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The Census and Statistics Department (C&SD) published today (November 15) the November 2019 issue of the "Hong Kong Monthly Digest of Statistics" (HKMDS).

Apart from providing up-to-date statistics, this issue also contains three feature articles entitled "Consumer Price Index Analysed by Classification of Individual Consumption According to Purpose", "The Mortality Trend in Hong Kong, 1986 to 2018" and "Sports and Related Activities in Hong Kong".

"Consumer Price Index Analysed by Classification of Individual Consumption According to Purpose"

The Consumer Price Index (CPI) measures the changes over time in the price level of consumer commodities and services generally purchased by households.

Apart from the overall index, which is widely used as an indicator of the inflation affecting consumers, further breakdowns of the CPI by commodity/service group are also released to facilitate more in-depth analyses on consumer inflation. When analysing the CPIs, Hong Kong has all along adopted a classification system which has evolved over time to meet user needs and local situation.

Starting in 2000s, some economies have started to adopt the Classification of Individual Consumption According to Purpose (COICOP) developed by the United Nations in analysing the CPI. In view of this, C&SD also compiles the CPI based on the COICOP to facilitate international comparison.

This feature article gives a brief introduction of the COICOP and analyses the 2014/15-based CPIs by COICOP.

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

"The Mortality Trend in Hong Kong, 1986 to 2018"

Mortality trend is often used as one of the indicators for assessing the state of health of the population. Analysis of age-sex mortality rates and causes of death can also facilitate planning of healthcare services.

In Hong Kong, the age-sex specific mortality rates for both genders and all age groups have been decreasing continuously, reflecting that residents of Hong Kong tend to live longer along with advancement in healthcare

services. Yet, because of population ageing, the overall mortality rates and the number of deaths showed an increasing trend.

This feature article gives a brief account of the mortality trend in Hong Kong over the period from 1986 to 2018. It also discusses the leading causes of death, the expectation of life and the seasonality of deaths.

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#### "Sports and Related Activities in Hong Kong"

The Government has been consistently promoting the development of sports through a three-pronged approach, namely to promote sports in the community, to support elite sports and to develop Hong Kong into a centre for major international sports events. This feature article analyses the statistics of Hong Kong's economic contribution of sports and related activities for 2016 and 2017. The statistics are released for the first time.

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