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The Census and Statistics Department (C&SD) published today (December 16) the December 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 "Salary Statistics of Middle-level Managerial and Professional Employees, 2009 to 2019", "The Four Key Industries in the Hong Kong Economy" and "Analysis of Hong Kong's External Merchandise Trade by Industry".

"Salary Statistics of Middle-level Managerial and Professional Employees, 2009 to 2019"

This feature article describes the movements of the salaries of middlelevel managerial and professional employees in selected industry sections during the period from 2009 to 2019. Up-to-date statistics on the entitlement of such employees to various types of fringe benefits are also presented.

For enquiries about this feature article, please contact the Wages and Labour Costs Statistics Section, C&SD (Tel: 2887 5230; email: mpes@censtatd.gov.hk).

"The Four Key Industries in the Hong Kong Economy"

The Government has been actively pursuing economic development in order to keep up the competitive advantage of Hong Kong. The traditional Four Key Industries in Hong Kong, namely financial services, tourism, trading and logistics, and professional and producer services, have been the driving force of Hong Kong's economic growth, providing impetus to growth of other sectors and creating employment.

This feature article analyses the economic contribution and employment situation in respect of the Four Key Industries in 2018. Taken together, the share of the total value added of the Four Key Industries in Gross Domestic Product (GDP) was 57.3%, while the percentage share of total employment was 46.3%. Compared with 2017, the value added of financial services industry recorded the highest growth rate (+10.9%), or 19.7% of GDP. The industry also employed 263 000 persons in 2018, or 6.8% of total employment.

For enquiries about this feature article, please contact the National Income Branch, C&SD (Tel :3903 7002; email: gdp-p@censtatd.gov.hk).

"Analysis of Hong Kong's External Merchandise Trade by Industry"

The C&SD has recently compiled a set of statistics on trade by industry

of importers/exporters in order to provide insights into the external merchandise trading activities of individual industries.

In 2018, "import/export and wholesale trades" and "transportation, storage, postal and courier services" were the two major industries, together contributing about 88% of the total trade value. On the export side, the contribution of small and medium sized enterprises in these two industries was 67% and 50% of their respective exports.

This feature article also presents further analyses of imports and exports of major industries by major trading partner and major commodity group.

For enquiries about this feature article, please contact the Trade Analysis Section, C&SD (Tel: 2582 4914; email: trade@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 Dissemination Section of the C&SD (Tel: 2582 4738; email: gen-enquiry@censtatd.gov.hk).