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The Census and Statistics Department (C&SD) published today (December 17) the December 2018 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 "Fertility Trend in Hong Kong, 1981 to 2017" and "Port Transshipment Cargo Statistics, 2007 to 2017".

"Fertility Trend in Hong Kong, 1981 to 2017"

Broadly speaking, Hong Kong's fertility showed a declining trend over the past 36 years. After experiencing the historic low of 901 live births per 1 000 women in 2003, the total fertility rate once rebounded to 1 285 in 2012, and then dropped to 1 125 in 2017. During the whole period, the total fertility rate of Hong Kong has been consistently below the replacement level of 2 100.

This feature article gives a brief account of the fertility trend in Hong Kong over the period from 1981 to 2017 and analyses the factors underlying the fertility trend.

For enquiries about this feature article, please contact the Demographic Statistics Section, C&SD (Tel: 3903 6933; email: population@censtatd.gov.hk).

"Port Transshipment Cargo Statistics, 2007 to 2017"

Port transshipment cargo movements have contributed to the growth of port cargo throughput of Hong Kong. With an average annual rate of increase of 0.8% between 2007 and 2017, port transshipment cargo movements took up 50.9% of port cargo throughput in 2017. In particular, port transshipment cargo movements between Hong Kong and the mainland of China accounted for the largest share (38.9%) of Hong Kong's port transshipment cargo. About 71.2% of Mainland-Hong Kong port transshipment cargo movements were between Hong Kong and the Pearl River Delta region.

For enquiries about this feature article, please contact the Outward Processing and Shipping Statistics Section, C&SD (Tel: 2582 4889; email: shipping@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 the 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 Services Section of the C&SD (Tel: 2582 4738; email: gen-enquiry@censtatd.gov.hk).