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The Census and Statistics Department (C&SD) published today (January 15) the January 2024 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 "The Mortality Trend in Hong Kong, 1991 to 2022" and "An Overview of the Public Library Services in Hong Kong". Statistics presented in the "An Overview of the Public Library Services in Hong Kong" article are based on the data source from the Leisure and Cultural Services Department.

## "The Mortality Trend in Hong Kong, 1991 to 2022"

Mortality trend is often used as one of the indicators for assessing the state of health of the population. Analysis of age-sex mortality rates and causes of death can also facilitate planning of healthcare services.

In Hong Kong, the age-sex specific mortality rates for both genders and all age groups have been decreasing continuously, reflecting that residents of Hong Kong tend to live longer along with advancement in healthcare services. Yet, because of population ageing, the overall mortality rates and the number of deaths showed an increasing trend.

This feature article gives a brief account of the mortality trend in Hong Kong over the period from 1991 to 2022. It also discusses the leading causes of death, the expectation of life and the seasonality of deaths.

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

## "An Overview of the Public Library Services in Hong Kong"

Libraries provide a gateway to the world of information and knowledge. In Hong Kong, the Leisure and Cultural Services Department is responsible for the provision of public library services. This feature article gives an overview of the provision, utilisation and latest developments of the public library services in Hong Kong.

For enquiries about this feature article, please contact the Statistics Unit of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (Tel: 2601 8657; email: [enquiries@lcsd.gov.hk](mailto:enquiries@lcsd.gov.hk)).

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