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<News Highlights>

*** The Statistical Institute for Asia and the Pacific (SIAP) and the Statistics Bureau of Japan (SBJ) hosted the Seminar on Utilization of ICT for Official Statistics**

The Seminar on Utilization of ICT for Official Statistics was held on December 13, 2019 in Chiba, and was organized by the SIAP and the SBJ. The seminar gathered about 60 participants from 25 countries/ regions and 6 international organizations, in conjunction with the Fourteenth Management Seminar for the Heads of National Statistical Offices in Asia and the Pacific which was held on December 11 and 12, 2019.

The Parliamentary Vice-Minister for Internal Affairs and Communications, Mr. SHINDO Kanehiko made the opening remarks, followed by the keynote speech and five presentations.

The seminar provided an important opportunity for sharing experiences to utilize ICT for official statistics in Asia and Pacific countries. For the details of the seminar, please visit the website of the SBJ:

<https://www.stat.go.jp/english/info/meetings/sbjseminar2019/index.html>

*** The 5th Statistical Delegation from Vietnam visited the Statistics Bureau of Japan**

From December 4 to 8, 2019, the 5th Statistical Delegation from Vietnam, headed by Dr. Nguyen Bich Lam, Director-General, General Statistics Office of Vietnam (GSO), came to Japan.

During the visit, they exchanged greetings with the Director-General of SBJ, gave presentations on “Preparation for the 2021 Economic Census” and “Tentative work plan for the 2021 Economic Census” and exchanged opinions on the progress and future

efforts regarding the introduction of the online survey system to be used for the 2021 Economic Census with the SBJ staff.

The visit is based on the Memorandum of Cooperation (MOC) between the GSO and the SBJ which was signed on January 14, 2015, to establish the basis for in-depth cooperation between the two sides in the area of official statistics and other related fields of mutual interest.

The delegation members from Vietnam were as follows:

Dr. Nguyen Bich Lam, Director-General, GSO

Mr. Luu Van Vinh, Director, Foreign Statistics and International Cooperation Department, GSO

Mr. Tran Tuan Hung, Director, Statistical Standard, Methodology and Information Technology Department, GSO

Ms. Pham Thi Quynh Loi, Deputy Director, Trade and Service Statistics Department, GSO

Mr. Nguyen Huu Hoan, Deputy Director, Center of Statistical Information Services 1, GSO

Website: <https://www.stat.go.jp/english/info/meetings/bilateral/viet201912.html>

<Recent Releases>

November 20, 2019

* "Population Estimates" (June 1, 2019 (Final estimates), November 1, 2019 (Provisional estimates))

-As of November 1, 2019 (Provisional estimates)

<Total Population>

- The total population was 126.18 million, a decrease of 0.28 million (0.22 percent) from the previous year.

-As of June 1, 2019 (Final estimates)

<Total Population>

- The total population was 126,252 thousand, a decrease of 258 thousand (0.20 percent) from the previous year.
- The population under 15 years old was 15,287 thousand, a decrease of 197 thousand (1.27 percent) from the previous year.
- The population aged 15 to 64 was 75,178 thousand, a decrease of 403 thousand

(0.53 percent) from the previous year.

- The population aged 65 and over was 35,786 thousand, an increase of 342 thousand (0.96 percent) from the previous year.

<Japanese Population>

- Japanese population was 123,873 thousand, a decrease of 458 thousand (0.37 percent) from the previous year.

<https://www.stat.go.jp/english/data/jinsui/2.html>

November 22, 2019

* Consumer Price Index (2015-base) (October 2019, Japan)

- The consumer price index for Japan in October 2019 was 102.2 (2015=100), up 0.2 % over the year before seasonal adjustment, and the same level as the previous month on a seasonally adjusted basis.

<https://www.stat.go.jp/english/data/cpi/index.html>

November 26, 2019

* "Monthly Report on Internal Migration in Japan" (October 2019)

- The number of internal migrants (All nationalities) was 392,668 a decrease of 22,260 (5.4 %) from the previous year.
- The number of inter-prefectural migrants (All nationalities) was 172,605, a decrease of 13,732 (7.4 %) from the previous year.
- The number of intra-prefectural migrants (All nationalities) was 220,063, a decrease of 8,528 (3.7 %) from the previous year.
- The number of internal migrants (Japanese) was 346,967, a decrease of 21,741 (5.9 %) from the previous year.
- The number of inter-prefectural migrants (Japanese) was 149,588, a decrease of 13,708 (8.4 %) from the previous year.
- The number of intra-prefectural migrants (Japanese) was 197,379, a decrease of 8,033 (3.9 %) from the previous year.

<https://www.stat.go.jp/english/data/idou/3.html>

November 29, 2019

* "Monthly Survey on Service Industries" (September 2019 (preliminary))

- Monthly sales: 33.3 trillion yen, up 3.9 % over the year.
- Number of persons working at the Location of Establishment: 30.27 million persons, up 0.5 % over the year.

<https://www.stat.go.jp/english/data/mssi/kekka.html>

* "Labour Force Survey (Basic Tabulation)" (October 2019)

- The number of employed persons in October 2019 was 67.87 million, an increase of 620 thousand from the previous year.
- The number of unemployed persons in October 2019 was 1.64 million, an increase of 10 thousand from the previous year.
- The unemployment rate, seasonally adjusted, was 2.4 %.

<https://www.stat.go.jp/english/data/roudou/results/month/index.html>

* Consumer Price Index (2015-base) (November 2019, Ku-area of Tokyo (preliminary))

- The consumer price index for Ku-area of Tokyo in November 2019 (preliminary) was 102.2(2015=100), up 0.8 % over the year before seasonal adjustment, and up 0.3 % from the previous month on a seasonally adjusted basis.

<https://www.stat.go.jp/english/data/cpi/1581-t.html>

December 6, 2019

*Family Income and Expenditure Survey (Two-or-more-person Households: October 2019)

- Expenditures for Two-or-more-person Households

The average of monthly consumption expenditures per household for October 2019 was 279,671 yen, down **4.8 % in nominal terms and down **5.1 % in real terms from the previous year.

- Income and Expenditures for Workers' Households

The average of monthly income per household stood at 536,075 yen, down **0.2 % in nominal terms and down **0.5 % in real terms from the previous year.

The average of consumption expenditures per household was 305,197 yen, down **4.9 % in nominal terms and down **5.2 % in real terms from the previous year.

** : Discontinuity-adjusted figures

<https://www.stat.go.jp/english/data/kakei/156.html>

About "discontinuity-adjusted figures":

<https://www.stat.go.jp/english/data/kakei/change18.html>

* "Survey of Household Economy" (October 2019) (Two- or- more-person households)

- Change over the year of Monthly Expenditure on goods and services ordered over the internet

<Average expenditure on goods and services ordered over the internet>

- Average expenditure on goods and services ordered over the internet was 12,967 yen (the same level as the previous year in nominal terms).

<Main Items contributed to the change of Average Expenditure on goods and services ordered over the internet >

- Music/ video software, etc.: up 21.3 % in nominal terms

- Travel-related costs: up 1.9 % in nominal terms
- Home electronics: up 7.5 % in nominal terms
- Motor cars - related costs: up 8.5 % in nominal terms

<https://www.stat.go.jp/english/data/joukyou/12.html>

December 13, 2019

*Results of the Survey of Research and Development (2019)

- R&D Expenditure

Japan's total expenditure on R&D during fiscal year (FY) 2018 stood at 19.53 trillion yen, a 2.5 percent increase from the previous fiscal year. It has increased for two consecutive years, the highest ever.

Expenditure on R&D as a percentage of GDP was 3.56 percent, a 0.08 percentage point increase from the previous fiscal year.

- R&D Personnel

As of 31 March 2019, the total number of researchers is 874,800, a 0.9 percent increase from the previous year. It has increased for three consecutive years.

The number of female researchers (Head Count) is 155,000 and accounts for 16.6 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 3.87 trillion yen, a decrease of 0.3 percent from the previous fiscal year. It decreased for the first time in two years.

<https://www.stat.go.jp/english/data/kagaku/1546.html>

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