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Apart from providing up-to-date statistics, this issue also contains two feature articles entitled "Hong Kong's External Direct Investment Statistics, 2014 to 2023" and "Crime Situation of Hong Kong in 2023". Statistics presented in the "Crime Situation of Hong Kong in 2023" article are based on the data source from the Hong Kong Police Force.

"Hong Kong's External Direct Investment Statistics, 2014 to 2023"

Hong Kong is an international financial centre and commercial hub for multinational corporations to manage their investments and businesses around the world. It is also an important gateway for overseas companies to enter the 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 Branch (2) of the C&SD (Tel: 3903 7016; email: <a href="mailto:di@censtatd.gov.hk">di@censtatd.gov.hk</a>).

"Crime Situation of Hong Kong in 2023"

In 2023, a total of 90 276 crimes were recorded in Hong Kong, representing an increase of 29%. Major crimes that recorded increases included deception, theft, blackmail and burglary. This feature article gives an overview of the crime statistics in 2023.

For enquiries about this feature article, please contact the Statistics Office, Crime Wing of the Hong Kong Police Force (Tel: 2860 8438; email: genenquiry@censtatd.gov.hk).

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(www.censtatd.gov.hk/en/EIndexbySubject.html?pcode=B1010002&scode=460).

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