

Statistics Advisory Board discusses developments of official statistics work

The Statistics Advisory Board held a meeting today (May 12) to discuss official statistics work and its recent developments.

Members were briefed on the summary results of the 2017 round of the International Comparison Program (ICP) for the Asia-Pacific region, of which Hong Kong was one of the 22 participating economies. The ICP is a major global statistical initiative led by the World Bank with the main objective of providing a set of Purchasing Power Parities to enable a better comparison of the Gross Domestic Product and some other important economic aggregates across economies.

Members also noted that the enumeration of households living in subdivided units would be enhanced in the 2021 Population Census (21C), with a view to improving the success rate of enumeration and data quality. At the meeting, members discussed possible enhancement measures in various aspects, including frame updating, questionnaire design, publicity and data collection.

The Commissioner for Census and Statistics and Chairperson of the Statistics Advisory Board, Ms Marion Chan, said, "The Census and Statistics Department will make every effort to ensure that the 21C will provide accurate data on a wide spectrum of socio-economic characteristics of Hong Kong, which are crucial inputs to shaping Hong Kong's future."

Furthermore, the Board noted the major statistical developments depicted in the 2020 Edition of An Outline of Statistical Development which was published on April 24, 2020.

The Statistics Advisory Board is a non-statutory advisory body which advises the Commissioner for Census and Statistics on matters pertaining to government statistical work. Its membership consists of professionals from the business sector, the academia and the community, providing a wide representation to assist the Commissioner in integrating views of data users, data suppliers and statisticians. The terms of reference and composition of the Board can be found on the website of the Census and Statistics Department (www.censtatd.gov.hk/about_us/our_advisory_board/index.jsp).