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The Census and Statistics Department (C&SD) published today (January 15) the January 2019 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 "Hong Kong's External Direct Investment Statistics, 2008 to 2017" and "Pattern of Smoking".

"Hong Kong's External Direct Investment Statistics, 2008 to 2017"

Hong Kong is an international financial centre and a premier business hub. It is also a gateway to the vast market of the mainland of China (the Mainland) as well as a platform for facilitating the Mainland enterprises to gain access to the global market. External direct investment (DI) between Hong Kong and the rest of the world, including the Mainland, is very sizable. Analysis of Hong Kong's DI statistics over the past years is useful in understanding the characteristics and trend of DI in Hong Kong.

This feature article presents the salient features of Hong Kong's DI statistics in the past decade.

For enquiries about this feature article, please contact the Balance of Payments Section, C&SD (Tel: 3903 7016; email: di@censtatd.gov.hk).

"Pattern of Smoking"

The C&SD conducted a Thematic Household Survey on the pattern of smoking of the Hong Kong population aged 15 and over during June to September 2017 to collect information on the number of smokers and their smoking pattern. This feature article briefly describes the major findings of the survey.

For enquiries about this feature article, please contact the Social Surveys Section, C&SD (Tel: 2887 0416; email: thematic@censtatd.gov.hk).

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