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The Census and Statistics Department (C&SD) published today (September 14) the September 2018 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 "Analysis on Full-time and Part-time Employment, 2007 to 2017" and "Statistics on Comprehensive Social Security Assistance Scheme, 2007 to 2017". Statistics presented in the "Statistics on Comprehensive Social Security Assistance Scheme, 2007 to 2017" article are based on the data source from the Social Welfare Department.

"Analysis on Full-time and Part-time Employment, 2007 to 2017"

During 2007 to 2017, the number of part-time employed persons registered a higher growth rate than that of full-time employed persons, thus part-time employment accounted for an increasing share of total employment. This feature article provides an analysis on the profiles of full-time and part-time employed persons of Hong Kong over this period, using information obtained from the General Household Survey.

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

"Statistics on Comprehensive Social Security Assistance Scheme, 2007 to 2017"

According to the data source from the Social Welfare Department, the total number of Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) cases has decreased gradually at an average rate of 2.1% per annum in the past decade. The number of cases fell from nearly 290 000 as at the end of 2007 to about 230 000 as at the end of 2017. Larger extents of decrease were noted in low-earnings cases (-12.8%) and unemployment cases (-9.0%). There were 336 681 CSSA recipients as at the end of 2017, representing a drop of 32.2% when compared with that as at the end of 2007.

This feature article describes the major changes in the number of CSSA cases and recipients during the period from 2007 to 2017.

For enquiries about this feature article, please contact the Research and Statistics Section, Social Welfare Department (Tel: 2892 5225; email: rsenq@swd.gov.hk).

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