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Apart from providing up-to-date statistics, this issue also contains two feature articles entitled "Hong Kong's International Investment Position, 2011 to 2020" and "The Profile of the Unemployed Population in Hong Kong in 2020".

"Hong Kong's International Investment Position, 2011 to 2020"

International Investment Position (IIP) is a balance sheet showing the stock of external financial assets and liabilities of an economy at a particular time point. Being a highly externally oriented economy, Hong Kong is very actively engaged in activities involving cross-territory investment. Analysis of Hong Kong's IIP is therefore particularly useful for assessing the financial soundness of the economy.

This feature article describes salient features of Hong Kong's IIP for the period 2011 to 2020.

For enquiries about this feature article, please contact the Balance of Payments Branch (1), C&SD (Tel: 3903 6990; email: bop@censtatd.gov.hk).

"The Profile of the Unemployed Population in Hong Kong in 2020"

The labour market of Hong Kong deteriorated sharply in 2020. The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate increased from 4.2% in the first quarter to 6.6% in the fourth quarter of 2020, the highest in 16 years. The number of unemployed persons (not seasonally adjusted) rose from 162 200 to 245 800 over the same period. This feature article provides an analysis of the unemployed population in 2020 from various perspectives. It aims to give readers a better understanding of the unemployed population in Hong Kong.

For enquiries about this feature article, please contact the Household Statistics Analysis Section, C&SD (Tel: 2887 5208; email: ghs@censtatd.gov.hk).

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

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