

- **Up-to-date Information on Economy and Trade**

- Number of visitor arrivals declined by 46.0% year-on-year to 1,738,428 in the first quarter of 2021**

Information from the Statistics and Census Service (DSEC) indicated that visitor arrivals to Macao totalled 754,541 in March 2021, an increase of 76.7% month-to-month and an upsurge of 255.4% year-on-year. Overnight visitors (404,936) and same-day visitors (349,605) soared by 221.6% and 304.6% year-on-year respectively. Meanwhile, the average length of stay of visitors shortened by 1.4 days year-on-year to 1.6 days, with that of overnight visitors (2.9 days) and same-day visitors (0.1 day) falling by 1.8 days and 0.1 day respectively.

In the first quarter of 2021, number of visitor arrivals declined by 46.0% year-on-year to 1,738,428. Number of overnight visitors (919,192) and same-day visitors (819,236) fell by 39.6% and 51.8% year-on-year respectively. The average length of stay of visitors went up by 0.3 day year-on-year to 1.7 days; the duration for overnight visitors (3.0 days) increased by 0.3 day while that for same-day visitors (0.1 day) decreased by 0.1 day.

- The average occupancy rate of guest rooms was 44.9% in the first quarter of 2021**

Information from the Statistics and Census Service (DSEC) indicated that a total of 120 hotels & guesthouses were open for business in March 2021, an increase of 7 year-on-year; number of available guest rooms rose by 5.8% to 36,000. Data on hotels & guesthouses designated for medical observation were excluded in the compilation of the results. Attributable to a rise in overnight visitors, the average occupancy rate of guest rooms stood at 55.3%,

representing a growth of 16.9 percentage points month-to-month and an upsurge of 32.1 percentage points year-on-year.

In the first quarter of 2021, the average occupancy rate of guest rooms was 44.9%, up by 3.6 percentage points year-on-year. The number of guests of hotels & guesthouses dropped by 1.2% year-on-year to 1,454,000, whereas their average length of stay went up by 0.1 night to 1.7 nights.

External merchandise trade was up by 72.0% in the first quarter of 2021 compared with a year earlier

Information from the Statistics and Census Service (DSEC) indicated that total merchandise export amounted to MOP1.30 billion in March 2021, up by 26.7% year-on-year. Value of re-exports (MOP1.14 billion) rose by 28.0%, with that of Wine and Watches surging by 1,618.6% and 107.5% respectively. Meanwhile, value of domestic exports (MOP166 million) grew by 19.0%, with that of Bread, pastry, cakes, biscuits & other bakers' wares and Copper & articles thereof soaring by 750.0% and 15.4% respectively. Total merchandise import swelled by 175.2% year-on-year to MOP11.42 billion, of which imports of Perfumes, Mobile phones, Gold jewellery and Beauty, cosmetic & skincare products jumping by 1,090.7%, 803.0%, 670.6% and 586.6% respectively, but that of Other textile made-up articles declined by 51.6%. Merchandise trade deficit in March 2021 totalled MOP10.12 billion.

External merchandise trade totalled MOP33.20 billion in the first quarter of 2021, up by 72.0% compared with MOP19.30 billion a year earlier.

The general unemployment rate for January-March 2021 was 2.9%

Information from the Statistics and Census Service (DSEC) indicated that the general unemployment rate for January-March

2021 held steady over the previous period (December 2020-February 2021), at 2.9%; the unemployment rate of local residents was 4.0%, up by 0.1 percentage point. In addition, the underemployment rate rose by 0.3 percentage points to 4.8%.

The labour force living in Macao totalled 396,600 and the labour force participation rate was 69.9%. Total employment was 384,900 and the number of employed residents totalled 281,400, down by 2,000 and 1,200 respectively from the previous period.

(Source: Statistics and Census Service)

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