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Corrigenda (09 / 2021)

Module	Page no. (2019 edition)	Chapter	Section	Amendment	
				Old	New
14	5	--	Warm-up Activity	31 March 2014	31 March 2014, 3 August 2018
				<p>【Summary reports】In order to provide assistance for associate degree graduates in employment, the Hong Kong Federation of Youth Groups (HKFYG) and Sun Hung Kai Properties (SHKP) have worked together to hold the Subdegree Youth (SDU) Trainee Programme. Fresh associate degree graduates selected can be offered a 12-month internship opportunity in SHKP.</p>	<p>【Summary reports】In order to provide assistance for associate degree graduates in employment, the Hong Kong Federation of Youth Groups (HKFYG) and Sun Hung Kai Properties (SHKP) have worked together to hold the Subdegree Youth (SDU) Trainee Programme in 2014. Associate degree graduates selected can be offered a 12-month internship opportunity in SHKP.</p>
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				<u>Additional</u>	<p>According to a survey conducted by a voluntary organisation in 2018, 39.1% of associate degree student interviewees thought they were unable to or very unable to meet the qualification requirements expected by related job markets, which was</p>

				<p>nearly a double of self-financing degree student interviewees (16.2%) and higher diploma student interviewees (14.8%). In terms of the results of the survey, it was reflected that most associate degree students thought their academic qualification were not sufficiently recognised by the job markets, stated by the organisation. As most associate degrees were positioned as preparation for further studies, the organisation suggested the government to increase the number of aided university places in top-up degrees programmes.</p>
6	1	Learning Activity 1	<p>Source 1 Go to the website of the Census and Statistics Department of the HKSAR Government to learn more about the definitions of ‘labour force’ and ‘unemployed population’. http://www.censtatd.gov.hk/home/index_tc.jsp → ‘Hong Kong Statistics’ → ‘Browse by Subject’ → ‘Labour’ → ‘Concepts and Methods’</p> 	<p>Source 1 Go to the website of the Census and Statistics Department of the HKSAR Government to learn more about the definitions of ‘labour force’ and ‘unemployed population’. http://www.censtatd.gov.hk/en → ‘Statistics’ → ‘Browse-By Subject’ → ‘Labour and Wages’ → ‘Labour Force, Employment and Unemployment’ → ‘Concepts and Methods’</p> 
17	2	Learning Activity 1	<p>1. According to Source 1, describe the unemployment rate</p>	<p>1. According to Source 1, describe the unemployment</p>

			<p>in Hong Kong between 2002 and 2012 and explain the relationship between the economic conditions of Hong Kong and the unemployment rate with reference to Source 2.</p> <p>2. Based on your knowledge or information obtained from the Internet, indicate the major events leading to the high unemployment rate in 2003 and 2009 respectively.</p>	<p>rate in Hong Kong between 2002 and 2020 and explain the relationship between the economic conditions of Hong Kong and the unemployment rate with reference to Source 2.</p> <p>2. Based on your knowledge or information obtained from the Internet, indicate the major events leading to the high unemployment rate in 2003, 2009 and 2020 respectively.</p>
23	2	Focus of Learning	<p>2.1</p> <p>The overall unemployment rate in Hong Kong has maintained a level between 3% and 5% in recent years. This is lower than that of most of the developed countries or regions. The youth unemployment rate in Hong Kong is higher than the overall unemployment rate in Hong Kong generally. This shows that the problem of unemployment is more serious among young people than in other age groups.</p>	<p>2.1</p> <p>The overall unemployment rate in Hong Kong has maintained a level between 3% and 5% since 2010. This is lower than that of most of the developed countries or regions. However, the unemployment rate in 2020 reached over 5% due to the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic. The youth unemployment rate in Hong Kong is higher than the overall unemployment rate in Hong Kong generally. This shows that the problem of unemployment is more serious among young people than in other age groups</p>
24	2	More Information	<p><u>Additional</u></p>	<p>Slash</p> <p>The term ‘Slash’ came from an American columnist. It means a person with multiple careers and identities, such as a person working as a private tutor and a dancer at the same time. Slash as a working and living style is common among the post-90s generation. They like to work</p>

				<p>for their interests, and are unwilling to commit to traditional full-time employment. They hope to master their working hours and pace of life more freely.</p> <p>Summary of local news on 24 May 2018</p>
25	2	Focus of Learning	<p>Paragraph 1</p> <p>There was a rapid rise in the unemployment rate in Hong Kong, for instance, during the outbreak of Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS) in 2003 and also during the financial tsunami of 2009.</p>	<p>Paragraph 1</p> <p>There was a rapid rise in the unemployment rate in Hong Kong, for instance, during the outbreak of Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS) in 2003, the financial tsunami of 2009 and the outbreak of Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) in 2020.</p>
35	3	Focus of Learning	<p>C.</p> <p>In 2013, the minimum wage was elevated from \$28 to \$30 per hour, increasing the wage level of people on a low income.</p>	<p>C.</p> <p>In 2019, the minimum wage was elevated from \$34.5 to \$37.5 per hour, increasing the wage level of people on a low income.</p>
39	--	Word Easy	<p>C Continuing Education Fund 持續進修基金</p>	<p>C Continuing Education Fund 持續進修基金 Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) 2019 冠狀病毒病</p>
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			<p>T tertiary production 三級生產</p>	<p>T tertiary production 三級生產 The Hong Kong Federation of Trade Unions 香港工會聯合會 (工聯會)</p>

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Hong Kong labour market statistics for 2nd quarter 2013

Hong Kong has a labour force of 3,877,000, which is comprised of 2,005,000 men and 1,872,000 women. The labour force participation rate is 61.5%. In terms of employment, Hong Kong has an employed population of 3,745,000, which is comprised of 1,929,000 men and 1,816,000 women. 61,000 people are underemployed, mostly men. 44,000 men are facing the problem of underemployment. The number of unemployed persons in Hong Kong is 132,000 in which 76,000 are men and 56,000 are women.

Quarterly Report on General Household Survey (April to June 2013)

According to the above information, calculate the ratio of the following items:

1. Labour force participation rate = $\frac{3,877,000}{\text{[]}} \times 100\% = \text{[]}$

2. Underemployment rate = $\frac{\text{[]}}{3,877,000} \times 100\% = \text{[]}$

3. Unemployment rate = $\frac{\text{[]}}{3,877,000} \times 100\% = \text{[]}$

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Hong Kong labour market statistics for 4th quarter 2020

Hong Kong has a labour force of 3,893,000, which is comprised of 1,950,000 men and 1,944,000 women. The labour force participation rate is 59.6%. In terms of employment, Hong Kong has an employed population of 3,648,000 which is comprised of 1,802,000 men and 1,846,000 women. 134,000 people are underemployed, mostly men. 79,000 men are facing the problem of underemployment. The number of unemployed persons in Hong Kong is 246,000 in which 148,000 are men, 50,000 more than the number of unemployed women.

Quarterly Report on General Household Survey (October to December 2020)

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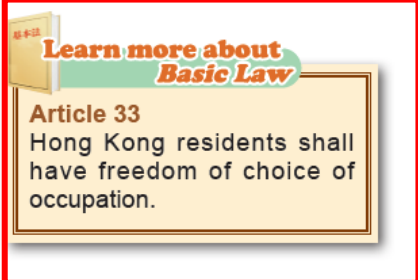
C. Tertiary production

Tertiary production includes industries such as the import and export trade, wholesale and retail industries and the financial industry. Since 1990, services industries have gradually played a dominant role in the Hong Kong economy and many workers are involved in them. In 2011, the employed population involved in financial services, trade and logistics, tourism, professional services and other producer services comprised 47.6% of the total employed population. In 2012, the employed population involved in the services industry comprised 88.4% of the total employed population.

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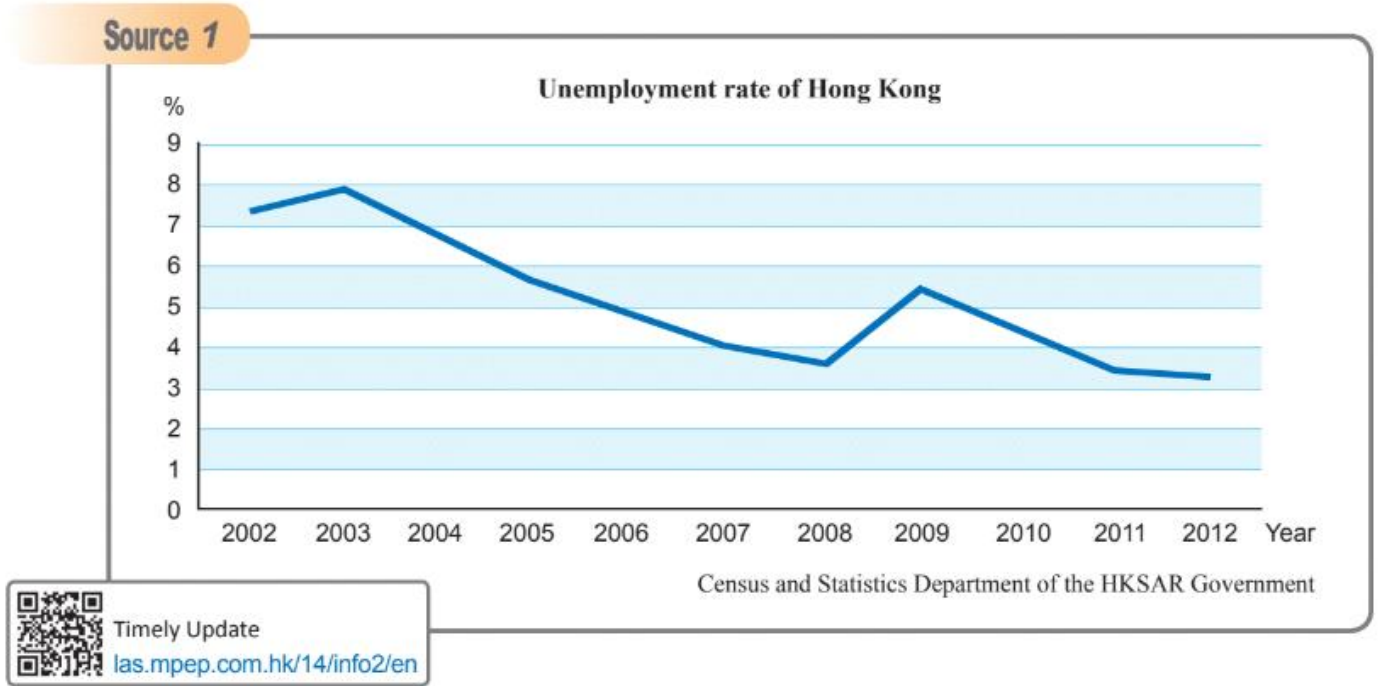
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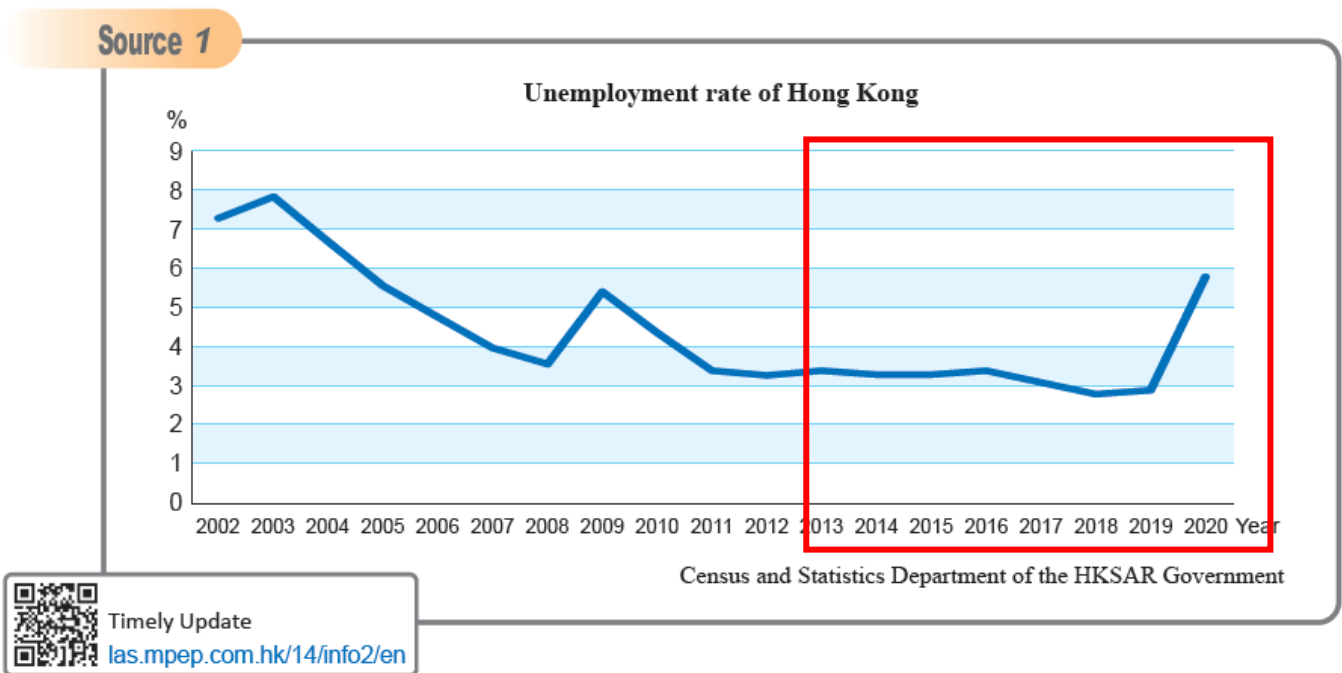
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Article 33
Hong Kong residents shall have freedom of choice of occupation.

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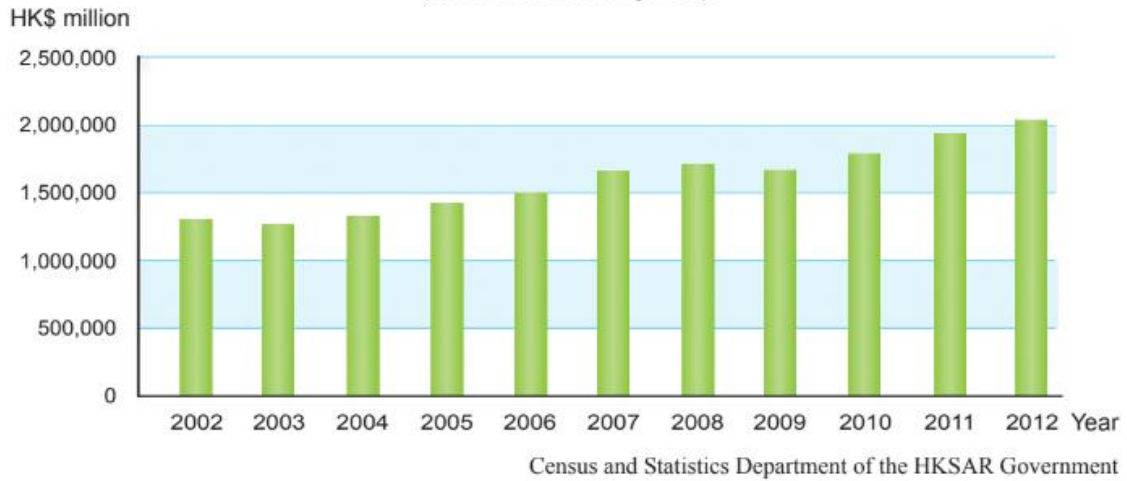
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Source 2

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Gross Domestic Product of Hong Kong
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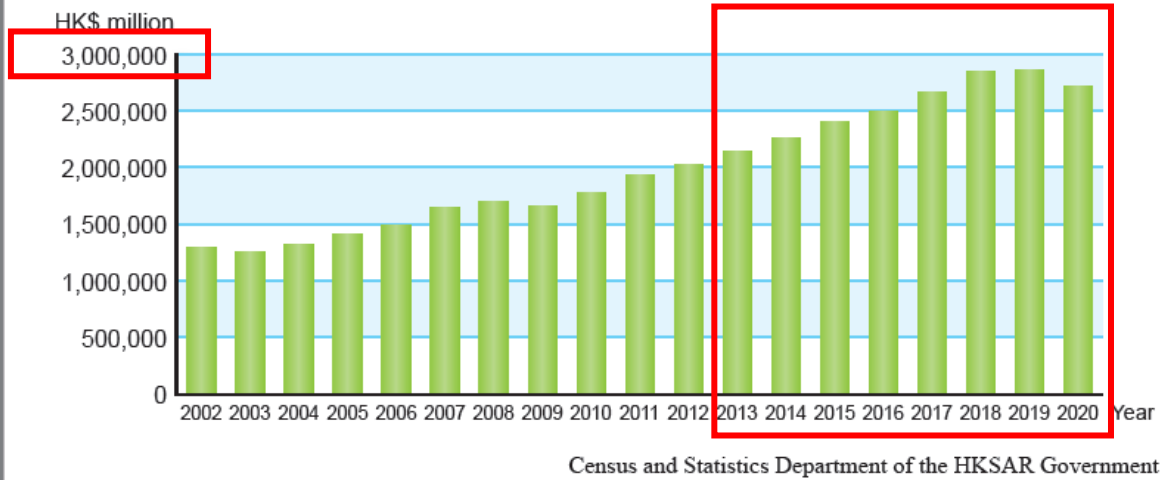
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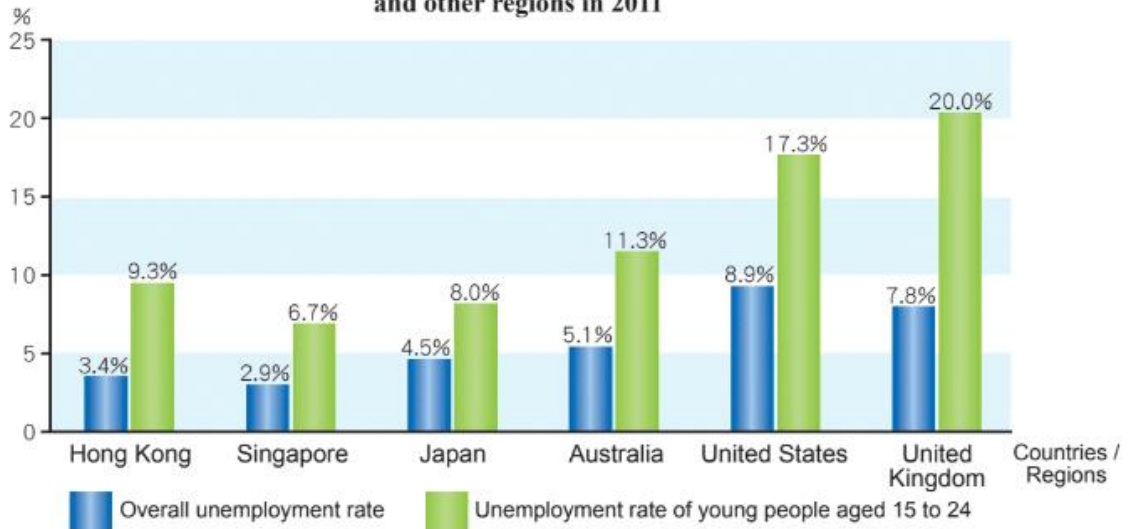
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Source 1

Unemployment rate and youth unemployment rate in Hong Kong and other regions in 2011



Third Quarter Economic Report 2012 from the Economic Analysis and Business Facilitation Unit of the HKSAR Government



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Source 1

Unemployment rate and youth unemployment rate in Hong Kong, China and other countries in 2016



World Bank



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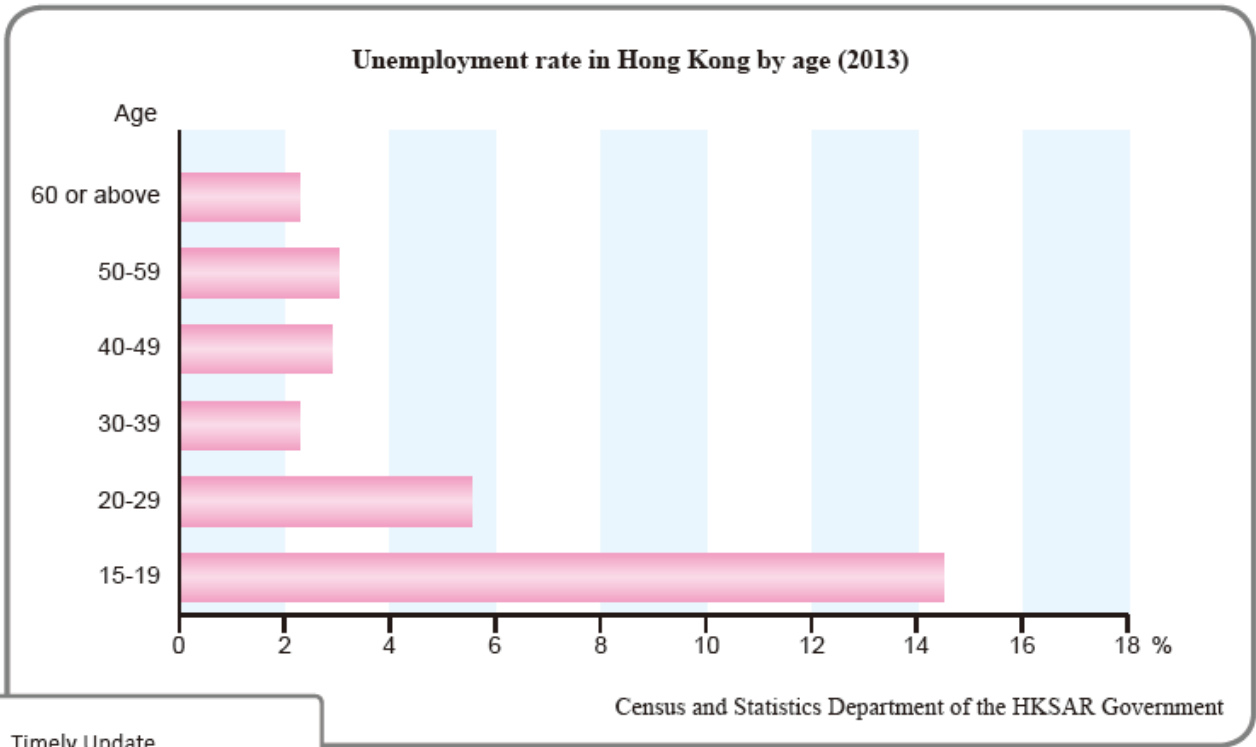
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Countries / Regions	(a) Overall unemployment rate (%)	(b) Unemployment rate of young people aged 15 to 24 (%)	Ratio (b) / (a)
Singapore	2.9	6.7	e.g. 2.3:1
Hong Kong	3.4	9.3	
Japan	4.5	8	
Australia	5.1	11.3	
United States	8.9	17.3	
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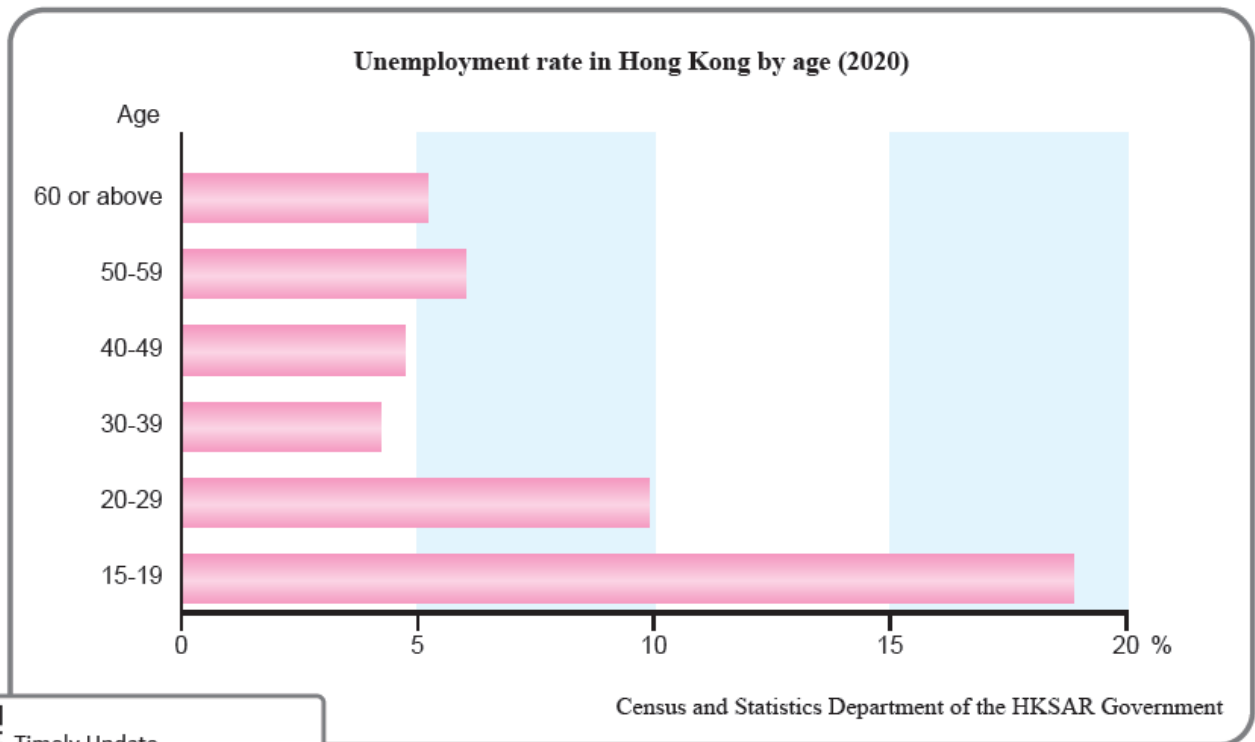
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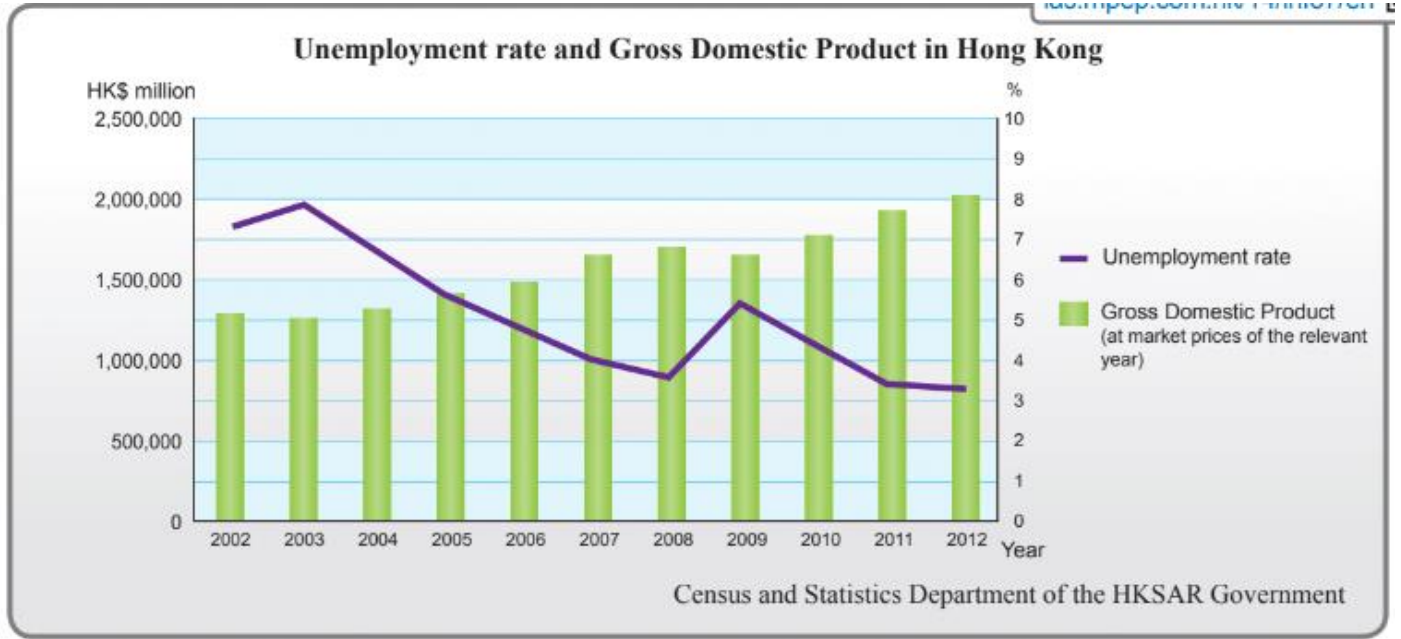
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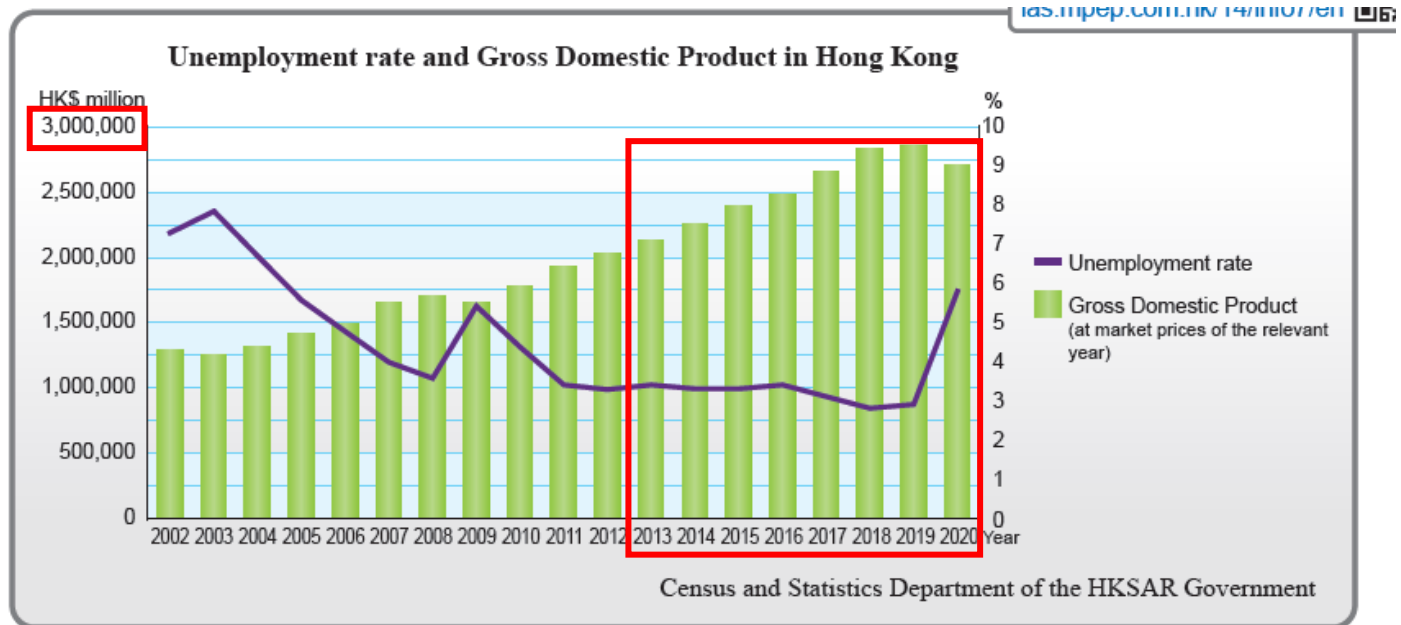
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Source 1

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Median monthly employment earnings of the employed by age and sex (3rd Quarter 2014)

Age	Income of men (HK\$)	Income of women (HK\$)
15-24	9,800	9,500
25-34	15,000	15,000
35-44	20,000	15,000
45-54	18,000	12,000
55-59	15,000	10,000
60 or above	12,000	8,000
All	15,000	12,300

Quarterly Report on General Household Survey (July to September 2014)

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Median monthly employment earnings of the employed by age and sex (4th Quarter 2020)

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15-24	14,000	13,400
25-34	20,000	19,500
35-44	25,000	20,000
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Quarterly Report on General Household Survey (October to December 2020)

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Source 2

**Median monthly employment earnings of the employed by
occupation of main employment in Hong Kong (3rd Quarter 2014)**

Occupation of main employment	Income of men (HK\$)	Income of women (HK\$)
Managers and administrators	40,000	33,800
Professionals	38,800	33,800
Associate professionals	18,500	19,000
Clerks	13,000	12,000
Service workers and shop sales workers	13,000	9,400
Craft and related workers	14,000	9,000
Plant and machine operators and assemblers	13,000	9,500
Elementary occupations (excluding foreign domestic helpers)	10,000	8,000
Others	9,300	8,500

Quarterly Report on General Household Survey (July to September 2014)



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**Median monthly employment earnings of the employed by
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Occupation of main employment	Income of men (HK\$)	Income of women (HK\$)
Managers and administrators	45,000	40,000
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Associate professionals	24,000	24,000
Clerks	16,000	15,500
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Others	10,200	5,000

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To ensure that low-skilled workers receive a reasonable income to maintain basic needs in their lives, the HKSAR Government set up the *Minimum Wage Ordinance*. The hourly minimum wage of workers will be adjusted according to changes in the economic environment. In 2013, the minimum wage was elevated from \$28 to \$30 per hour, increasing the wage level of people on a low income.



Fig. 3.4 A group of workers ask the government to raise the minimum wage.

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As time passes, the skills which various industries require are constantly changing. Enterprises can provide their employees with on-the-job training and encourage them to apply for short-term programmes. These would help workers to grasp the latest information and the development direction of their industries in order to enhance their skills and competitiveness.

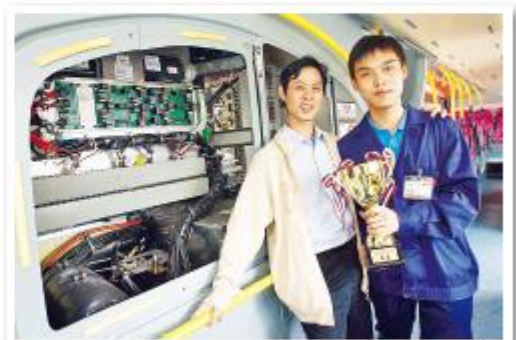


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Fig. 3.4 The Hong Kong Federation of Trade Unions held a press conference, suggested that the minimum wage should be set at 60% of the median wage. Representatives of grass-roots employees said that they were hard to live with the current minimum wage.



Through career planning, you may find out your ambitions and interests earlier. And you can know more about the requirements of different industries and professions, by means like attending career talks, joining internship programmes to work in different companies. Setting your career path can help gear yourselves up earlier, in order to realise your dreams.

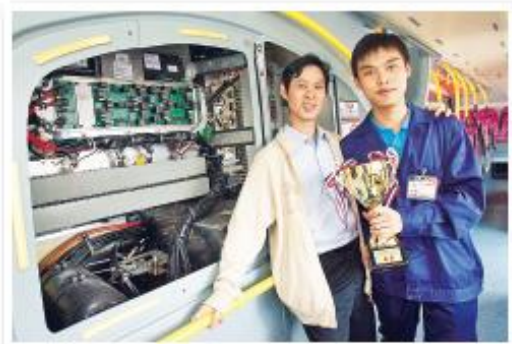


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Learning outcomes predicted in point form.



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