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Japan Productivity Center

Japan Productivity Center has published “International Comparison of Labor Productivity 2018”

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ranking 20th among 36 OECD countries**

On December 19, Japan Productivity Center (Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo, Yuzaburo Mogi Chairman), a public interest incorporated foundation to improve productivity through research, proposals and practical activities, published “International Comparison of Labor Productivity 2018”. Japan Productivity Center publishes this report every year after analyzing and verifying data from the OECD database, etc.

The government is developing various policies under the slogan of “Productivity Revolution” to address the pressing issue of productivity improvement in Japan, where productive-age population is declining as the total population is declining. Japan Productivity Center is monitoring the position of Japan’s labor productivity in the world to help development of policies and deployment of measures in the future.

According to data from OECD, labor productivity per hour in Japan is 47.5 USD (4,733 JPN), ranking 20th among 36 OECD countries. Although nominal productivity has increased by 1.4% from the previous year, ranking remains the same. Labor productivity per worker was 84,027 USD (8.37 million JPN), ranking 21st among 36 OECD countries.

1. Labor productivity per hour in Japan is 47.5 USD, ranking 20th among 36 OECD countries.

According to data from OECD, labor productivity per hour (added value per working hour) in Japan in 2017 is 47.5 USD (4,733 JPN, converted using Purchasing Power Parity (PPP)). It is about 2/3 of that in the United States (72.0 USD, 7,169 JPN) and ranks 20th among 36 OECD countries. Although nominal labor productivity per hour increased by 1.4% from the previous year, the ranking remains the same. It has been the lowest among G7 since 1970, when such data became available.

2. Labor productivity per worker in Japan is 84,027 USD, ranking 21st among 36 OECD countries.

Labor productivity per worker (added value per worker) in Japan in 2017 is 84,027 USD (8.37 million JPN). It is higher than that in New Zealand (76,105 USD, 7.58 million JPN), but is slightly lower than that in the UK (89,674 USD, 8.93 million JPN) and Canada (93,093 USD, 9.27 million JPN). Japan ranks 21st among 36 OECD countries.

3. Labor productivity in the manufacturing industry in Japan is 99,215 USD, ranking 15th among major 31 OECD countries.

Labor productivity level (added value per worker) in the manufacturing industry in Japan is 99,215 USD (11.15 million JPN, converted using exchange rate). It has been increasing steadily in yen but has recently been growing little in dollar due to the impact of the exchange rate. Japan ranks 15th among major 31 OECD countries, having dropped a place from the previous year.

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