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The Census and Statistics Department (C&SD) published today (December 15) the December 2020 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 2019” and “Port Transshipment Cargo Statistics, 2009 to 2019”.

“Fertility Trend in Hong Kong, 1981 to 2019”

Broadly speaking, Hong Kong’s fertility showed a declining trend over the past 38 years. After experiencing the historic low of 901 live births per 1 000 women in 2003, the total fertility rate rebounded to 1 285 in 2012, before declining gradually to 1 051 in 2019. 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 2019 and analyses the factors underlying the fertility trend.

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

“Port Transshipment Cargo Statistics, 2009 to 2019”

The port of Hong Kong is a major hub port of the Asia-Pacific region. With an average annual rate of decrease of 0.1% between 2009 and 2019, port transshipment cargo movements took up 48.0% of port cargo throughput in 2019. In particular, port transshipment cargo movements between Hong Kong and the mainland of China (the Mainland) accounted for the largest share (41.3%) of Hong Kong’s port transshipment cargo. About 71.5% 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, the 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 Dissemination Section (1) of the C&SD (Tel: 2582 4738; email: gen-enquiry@censtatd.gov.hk).