in February 2017 (preliminary) was 99.4 (2015=100), down 0.3% over the year before seasonal adjustment, and down 0.1% from the previous month on a seasonally adjusted basis.

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

\* Family Income and Expenditure Survey (Two-or-more-person Households: January 2017)

- Expenditures for Two-or-more-person Households

The average of monthly consumption expenditures per household for January 2017 was 279,249 yen, down 0.6% in nominal terms and down 1.2% in real terms from the previous year.

- Income and Expenditures for Workers' Households

The average of monthly income per household stood at 441,064 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 307,150 yen, down 1.7% in nominal terms and down 2.3% in real terms from the previous year.

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

\*"Retail Price Survey" (January 2017, Main Cities (February 2017, Ku-area of Tokyo))

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

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