

Lido Beach and Casam Beach reopened

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The Leisure and Cultural Services Department announced today (July 15) that the shark prevention nets at Lido Beach and Casam Beach in Tsuen Wan District have been repaired and the beaches have been reopened.

The beaches were temporarily closed earlier on for shark prevention net maintenance work.

Cafeteria Old Beach reopened

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The Leisure and Cultural Services Department announced today (July 15) that the shark prevention net at Cafeteria Old Beach in Tuen Mun District has been repaired and the beach has been reopened.

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The Census and Statistics Department (C&SD) published today (July 15) the July 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 "Foreign Affiliates Statistics of Hong Kong", "Hong Kong's Portfolio Investment Statistics, 2009 to 2018" and "Statistics on Employers' Views on the Training Needs of their Employees".

"Foreign Affiliates Statistics of Hong Kong"

With increasing globalisation of the world economy, it becomes popular for multinational enterprises to provide services to customers in another economy through setting up affiliated companies abroad.

In view of the growing importance of services supplied via this mode, the C&SD has developed a statistical framework for compiling relevant statistics, known as "foreign affiliates statistics (FATS)". This feature article briefly describes the statistical system for compiling inward FATS, and presents selected inward FATS of Hong Kong for 2017.

For enquiries about this feature article, please contact the Trade in Services Statistics Section, C&SD (Tel: 3903 7410; email: tis@censtatd.gov.hk).

"Hong Kong's Portfolio Investment Statistics, 2009 to 2018"

Hong Kong is a major international financial centre, with one of the largest stock markets in the world. Hong Kong's stock market not only is active in trading, but also serves as a premier fund-raising platform for many companies from the mainland of China and multinational enterprises. At the same time, Hong Kong's debt market keeps on expanding. Leveraging on the comprehensive and effective financial facilities in Hong Kong, investors can choose different types of investment instruments for trading at relatively lower transaction costs. Analysis of Hong Kong's portfolio investment (PI) statistics is useful in understanding the characteristics and trend of PI in Hong Kong.

This feature article mainly presents the salient features of Hong Kong's PI statistics from 2009 to 2018.

For enquiries about this feature article, please contact the Balance of Payments Branch, C&SD (Tel: 3903 7042; email: bop23_1@censtatd.gov.hk).

"Statistics on Employers' Views on the Training Needs of their Employees"

With the globalisation of economy and the transformation of Hong Kong into a knowledge-based economy, the demands on the skill sets of employees by employers are changing gradually. For better understanding the training needs of employees, the C&SD conducted the 2017 Establishment Survey on Manpower and Job Skills Requirements during the period from the fourth quarter of 2017 to the first quarter of 2018 to collect information on employers' views on the training needs of their employees. This feature article briefly describes the survey findings, which provide important reference to the Government, training bodies and business sector in formulating manpower training programmes.

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

Published in bilingual form, the HKMDS is a compact volume of official

statistics containing about 140 tables. It collects up-to-date statistical series on various aspects of the social and economic situation of Hong Kong. Topics include population; labour; external trade; National Income and Balance of Payments; prices; business performance; energy; housing and property; government accounts, finance and insurance; and transport, communications and tourism. For selected key statistical items, over 20 charts depicting the annual trend in the past decade and quarterly or monthly trend in the recent two years are also available. Users can download the Digest free of charge at the website of C&SD (www.censtatd.gov.hk/hkstat/sub/sp460.jsp?productCode=B1010002).

Enquiries about the contents of the Digest can be directed to the Statistical Information Dissemination Section of the C&SD (Tel: 2582 4738; email: gen-enquiry@censtatd.gov.hk).

[Effective Exchange Rate Index](#)

The effective exchange rate index for the Hong Kong dollar on Monday, July 15, 2019 is 104.7 (down 0.1 against last Saturday's index).

The effective exchange rate index for the Hong Kong dollar on Saturday, July 13, 2019 was 104.8 (same as last Friday's index).

[Lifesaving services at some beaches resume](#)

Attention TV/radio announcers:

Please broadcast the following as soon as possible and repeat it at regular intervals:

Here is an item of interest to swimmers.

The Leisure and Cultural Services Department has announced that the lifesaving services at Golden Beach, Cafeteria New Beach and Cafeteria Old Beach in Tuen Mun District resumed today (July 15). The lifesaving services at these beaches were suspended earlier due to an insufficient number of lifeguards on duty.

However, the red flag at Cafeteria Old Beach in Tuen Mun District is still hoisted due to maintenance on the shark prevention net. Beach-goers are

advised not to swim at the beach until further notice.