

Statistics on innovation activities for 2020

According to the statistics on Hong Kong innovation activities released today (December 23) by the Census and Statistics Department (C&SD), the gross domestic expenditure on research and development (GERD) of Hong Kong in 2020 amounted to \$26,554 million, representing an increase of 1% when compared to the corresponding figure of 2019 (\$26,333 million). The GERD as a ratio to the Gross Domestic Product in 2020 was 0.99%. Analysed by performing sector, the expenditure on research and development (R&D) activities performed in the business, higher education and government sectors amounted to \$11,044 million, \$14,129 million and \$1,380 million respectively in 2020.

R&D activities refer to creative and systematic work undertaken so as to increase the stock of knowledge for devising new and improved products/processes/applications and to improve the existing products/processes/applications.

More detailed statistics on Hong Kong innovation activities, together with the concepts and methodology, are given in the report "Hong Kong Innovation Activities Statistics 2020". Users can download this report at the website of the C&SD (www.censtatd.gov.hk/en/EIndexbySubject.html?pcode=B1110010&scode=580). The report presents the latest statistics on R&D activities in Hong Kong, with analyses on R&D activities performed in the business, higher education and government sectors. It also contains detailed statistics on innovation activities (including product and business process innovations) in the business sector.

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