

Hong Kong as a Knowledge-based Economy – A Statistical Perspective (2019 Edition) published

The Census and Statistics Department (C&SD) releases today (September 6) a publication entitled Hong Kong as a Knowledge-based Economy – A Statistical Perspective (2019 Edition). Through graphical presentations and succinct commentaries, the publication aims at portraying the development of Hong Kong towards a knowledge-based economy (KBE) from different perspectives.

An analytical framework encompassing a suite of statistical indicators grouped into the following four dimensions relating to KBE is adopted in this publication:

- (a) Information and Communication Technology (ICT) – indicators to reflect the efficiency and effectiveness of knowledge and information distribution/application in the economy;
- (b) Human Capital Development – indicators to reflect the quantity and quality of individuals equipped for access to and use of knowledge and information for further production/creation/distribution of knowledge and information in the economy;
- (c) Innovation System – indicators to reflect the quantity, quality and rate of knowledge and information production/creation/application in the economy; and
- (d) Business Environment – indicators to reflect how conducive the business environment is to the production/creation/distribution/application of knowledge and information in the economy.

Generally, Hong Kong is positioned well and has very good achievements in many of the general characteristics of a KBE. Hong Kong has excellent ICT infrastructure and there has been a steady growing trend in adoption of information technology in the community. Hong Kong people are increasingly equipped in terms of knowledge and skills. Also, innovation activities undertaken by business establishments have been growing steadily in recent years.

Users can download the publication free of charge at the website of the C&SD (www.censtatd.gov.hk/hkstat/sub/sp120.jsp?productCode=B1110009).

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