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The Census and Statistics Department (C&SD) published today (May 16) the May 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 "Hong Kong's Portfolio Investment Statistics, 2014 to 2023" and "Port Cargo Statistics, 2014 to 2023".

"Hong Kong's Portfolio Investment Statistics, 2014 to 2023"

Hong Kong is a major international financial centre, with one of the largest stock markets in the world. Hong Kong's stock market not only is active in trading, but also serves as a fund-raising platform for many companies from the mainland of China and multinational enterprises. At the same time, Hong Kong's debt market keeps on expanding. Leveraging on the comprehensive and effective financial facilities in Hong Kong, investors can choose different types of investment instruments for trading at relatively lower transaction costs.

This feature article mainly presents the salient features of Hong Kong's portfolio investment (PI) statistics from 2014 to 2023. Analysis of Hong Kong's PI statistics is useful in understanding the characteristics and trend of PI in Hong Kong.

For enquiries about this feature article, please contact the Balance of Payments Branch (2) of the C&SD (Tel: 3903 7042; email: bop23_1@censtatd.gov.hk).

"Port Cargo Statistics, 2014 to 2023"

With a cargo throughput of 174.9 million tonnes in 2023, Hong Kong remained one of the busiest ports in the world. Almost half of Hong Kong's port cargo movements were from or to the mainland of China, reflecting the close economic relations between the two places.

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Published in bilingual form, the HKMDS is a compact volume of official statistics containing about 130 tables. It collects up-to-date statistical series on various aspects of the social and economic situation of Hong Kong. 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 at the website of the C&SD (www.censtatd.gov.hk/en/EIndexbySubject.html?pcode=B1010002&scode=460).

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