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The Census and Statistics Department (C&SD) published today (March 15) the March 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 "Analysis of Hong Kong's External Merchandise Trade by Mode of Transport" and "Consumer Price Index and Its Movements during 2009 to 2018".

### "Analysis of Hong Kong's External Merchandise Trade by Mode of Transport"

External merchandise trade is one of the important economic activities in Hong Kong. Goods are brought into or out of Hong Kong by various means of transport. In 2018, the value of Hong Kong's external merchandise trade by air accounted for 41.8% of Hong Kong's total value of trade in goods. Another 40.0% was transported by land, 15.1% by ocean and 2.1% by river. The remaining 1.0% was mainly postal parcels and accompanied goods of passengers travelling on various means of transport.

This feature article analyses the performance and characteristics of Hong Kong's external merchandise trade by mode of transport during the period from 2008 to 2018.

For enquiries about this feature article, please contact the Trade Analysis Section, C&SD (Tel: 2582 5026; email: [trade@censtatd.gov.hk](mailto:trade@censtatd.gov.hk)).

### "Consumer Price Index and Its Movements during 2009 to 2018"

The year-on-year rate of change in the Consumer Price Index (CPI) is frequently quoted as the indicator of inflation. This feature article analyses the movements of consumer prices in the period 2009 to 2018.

In 2011, the CPI rose significantly amidst the upsurge in food and energy prices in the international markets and the continued increases in private housing rents. The annual rates of increase maintained at around 4% to 5% during 2012 to 2014, then started to moderate since 2015. The annual rate of increase in the CPI picked up slightly in 2018.

Apart from presenting the movements of the overall indices in the past decade, this feature article also analyses price changes at various commodity/service section levels.

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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 C&SD ([www.censtatd.gov.hk/hkstat/sub/sp460.jsp?productCode=B1010002](http://www.censtatd.gov.hk/hkstat/sub/sp460.jsp?productCode=B1010002)).

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