

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

- **Number of visitor arrivals rose by 20.2% year-on-year in the first half of 2021**

Information from the Statistics and Census Service (DSEC) indicated that visitor arrivals to Macao surged by 2,243.1% year-on-year to 528,519 in June 2021. However, the figure represented a decrease of 39.0% month-on-month on account of the reinforced pandemic prevention and control measures in Guangdong Province and Macao in early June; same-day visitors (313,441) and overnight visitors (215,078) dropped by 20.1% and 54.6% respectively. Meanwhile, the average length of stay of visitors shortened by 0.2 day year-on-year to 1.2 days, with that of overnight visitors (2.9 days) reducing by 2.7 days whereas that of same-day visitors (0.1 day) remaining unchanged.

In the first half of 2021, number of visitor arrivals rose by 20.2% year-on-year to 3,927,829. Overnight visitors (2,058,657) and same-day visitors (1,869,172) increased by 33.2% and 8.5% year-on-year respectively. The average length of stay of visitors grew by 0.2 day year-on-year to 1.6 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.

- **External merchandise trade was up by 134.9% compared with a year earlier in the first half year of 2021**

Information from the Statistics and Census Service (DSEC) indicated that total merchandise export amounted to MOP1.19 billion in June 2021, up by 62.2% year-on-year. Value of re-exports (MOP1.02 billion) rose by 69.3%, with that of Watches and Diamond & diamond jewellery surging by 173.7% and 138.4% respectively.

Moreover, value of domestic exports (MOP167 million) grew by 28.8%, with that of Copper & articles thereof rising by 96.7%. Total merchandise import swelled by 199.6% year-on-year to MOP15.10 billion, of which imports of Mobile phones, Gold jewellery, Watches and Beauty, cosmetic & skincare products rocketed by 1,851.4%, 1,575.3%, 817.4% and 358.2% respectively; in contrast, imports of Articles for casino declined by 45.1%. Merchandise trade deficit in June 2021 totalled MOP13.91 billion.

External merchandise trade totalled MOP80.68 billion in the first half year of 2021, up by 134.9% compared with MOP34.34 billion a year earlier.

The average occupancy rate of guest rooms was 50.4% in the first half year of 2021

Information from the Statistics and Census Service (DSEC) indicated that a total of 116 hotels & guesthouses were open for business in June 2021, an increase of 7 year-on-year; number of available guest rooms rose by 1.7% to 35,000. 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 33.5 percentage points year-on-year to 45.3%; however, the rate represented a drop of 16.8 percentage points compared with May (62.1%) on account of the reinforced pandemic prevention and control measures in Guangdong Province and Macao in early June.

In the first half year of 2021, the average occupancy rate of guest rooms was 50.4%, up by 23.2 percentage points year-on-year. The number of guests of hotels & guesthouses expanded by 84.5% year-on-year to 3,378,000, while their average length of stay grew by 0.1 night to 1.8 nights.

The general unemployment rate (2.9%) remained unchanged from the previous quarter In the second quarter of 2021

Information from the Statistics and Census Service (DSEC) indicated that the general unemployment rate for April-June 2021 was 2.9% and the unemployment rate of local residents was 3.9%, down by 0.1 and 0.2 percentage points respectively from the previous period (March-May 2021). In addition, the underemployment rate dropped by 0.7 percentage points to 3.5%.

In the second quarter of 2021, the general unemployment rate (2.9%) remained unchanged from the previous quarter, while the unemployment rate of local residents (3.9%) fell by 0.1 percentage point. Total employment decreased by 9,000 quarter-to-quarter, of which number of employed residents went down by 5,000. Analysed by industry, employment in the Construction sector (30,800) and Wholesale & Retail Trade (42,700) dropped by 3,400 and 1,100 respectively quarter-to-quarter.

(Source: Statistics and Census Service)

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