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Apart from providing up-to-date statistics, this issue also contains a feature article entitled "Consumer Price Index and Its Movements during 2012 to 2021".

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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 2012 to 2021.

The annual rates of increase in the CPI maintained at around 4% to 5% during 2012 to 2014, then started to moderate since 2015. Despite the annual rates of increase in the CPI picked up slightly in 2018 and 2019, it eased again in 2020 under the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. In 2021, the annual rate of increase in the CPI picked up slightly.

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.

For enquiries about this feature article, please contact the Consumer Price Index Section, C&SD (Tel: 3903 7370; email: cpi@censtatd.gov.hk).

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