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The Census and Statistics Department (C&SD) published today (April 19) the April 2022 issue of the "Hong Kong Monthly Digest of Statistics" (HKMDS).

Apart from providing up-to-date statistics, this issue also contains two feature articles entitled "Statistics on Innovation Activities in Hong Kong, 2016 to 2020" and "The Financial Services Sector in Hong Kong".

"Statistics on Innovation Activities in Hong Kong, 2016 to 2020"

Innovation is a key impetus to economic growth and development. Innovation activities include not only research and development (R&D) but also product and business process innovation which help enhance competitiveness and business performance.

Statistics on innovation activities shed light on the prevalence of innovation activities in an economy and are useful in offering insight into potential development areas. This feature article aims at portraying the latest situation of innovation activities in Hong Kong, with separate analyses on R&D and other innovation activities.

For enquiries about this feature article, please contact the Science and Technology Statistics Section, the C&SD (Tel: 3903 7290; email: stbl@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 14% in 2005 to 23% in 2020. This feature article presents the operating characteristics and business performance of selected industries in the sector between 2018 and 2020. It also briefly highlights the overall quarterly business performance of selected industries in the sector in 2021.

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

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(www.censtatd.gov.hk/en/EIndexbySubject.html?pcode=B1010002&scode=460).

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