

## Manpower Survey Results in January 2017

- **Total employment increased by 5,000(+0.05%) in January to 11,320,000, moreover, it also increased by 76,000(+0.68%) when compared with that of the previous year.**

--Employment in agriculture decreased by 1,000(-0.12%) in January, however, the goods-producing sector and the services-providing sector increased by 2,000(+0.04%) and 4,000(+0.06), respectively.

--Compared with that of the previous year, employment in agriculture remained the same, the goods-producing sector and the services-providing sector increased by 18,000(+0.45%) and 58,000(+0.87%) in January, respectively.

### Important Indicators Based on Manpower Survey Results in January 2017

Unit: persons in thousand

| Sex    | Civilian Population Aged 15 Years & Over | Labor Force |                                    | Employed | Unemployed |                       |   | Not in the Labor Force |
|--------|--|-------------|------------------------------------|----------|------------|-----------------------|---|------------------------|
|        |  | Persons     | Labor Force Participation Rate (%) | Persons  | Persons    | Unemployment Rate (%) | Seasonally Adjusted Unemployment rate (%) | Persons                |
| Total  | 20 011                                   | 11 765      | 58.79                              | 11 320   | 445        | 452                   | 3.78                                      | 8 246                  |
| Male   | 9 769                                    | 6 555       | 67.10                              | 6 289    | 266        | 270                   | 4.05                                      | 3 214                  |
| Female | 10 242                                   | 5 210       | 50.87                              | 5 031    | 179        | 182                   | 3.44                                      | 5 032                  |

- **The unemployment rate decreased by 0.01 percentage points to 3.78 percent in January, in contrast, the seasonally adjusted unemployment rate increased by 0.01 percentage points to 3.84 percent.**

--Compared with that of the previous year, the unemployment rate and the seasonally adjusted unemployment rate both fell by 0.09 percentage points in January.

--The number of unemployed persons was 445,000 in January, it decreased by 1,000(-0.23%) and 8,000(-1.78%) from the previous month and that of the previous year, respectively.

- **Labor force participation rate was 58.79 percent in January, which decreased by 0.01 but increased by 0.09 percentage points from the previous month and that of the previous year, respectively.**

Table 1. Statistical Brief Based on Manpower Survey Results

Unit: Thousand Persons

| Year & month   | Civilian population aged 15 years & over | Labor force |                  |                    | Not in labor force | Labor force participation rate (%) | Unemployment rate (%) |             |             |             |
|--|--|-------------|------------------|--------------------|--------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
|  |  | Total       | Employed persons | Unemployed persons |                    |                                    | Total                 | 15~24 Years | 25~44 Years | 45~64 Years |
| Ave., 2007   | 18 392                                   | 10 713      | 10 294           | 419                | 7 679              | 58.25                              | 3.91                  | 10.65       | 3.86        | 2.24        |
| Ave., 2008   | 18 623                                   | 10 853      | 10 403           | 450                | 7 770              | 58.28                              | 4.14                  | 11.81       | 4.02        | 2.54        |
| Ave., 2009   | 18 855                                   | 10 917      | 10 279           | 639                | 7 937              | 57.90                              | 5.85                  | 14.49       | 5.93        | 3.90        |
| Ave., 2010   | 19 062                                   | 11 070      | 10 493           | 577                | 7 992              | 58.07                              | 5.21                  | 13.09       | 5.35        | 3.39        |
| Ave., 2011   | 19 253                                   | 11 200      | 10 709           | 491                | 8 053              | 58.17                              | 4.39                  | 12.47       | 4.46        | 2.64        |
| Ave., 2012   | 19 436                                   | 11 341      | 10 860           | 481                | 8 096              | 58.35                              | 4.24                  | 12.66       | 4.38        | 2.31        |
| Ave., 2013   | 19 587                                   | 11 445      | 10 967           | 478                | 8 142              | 58.43                              | 4.18                  | 13.17       | 4.27        | 2.25        |
| Ave., 2014   | 19 705                                   | 11 535      | 11 079           | 457                | 8 170              | 58.54                              | 3.96                  | 12.63       | 4.13        | 2.09        |
| Ave., 2015   | 19 842                                   | 11 638      | 11 198           | 440                | 8 204              | 58.65                              | 3.78                  | 12.05       | 3.95        | 1.99        |
| Ave., 2016   | 19 962                                   | 11 727      | 11 267           | 460                | 8 235              | 58.75                              | 3.92                  | 12.12       | 4.08        | 2.15        |
| Jan.   | 19 927                                   | 11 697      | 11 244           | 453                | 8 230              | 58.70                              | 3.87                  | 11.95       | 4.06        | 2.09        |
| Feb.   | 19 933                                   | 11 693      | 11 231           | 462                | 8 239              | 58.66                              | 3.95                  | 11.89       | 4.16        | 2.20        |
| Mar.   | 19 937                                   | 11 692      | 11 237           | 455                | 8 245              | 58.64                              | 3.89                  | 11.85       | 4.10        | 2.13        |
| Apr.   | 19 943                                   | 11 693      | 11 242           | 451                | 8 250              | 58.63                              | 3.86                  | 11.78       | 4.08        | 2.08        |
| May  | 19 949                                   | 11 695      | 11 247           | 449                | 8 253              | 58.63                              | 3.84                  | 11.42       | 4.04        | 2.18        |
| June   | 19 956                                   | 11 710      | 11 251           | 459                | 8 246              | 58.68                              | 3.92                  | 11.86       | 4.04        | 2.30        |
| July   | 19 965                                   | 11 747      | 11 275           | 472                | 8 218              | 58.84                              | 4.02                  | 12.45       | 4.10        | 2.30        |
| Aug.   | 19 972                                   | 11 770      | 11 290           | 480                | 8 202              | 58.93                              | 4.08                  | 12.82       | 4.17        | 2.26        |
| Sept.  | 19 979                                   | 11 745      | 11 276           | 469                | 8 234              | 58.79                              | 3.99                  | 12.52       | 4.13        | 2.17        |
| Oct.   | 19 988                                   | 11 755      | 11 291           | 464                | 8 233              | 58.81                              | 3.95                  | 12.44       | 4.10        | 2.12        |
| Nov.   | 19 996                                   | 11 762      | 11 307           | 455                | 8 234              | 58.82                              | 3.87                  | 12.31       | 4.02        | 2.05        |
| Dec.   | 20 003                                   | 11 761      | 11 315           | 446                | 8 242              | 58.80                              | 3.79                  | 12.10       | 3.97        | 1.96        |
| Ave., 2017   |  |             |                  |                    |                    |                                    |                       |             |             |             |
| Jan.   | 20 011                                   | 11 765      | 11 320           | 445                | 8 246              | 58.79                              | 3.78                  | 12.01       | 3.95        | 1.99        |
| Change in percent (percentage points) from the previous month                  | 0.04                                     | 0.04        | 0.05             | -0.23              | 0.05               | (-0.01)                            | (-0.01)               | (-0.09)     | (-0.02)     | ( 0.03)     |
| Change in percent (percentage points) from the same month of previous year     | 0.42                                     | 0.58        | 0.68             | -1.78              | 0.20               | ( 0.09)                            | (-0.09)               | ( 0.06)     | (-0.11)     | (-0.10)     |
| Change in percent (percentage points) from the cumulative average year-on-year | 0.42                                     | 0.58        | 0.68             | -1.78              | 0.20               | ( 0.09)                            | (-0.09)               | ( 0.06)     | (-0.11)     | (-0.10)     |

Table 2. Important Indicator Based on Manpower Survey Results, by Year

| Year & month | Labor force                          |          | Employed persons                     |          | Labor force participation rate |                     | Unemployed persons (thousand persons) | Unemployment rate |                     |
|--------------|--------------------------------------|----------|--------------------------------------|----------|--------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------------------------|-------------------|---------------------|
|              | Number of persons (thousand persons) | (%, yoy) | Number of persons (thousand persons) | (%, yoy) | (%)                            | Seasonally adjusted |                                       | (%)               | Seasonally adjusted |
| Jan., 1988   | 8 291                                | 1.03     | 8 145                                | 1.19     | 61.08                          | 60.47               | 146                                   | 1.77              | 2.03                |
| Jan., 1989   | 8 405                                | 1.38     | 8 292                                | 1.81     | 60.63                          | 60.24               | 113                                   | 1.35              | 1.60                |
| Jan., 1990   | 8 317                                | -1.06    | 8 208                                | -1.01    | 59.05                          | 59.12               | 109                                   | 1.31              | 1.52                |
| Jan., 1991   | 8 455                                | 1.67     | 8 340                                | 1.61     | 58.79                          | 58.71               | 116                                   | 1.37              | 1.59                |
| Jan., 1992   | 8 686                                | 2.73     | 8 567                                | 2.73     | 59.34                          | 59.35               | 119                                   | 1.37              | 1.76                |
| Jan., 1993   | 8 853                                | 1.92     | 8 744                                | 2.07     | 59.23                          | 59.26               | 109                                   | 1.23              | 1.38                |
| Jan., 1994   | 8 973                                | 1.35     | 8 865                                | 1.38     | 58.80                          | 58.65               | 108                                   | 1.20              | 1.34                |
| Jan., 1995   | 9 219                                | 2.75     | 9 092                                | 2.56     | 59.25                          | 59.07               | 127                                   | 1.38              | 1.61                |
| Jan., 1996   | 9 292                                | 0.79     | 9 103                                | 0.12     | 58.68                          | 58.47               | 189                                   | 2.03              | 2.15                |
| Jan., 1997   | 9 432                                | 1.51     | 9 180                                | 0.84     | 58.76                          | 58.55               | 252                                   | 2.68              | 2.92                |
| Jan., 1998   | 9 557                                | 1.33     | 9 333                                | 1.67     | 58.50                          | 58.18               | 224                                   | 2.35              | 2.55                |
| Jan., 1999   | 9 617                                | 0.63     | 9 352                                | 0.21     | 58.10                          | 57.92               | 265                                   | 2.76              | 2.90                |
| Jan., 2000   | 9 761                                | 1.49     | 9 494                                | 1.52     | 57.92                          | 57.73               | 267                                   | 2.74              | 2.91                |
| Jan., 2001   | 9 812                                | 0.52     | 9 483                                | -0.12    | 57.45                          | 57.34               | 329                                   | 3.35              | 3.56                |
| Jan., 2002   | 9 959                                | 1.50     | 9 447                                | -0.38    | 57.58                          | 57.48               | 512                                   | 5.14              | 5.29                |
| Jan., 2003   | 10 028                               | 0.69     | 9 524                                | 0.81     | 57.34                          | 57.29               | 504                                   | 5.03              | 5.24                |
| Jan., 2004   | 10 157                               | 1.29     | 9 697                                | 1.81     | 57.44                          | 57.42               | 460                                   | 4.53              | 4.62                |
| Jan., 2005   | 10 320                               | 1.60     | 9 901                                | 2.11     | 57.78                          | 57.75               | 419                                   | 4.06              | 4.18                |
| Jan., 2006   | 10 435                               | 1.12     | 10 038                               | 1.39     | 57.76                          | 57.75               | 397                                   | 3.80              | 3.94                |
| Jan., 2007   | 10 643                               | 1.99     | 10 239                               | 2.00     | 58.17                          | 58.17               | 403                                   | 3.79              | 3.88                |
| Jan., 2008   | 10 802                               | 1.49     | 10 391                               | 1.48     | 58.32                          | 58.31               | 411                                   | 3.80              | 3.86                |
| Jan., 2009   | 10 881                               | 0.73     | 10 303                               | -0.85    | 58.02                          | 58.00               | 578                                   | 5.31              | 5.37                |
| Jan., 2010   | 11 014                               | 1.22     | 10 388                               | 0.82     | 58.04                          | 58.03               | 626                                   | 5.68              | 5.72                |
| Jan., 2011   | 11 140                               | 1.14     | 10 623                               | 2.26     | 58.11                          | 58.08               | 517                                   | 4.64              | 4.68                |
| Jan., 2012   | 11 280                               | 1.26     | 10 808                               | 1.75     | 58.27                          | 58.26               | 472                                   | 4.18              | 4.18                |
| Jan., 2013   | 11 410                               | 1.15     | 10 935                               | 1.18     | 58.42                          | 58.42               | 475                                   | 4.16              | 4.20                |
| Jan., 2014   | 11 498                               | 0.77     | 11 036                               | 0.92     | 58.52                          | 58.51               | 462                                   | 4.02              | 4.07                |
| Jan., 2015   | 11 589                               | 0.79     | 11 159                               | 1.11     | 58.60                          | 58.60               | 430                                   | 3.71              | 3.76                |
| Jan., 2016   | 11 697                               | 0.93     | 11 244                               | 0.76     | 58.70                          | 58.70               | 453                                   | 3.87              | 3.93                |
| Jan., 2017   | 11 765                               | 0.58     | 11 320                               | 0.68     | 58.79                          | 58.78               | 445                                   | 3.78              | 3.84                |

Table 3. Comparison of Unemployment Rates in Major Countries, by Year

Unit: %

| Year & month | R. O. C.            |      | Hong Kong | Japan | Korea, R. O. | Singapore |     | United States | Canada | Germany | United Kingdom | France |
|--------------|---------------------|------|-----------|-------|--------------|-----------|-----|---------------|--------|---------|----------------|--------|
|              | Seasonally adjusted |      |           |       |              | Resident  |     |               |        |         |                |        |
| Ave. , 2014  | 3.96                | 3.96 | 3.3       | 3.6   | 3.5          | 2.0       | 2.7 | 6.2           | 6.9    | 5.0     | 6.1            | 10.3   |
| Ave. , 2015  | 3.78                | 3.78 | 3.3       | 3.4   | 3.6          | 1.9       | 2.8 | 5.3           | 6.9    | 4.6     | 5.3            | 10.4   |
| Dec.         | 3.87                | 3.91 | 3.3       | 3.3   | 3.5          | 1.9       | 2.9 | 5.0           | 7.1    | 4.4     | 5.0            | 10.2   |
| Ave. , 2016  | 3.92                | 3.92 | 3.4       | 3.1   | 3.7          | 2.1       | 3.0 | 4.9           | 7.0    | 4.1     | ...            | 9.9    |
| Jan.         | 3.87                | 3.93 | 3.3       | 3.2   | 3.5          | ...       | ... | 4.9           | 7.2    | 4.4     | 5.1            | 10.2   |
| Feb.         | 3.95                | 3.93 | 3.3       | 3.3   | 4.1          | ...       | ... | 4.9           | 7.2    | 4.3     | 5.0            | 10.3   |
| Mar.         | 3.89                | 3.95 | 3.4       | 3.2   | 3.8          | 1.9       | 2.7 | 5.0           | 7.1    | 4.3     | 4.9            | 10.1   |
| Apr.         | 3.86                | 3.97 | 3.4       | 3.2   | 3.7          | ...       | ... | 5.0           | 7.1    | 4.3     | 4.9            | 9.9    |
| May          | 3.84                | 3.96 | 3.4       | 3.2   | 3.7          | ...       | ... | 4.7           | 6.9    | 4.2     | 4.9            | 9.9    |
| June         | 3.92                | 3.96 | 3.4       | 3.1   | 3.6          | 2.1       | 3.0 | 4.9           | 6.8    | 4.2     | 4.8            | 10.0   |
| July         | 4.02                | 3.95 | 3.4       | 3.0   | 3.6          | ...       | ... | 4.9           | 7.0    | 4.2     | 4.8            | 10.1   |
| Aug.         | 4.08                | 3.94 | 3.4       | 3.1   | 3.8          | ...       | ... | 4.9           | 7.0    | 4.1     | 4.7            | 10.2   |
| Sept.        | 3.99                | 3.91 | 3.4       | 3.0   | 4.0          | 2.1       | 2.9 | 4.9           | 7.0    | 4.1     | 4.8            | 9.9    |
| Oct.         | 3.95                | 3.88 | 3.4       | 3.0   | 3.7          | ...       | ... | 4.8           | 7.0    | 4.0     | 4.8            | 9.7    |
| Nov.         | 3.87                | 3.84 | 3.3       | 3.1   | 3.6          | ...       | ... | 4.6           | 6.8    | 3.9     | ...            | 9.5    |
| Dec.         | 3.79                | 3.83 | 3.3       | 3.1   | 3.4          | 2.2       | 3.2 | 4.7           | 6.9    | 3.9     | ...            | 9.6    |
| Ave. , 2017  |                     |      |           |       |              |           |     |               |        |         |                |        |
| Jan.         | 3.78                | 3.84 | 3.3       | ...   | ...          | ...       | ... | 4.8           | ...    | ...     | ...            | ...    |

Note: 1. The unemployment rates (UR) of Hong Kong are the moving averages of 3 consecutive months.

2. Seasonally adjusted figures. (R.O.C. contains both not seasonally and seasonally adjusted figures)

3. The unemployment rate marked 3.6% in Jan., 2017 by Statistics Korea.

4. Sources: figures of R.O.C., Hong Kong and Singapore referred to governmental press releases, others referred to OECD harmonised unemployment rates.