

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

- Number of visitor arrivals rose by 4.7% year-on-year in the first five months of 2021**

Information from the Statistics and Census Service (DSEC) indicated that visitor arrivals to Macao totalled 866,063 in May 2021, an increase of 9.0% month-to-month and an upsurge of 5,268.3% year-on-year. Overnight visitors and same-day visitors added up to 473,808 and 392,255 respectively. The average length of stay of visitors shortened by 3.7 days year-on-year to 1.6 days, with that of overnight visitors (2.9 days) and same-day visitors (0.1 day) dropping by 11.8 days and 0.1 day respectively.

In the first five months of 2021, number of visitor arrivals rose by 4.7% year-on-year to 3,399,310. Number of overnight visitors (1,843,579) increased by 20.0% year-on-year while that of same-day visitors (1,555,731) fell by 9.0%. 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 (2.9 days) rose by 0.2 day whereas that for same-day visitors (0.1 day) went down by 0.1 day.

- The general unemployment rate was 3.0% for March-May 2021**

Information from the Statistics and Census Service (DSEC) indicated that both the general unemployment rate (3.0%) and the unemployment rate of local residents (4.1%) for March-May 2021 held steady from the previous period (February-April 2021). Meanwhile, the underemployment rate dropped by 0.6 percentage points to 4.2%.

The labour force living in Macao totalled 390,600 and the labour force participation rate was 68.9%. Total employment was 378,700 and the number of employed residents totalled 278,600, down by

3,800 and 3,000 respectively from the previous period. Analysed by industry, employment in Gaming & Junket Activities and the Construction sector decreased, while that in Restaurants & Similar Activities increased.

External merchandise trade was up by 125.9% compared with a year earlier from January to May 2021

Information from the Statistics and Census Service (DSEC) indicated that total merchandise export amounted to MOP990 million in May 2021, up by 59.6% year-on-year. Value of re-exports (MOP820 million) rose by 64.2%, with that of Diamond & diamond jewellery, Wine and Watches surging by 843.0%, 663.9% and 248.0% respectively. Moreover, value of domestic exports (MOP171 million) grew by 40.8%, with that of Garments and Copper & articles thereof rising by 101.8% and 52.8% respectively. Total merchandise import swelled by 267.6% year-on-year to MOP15.69 billion, of which imports of Mobile phones, Gold jewellery, Watches and Beauty, cosmetic & skincare products rocketed by 2,616.0%, 2,362.4%, 1,145.1% and 846.5% respectively; in contrast, imports of other textile made-up articles declined by 56.1%. Merchandise trade deficit in May 2021 totalled MOP14.70 billion.

External merchandise trade totalled MOP64.54 billion from January to May 2021, up by 125.9% compared with MOP28.57 billion a year earlier.

The average occupancy rate of guest rooms was 51.3% from January to May 2021

Information from the Statistics and Census Service (DSEC) indicated that a total of 115 hotels & guesthouses were open for business in May 2021, an increase of 7 year-on-year; number of available guest rooms rose by 10.1% to 37,000. Data on hotels & guesthouses designated for medical observation were excluded in the

compilation of the results. The average occupancy rate of guest rooms surged by 50.2 percentage points year-on-year to 62.0%, with both 3-star and 4-star hotels outperforming the sector's average, at 70.7% and 67.5% respectively.

From January to May 2021, the average occupancy rate of guest rooms was 51.3%, up by 21.2 percentage points year-on-year. The number of guests of hotels & guesthouses increased by 71.5% year-on-year to 2,908,000, while their average length of stay held stable at 1.7 nights.

(Source: Statistics and Census Service)

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