



وزارة التجارة والصناعة

Ministry of Commerce and Industry

Celebrating the World Statistics Day

Pursuant to the directives of His Highness The Amir Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani, the State of Qatar has succeeded in continuing its development march aimed at diversifying the national economy by adopting implementation plans that have contributed to building strong partnerships with the local and foreign private sector. This has reflected positively on the growth and prosperity of vital non-oil sectors, mainly the industry, construction and real estate, financial services, health, education and sports.

Statistics play an important role in monitoring the performance indicators of all economic sectors in the country and providing basic data to assess the extent to which non-oil sectors contribute to achieving the strategic goals set out in Qatar National Vision 2030 and the National Development Strategy 2018-2022. Statistics are also a key factor for anticipating the prospects of the national economy and its performance in light of various local, regional and global variables, especially the current situation of the global economy due to the financial and economic repercussions of the Covid-19 pandemic, which has affected all world economies and has led to slowing growth rates, declining oil prices and steady fluctuations in productivity.

The importance of official statistics stems from the fact that they are the main source for analyzing the current situation and adopting best international practices to study and develop the methodologies and frameworks necessary to move to the stage of drawing up development policies by activating the control and governance systems, and thus facilitating the decision-making process.

The Ministry of Commerce and Industry relies, within its mandates, mainly on official data and statistics, which play an active role in attracting foreign capital and promoting

the investment environment in the country by identifying the target sectors and challenges in a way that supports the appropriate economic policy-making mechanism and provides the necessary incentives to encourage investment.

Data and statistics also contribute to formulating foreign policies and customs tariffs, enhancing economic and trade understandings, agreements and memoranda of understanding, participating in international forums and economic openness, and opening new trade lines based on a clear national agenda that translates the vision and directives of the wise leadership.

On the other hand, official statistics allow all government agencies and the private sector to contribute to building a knowledge economy, expanding the country's productive base, developing the education and scientific research sector to raise the efficiency of educational outputs and thus refine human cadres, which are the mainstay of the labor market and the key element in implementing economic diversification programs and stimulating the private sector.

Based on the Ministry of Commerce and Industry's Strategy 2019-2022, under the slogan "True Breakthrough for Transformation and Comprehensive Prosperity", official statistics are a fundamental pillar in the implementation of the programs included in the strategic options of developing and stimulating the business environment, developing industries and exports, supporting the competitiveness of the national product, attracting foreign investment, consumer protection and competition.

The Ministry of Commerce and Industry appreciates the great efforts of the Planning and Statistics Authority to develop the national statistical system and sharing the important statistics regularly with all government agencies and private sector institutions to move forward in implementing all development programs and policies to achieve the goals of Qatar National Vision 2030.

May God grant success for all.

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