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The Census and Statistics Department (C&SD) published today (November 15) the November 2023 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 "Statistics on Chinese Medicine in Hong Kong, 2022" and "Usage of Information Technology and the Internet by Hong Kong Residents, 2022".

"Statistics on Chinese Medicine in Hong Kong, 2022"

Chinese medicine has a long history in Hong Kong. The Government has been adopting a multi-pronged approach to facilitate the development of the Chinese medicine sector in Hong Kong. The Chinese medicine sector comprises: (a) manufacture of Chinese medicines; (b) distribution of Chinese medicines, including import/export, wholesale and retail trades; and (c) practising Chinese medicine, including Chinese medicine practitioners of general practice, acupuncture and bone-setting.

This feature article discusses the updated situation of some Chinese medicine activities including the manufacture of Chinese medicines and the distribution of Chinese medicines, as well as the external trade of Chinese herbal medicines.

For enquiries about this feature article, please contact the Distribution Services Statistics Section of the C&SD (Tel: 3903 7398; email: <a href="mailto:asw@censtatd.gov.hk">asw@censtatd.gov.hk</a>).

"Usage of Information Technology and the Internet by Hong Kong Residents, 2022"

To keep track of the latest developments in information technology (IT) in the community, the C&SD has been conducting the Thematic Household Survey on "Information Technology Usage and Penetration" and "Internet and Personal Computer Penetration" regularly since 2000. The survey results provide a useful reference in formulating the strategy for the development of IT in Hong Kong. This feature article describes the usage of IT and the Internet by Hong Kong residents in 2022.

For enquiries about this feature article, please contact the Social Surveys Section (1) of the C&SD (Tel: 2887 0416; email: <a href="mailto:thematic@censtatd.gov.hk">thematic@censtatd.gov.hk</a>).

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

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