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Major Developments of Official Statistical Work Hong Kong, China

Building and consolidating the statistical infrastructure
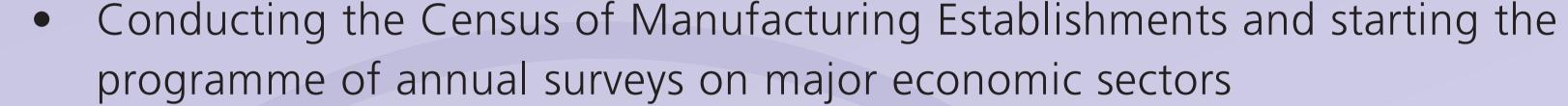
1960s to 1970s

Setting up a central statistical office in Hong Kong
- Establishing the Census and Statistics Department (C&SD) in 1967

Developing demographic and labour statistics systems
- Conducting population censuses/by-censuses and series of labour force surveys

Building foundation for economic statistics
- Conducting the Census of Manufacturing Establishments and starting the programme of annual surveys on major economic sectors
- Compiling Gross Domestic Product (GDP) estimates, merchandise trade statistics and Consumer Price Index series

1980s to 1990s

Developing statistics to reflect Hong Kong's evolution from a manufacturing centre into an international trading hub
- Statistics on outward processing trade, rates of re-export margin, offshore trade and other trade-related services (including merchanting and merchandising)

Compiling statistics to help understand the structural transformation of Hong Kong into a service-based economy
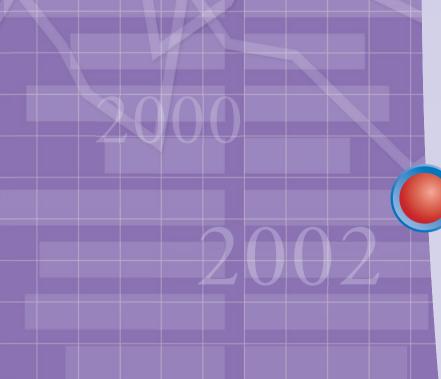- Annual GDP by economic activity and annual Gross National Product (GNP)

Producing indicators to gauge short-term changes in the economy
- Monthly/quarterly statistics for major economic activities, quarterly GDP and quarterly GNP

Enhancing the statistical infrastructure for reflecting different social phenomena
- Statistics on issues of topical interest and/or public concern (e.g. population and labour mobility, health status, welfare benefits, crime victimisation)
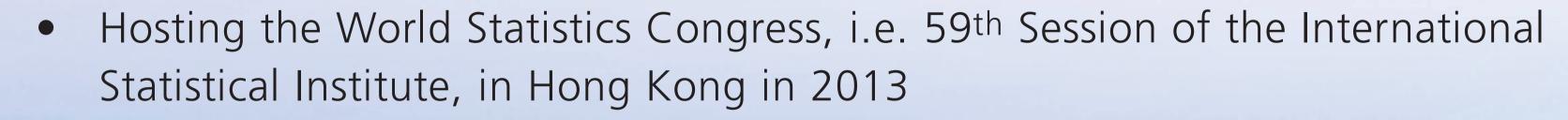
The Millennium

Developing statistics to track the burgeoning of Hong Kong into a premier international financial centre
- Statistics on Balance of Payments, international investment position and external debts
- Statistics on inward foreign affiliates trade in services and asset management
- Statistical indicators for understanding Hong Kong's development into a knowledge-based economy

Strengthening the role of statistics in the formulation of government policies/strategies
- Deploying anonymised passenger movement records for compiling population estimates to better reflect the mobility of the population
- Conducting detailed studies on income distribution in Hong Kong to support formulation of the relevant government policies/strategies
- Compiling detailed wage statistics to facilitate analyses relating to the Statutory Minimum Wage

Playing an increasingly active part in organising and hosting international statistical conferences
- Hosting the World Statistics Congress, i.e. 59th Session of the International Statistical Institute, in Hong Kong in 2013