Table 1 Views on expected changes in business situation, volume of business/output, number of persons engaged and selling price/service charge, Q3 2015 as compared with Q2 2015 (1)

		Bus	siness sit	uation	Volume of business/output (2)				Number of persons engaged				Selling price/Service charge ⁽³⁾			
	Percentage of establishments choosing ⁽⁴⁾			Net balance ⁽⁵⁾ = Difference between the % of establishments	Percentage of establishments choosing ⁽⁴⁾			Net balance ⁽⁵⁾ = Difference between the % of establishments	establishments			Net balance ⁽⁵⁾ = Difference between the % of establishments	Percentage of establishments choosing ⁽⁴⁾			Net balance ⁽⁵⁾ = Difference between the % of establishments
Sector	Better (i)	Same (ii)	Worse (iii)	choosing "better" and that choosing "worse" (iv)=(i)-(iii)	Up (i)	Same (ii)	Down (iii)	choosing "up" and that choosing "down" (iv)=(i)-(iii)	Up (i)	Same (ii)	Down (iii)	choosing "up" and that choosing "down" (iv)=(i)-(iii)	Up (i)	Same (ii)	Down (iii)	choosing "up" and that choosing
Manufacturing	20	62	18	+2	19	65	16	+3	15	74	11	+4	6	94	0	+6
Construction	12	78	9	+3	21	73	5	+16	33	63	4	+29	22	74	4	+18
Import/export trade and wholesale	9	79	12	-3	16	76	9	+7	4	94	2	+2	4	91	5	-1
Retail	21	56	23	-2	23	54	23	0	7	91	2	+5	4	90	6	-2
Accommodation and food services ⁽⁶⁾	17	66	17	0	20	63	18	+2	16	81	2	+14	11	80	9	+2
Transportation, storage and courier services	25	68	8	+17	25	71	5	+20	17	80	3	+14	13	87	0	+13
Information and communications	19	76	5	+14	25	70	5	+20	19	78	3	+16	3	94	3	0
Financing and insurance	22	75	4	+18	22	68	10	+12	12	82	7	+5	1	95	4	-3
Real estate ⁽⁷⁾	9	82	9	0	9	84	7	+2	19	62	19	0	7	93	0	+7
Professional and business services ⁽⁸⁾	10	80	10	0	12	80	8	+4	11	82	6	+5	6	92	2	+4
All sectors above ⁽⁹⁾	15	75	10	+5												

Notes:

- (1) In collecting views on the quarter-to-quarter changes, if the variable in question is subject to seasonal variations, respondents are asked to provide the expected changes after excluding the normal seasonal variations.
- (2) The exact variable asked in the questionnaire varies slightly according to the characteristics of the sector: "volume of production" in the manufacturing sector; "volume of construction output" in the construction sector; "volume of sales" in the import/export trade and wholesale, and retail sectors; and "volume of business" in other sectors.
- (3) The exact variable asked in the questionnaire varies slightly according to the characteristics of the sector; "selling price" in the manufacturing, import/export trade and wholesale, and retail sectors; "tender price" in the construction sector; "price of food provided" in the food services sector; "premium rate" in the insurance sector; "price of properties sold/management fee/commission rate" in the real estate sector; and "charge for services rendered" in other sectors.
- (4) The percentages for the three response categories may not add up to 100% owing to rounding.
- (5) The "net balance", with its appropriate sign, indicates the direction of expected change in the variable concerned. A positive sign indicates a likely upward trend while a negative sign, a likely downward trend. The magnitude of the "net balance" reflects only the prevalence of optimism or pessimism, but not the magnitude of expected change.
- (6) Accommodation and food services sector mainly covers services rendered by hotels and restaurants.
- (7) Real estate sector covers real estate development, leasing, brokerage and agency, maintenance management, and other real estate services.
- (8) Professional and business services sector covers professional, scientific and technical services, and administrative and support services.
- (9) Figures are weighted averages of sectoral figures.