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Apart from providing up-to-date statistics, this issue also contains two feature articles entitled "Dependency Trend in Hong Kong" and "Human Capital in Hong Kong".

"Dependency Trend in Hong Kong"

An ageing trend of the Hong Kong population was observed in the past 30 years or so. The median age of the population (excluding foreign domestic helpers) increased from 26.7 in 1982 to 45.3 (provisional) in 2018. Analyses of the changing structure of the population in terms of age and economic activity status are crucial for understanding the dependency trend in Hong Kong. This feature article analyses the dependency trend in Hong Kong through various indicators.

For enquiries about this feature article, please contact the Household Statistics Analysis Section, C&SD (Tel: 2887 5208; email: <a href="mailto:ghs@censtatd.gov.hk">ghs@censtatd.gov.hk</a>).

"Human Capital in Hong Kong"

Human capital development has long been seen as one of the thrusts for enhancing competitiveness and sustaining economic development of an economy. This feature article focuses on two groups in human capital, viz. persons with post-secondary education and persons working as professionals/associate professionals, who are crucial to the development of a knowledge-based economy.

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