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Apart from providing up-to-date statistics, this issue also contains two feature articles entitled "Movements of Producer Price Indices of Service Industries during 2010 to 2019" and "The Financial Services Sector in Hong Kong".

"Movements of Producer Price Indices of Service Industries during 2010 to 2019"

The Producer Price Index (PPI) measures changes in output prices of goods and services of an industry. It can be used as a deflator of output series for discounting the effect of price changes so as to measure changes of local output in real terms and to facilitate the assessment of productivity growth in an economy. PPI is also useful as an economic indicator for monitoring the price movements of local outputs and evaluating their price competitiveness vis-à-vis those delivered in other economies/territories. This feature article analyses the movements of PPIs of selected service industries from 2010 to 2019.

For enquiries about this feature article, please contact the Logistics and Producer Prices Statistics Section, C&SD (Tel: 3903 7255; email: services@censtatd.gov.hk).

"The Financial Services Sector in Hong Kong"

Hong Kong is one of the most vibrant international financial centres in the world. The contribution of the financial services sector to Hong Kong's Gross Domestic Product increased from 13% in 2004 to around 20% in 2018. This feature article presents the operating characteristics and business performance of selected industries in the sector between 2016 and 2018. It also briefly highlights the overall quarterly business performance of selected industries in the sector in 2019.

For enquiries about this feature article, please contact the Business Services Statistics Section, C&SD (Tel: 3903 7266; email: business-services@censtatd.gov.hk).

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