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## BUSINESS TENDENCY STATISTICS SECOND QUARTER 2018

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### **FORECAST OF BUSINESS PERFORMANCE FOR THE SECOND QUARTER 2018**

The business performance in the second quarter of 2018 is expected to continue increasing with confidence indicator +7.8 per cent, mainly in industry (+9.9%), wholesale & retail trade (+7.4%) and services (+8.6%) sectors.



### **Expectations of Gross Revenue and Number of Employees**

Gross revenue in the second quarter of 2018 is expected to continue rising with 34.0 per cent of establishments expected an increase while 11.4 per cent of establishments foresee a decrease. Net balance recorded is +22.6 per cent.

In terms of number of employees, 8.7 per cent of establishments predicted an increase while 7.9 per cent of establishments expected a decrease in the second quarter of 2018 which led to a net balance of +0.8 per cent.



### **CURRENT SITUATION OF BUSINESS PERFORMANCE IN THE FIRST QUARTER 2018**

The current situation of business performance registered a decrease with an overall net balance of all sectors -1.2 per cent in the first quarter 2018. The decrease was contributed by industry (-3.1%), construction (-31.1%) and wholesale & retail trade (-1.5%).



### **Gross Revenue and Number of Employees**

The gross revenue for the first quarter of 2018 increased with a net balance of +2.6 per cent whereby 26.0 per cent of establishments reported an increase while 23.4 per cent of establishments reported a decline.

In terms of number of employees, 11.8 per cent of establishments indicated an increase, while 12.9 per cent of establishments reported a decrease. Meanwhile, 75.3 per cent of establishments reported that the

number of employees remained the same. Overall, a net balance of -1.1 per cent was recorded for the number of employees in the first quarter 2018.



### **EXPECTATIONS OF BUSINESS PERFORMANCE APRIL-SEPTEMBER 2018**

Expectations of the business performance is continue positive with a net balance of +4.4 per cent in April to September 2018. Wholesale & retail trade and services sectors are expected to increase with a net balance of +9.5 per cent and +15.3 per cent, respectively. In contrary, industry and construction sectors recorded a decrease with a net balance of -0.3 per cent and -26.6 per cent, respectively.



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