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The Census and Statistics Department (C&SD) published today (August 15) the August 2019 issue of the "Hong Kong Monthly Digest of Statistics" (HKMDS).

Apart from providing up-to-date statistics, this issue also contains three feature articles entitled "Composite Employment Estimates 2018", "Statistics on Chinese Medicine in Hong Kong, 2018" and "Cross-boundary Travel Survey 2017". Statistics presented in the "Cross-boundary Travel Survey 2017" article are based on the data source from the Planning Department.

"Composite Employment Estimates 2018"

In studies of employment statistics, the issue of discrepancies observed between the employment data obtained from establishment-based surveys which refer to occupied posts in firms, and those data obtained from household surveys which refer to persons employed, is common. To tackle this, the C&SD has been compiling a set of Composite Employment Estimates (CEE) which reconcile, under a designated statistical framework, the results obtained from the household-based General Household Survey and the establishment-based Quarterly Survey of Employment and Vacancies since 1997.

This feature article provides the CEE figures in individual industries for 2013 to 2018. It also gives an account of the characteristics of CEE and briefly discusses the differences and usage of the CEE vis-à-vis the other employment figures.

For enquiries about this feature article, please contact the Employment Statistics and Central Register of Establishments Section, C&SD (Tel: 2582 4751; email: employment@censtatd.gov.hk).

"Statistics on Chinese Medicine in Hong Kong, 2018"

In recent years, the Chinese medicine sector has developed steadily in Hong Kong. The Chinese medicine sector comprises: (a) manufacture of Chinese medicines; (b) distribution of Chinese medicines, including import/export, wholesale and retail trades; and (c) practising Chinese medicine, including Chinese medicine practitioners of general practice, acupuncture and bone-setting.

This feature article discusses the updated situation of some Chinese medicine industries including the manufacture of Chinese medicines and the distribution of Chinese medicines, as well as the external trade of Chinese herbal medicines.

For enquiries about this feature article, please contact the Distribution Services Statistics Section, C&SD (Tel: 3903 7398; email: asw@censtatd.gov.hk).

"Cross-boundary Travel Survey 2017"

The socio-economic ties between the mainland of China, Macao and Hong Kong are growing stronger, leading to persistent growth in cross-boundary travel over the years. This feature article briefly describes the characteristics of cross-boundary passenger and vehicle trips, based on the data obtained from the Cross-boundary Travel Survey 2017 conducted by the Planning Department in November 2017.

For enquiries about this feature article, please contact the Cross-boundary Infrastructure and Development Section, Planning Department (Tel: 2231 4707; email: cidpd@pland.gov.hk).

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