## **Preface**

Established on January 28, 2000, Coast Guard Administration (CGA) was subordinated to Ocean Affairs Council on April 28, 2018 so far, it continues to be responsible for safeguarding marine region and coastal order for of Taiwan area, as well as protecting and using the marine resources, with enthusiastic implementation of the five core missions as "Public Security in the Sea Areas," "Maintenance of Fishery Rights," "Lifesaving and Rescue," "Marine Affairs," and "Marine Conservation". In recent year, facing the maritime threats from the surrounding sea area, sovereignty disputes, extreme weather and large-scale complex disasters, in order to solve the complex sovereignty, fishing rights disputes and maritime issues, to protect our maritime rights and interests, to protect the lives and properties of our nationals, and to ensure the sustainable development of maritime resources, CGA continued to improve the execution efficiency of various services (business), flexibly dispatch ships, and combine the three-layer reconnaissance defense line of surveillance, radar and coastal patrol to defend sovereignty and fishery rights; strengthen the regional rescue mechanism to enrich the disaster prevention and rescue energy at sea and maintain the safety of people's lives and property; actively integrate the energy of relevant agencies, utilizing cross-border criminal intelligence and technological equipment, to strengthen the investigation and detection of smuggling and illegal activities, and maintain the safety of sea areas and coasts. Whether in offshore and ocean patrols, seizure of smuggling and illegal entry/exit, marine rescue, marine environmental protection, ecological conservation, and service works for people, they are highly effective and highly recognized by the public.

In order to let all sectors of society understand the result of business carried out by CGA and its development, CGA has compiled the annual statistics report every year since 2002 in order to show the status of business performance, staff statistics and budget planning of CGA. This annual statistics report has been presented in both Chinese and English versions since 2008, but which was published electronically only since 2016 due to in response to the IT development, and the implementation of Energy Efficiency and Paper Reduction policy. The 2023 CGA annual statistics report as usual basing on the structure of annual statistics report over years is divided into three parts as summary analysis, statistical tables and appendixes. The Chinese and English reports will be available on CGA's World Wide Web for application by all circles. Because the materials are wide-ranging, and if there is any omission, your correction and instructions are highly appreciated.