

Editor's Notes

Department of National Accounts, NBS and National Accounts and Financial Statistics Division, Statistics Directorate, OECD jointly organized the 9th Workshop on National Accounts in Xiamen, China from 14 Nov. to 18 Nov., 2005. This workshop covers the following subjects: (1) Revision of the 1993 SNA; (2) The use of economic census data in the U.S. national accounts; (3) Methodology of GDP estimation in the year of economic census; (4) Methodology of general government accounts estimation (5) Quarterly GDP estimation in China; (6) Constant price measures in the national accounts. The participants from the Department of National Accounts of NBS are XU Xianchun, LIU Liping, ZHANG Min, DONG Lihua, ZHAO Hong, DENG Weiping, XU Xiongfei and SUN Zhen.

The cooperation between NBS and OECD in national accounts started in 1995, focusing on the following two areas: (1) Important and difficult issues in national accounts; (2) Analysis of cyclical indicators. Cooperation in the field of the important and difficult issues in national accounts is mainly in the form of NBS-OECD co-workshop on national accounts annually held in China and France alternatively. Eight workshops have been held since 1996.

Compared with the previous ones, there are some considerable development appeared in the 9th NBS-OECD workshop: first, topics under discussion for this workshop are highly pertinent to practicability of Chinese national accounts, such as the presentation on methodology of GDP estimation in the year of economic census, which is tightly related with the actual situation of using economic census data to estimate GDP in China. In addition, as one of organizers, Xiamen University, who has carefully planned and abortively organized this workshop, has made great contribution for the success of it. Scholars from Department of Planning and Statistics of Xiamen University also submit several papers to this workshop. These papers will be compiled and published independently.

As usual practice, we compile these papers and translation into a collection so as to provide useful references for those who were interested in the theory and practice of Chinese national accounts. Authors of the collected papers from NBS side are XU Xianchun, DONG Lihua and ZHAO Chunping, while authors from OECD and BEA sides are Francios LEQUILLER, Robert EDWARDS, Adriaan BLOEM, CHO Yong-Gil, Qi HE, Richard HERD, Brian MOYER, Jiemin GUO, Charles Ian MEAD and Masaaki MARUYAMA. Translators and proofreaders are DONG Lihua, ZHAO Hong, WANG Yixuan, SUN Zhen, CHEN Jie, WANG Shaohui, LV Feng and TANG Weiwei. SUN Zhen is responsible for the overall revision of this collection. XU Xianchun is responsible for the final examination and approval.

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