

Schedule for issuing press releases on statistical data

Following is a reminder of the press releases on statistical data to be issued between August and November 2019. The schedule for issuing press releases on statistical data in 2019 was provided to the media in September 2018. No change has been made to the original schedule.

August 2019

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Date

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	Press Release
1	Retail sales statistics for June 2019
2	Restaurant receipts and purchases statistics for second quarter 2019
13	Mid-year population for 2019
15	Volume and price statistics of external merchandise trade for June 2019
16	Revised figures on Gross Domestic Product for second quarter 2019 (Note1)
19	Unemployment and underemployment statistics for May – July 2019
20	Consumer Price Index for July 2019
26	External merchandise trade statistics for July 2019
30	Retail sales statistics for July 2019

September 2019

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Date

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	Press Release
5	Statistics on vessels, port cargo and containers for second quarter 2019
9	Quarterly business receipts indices for service industries for second quarter 2019
10	Statistics on trade involving outward processing in the mainland of China for second quarter 2019
11	Construction output statistics for second quarter 2019
12	Index of industrial production and producer price index for industrial sector for second quarter 2019
16	Gross National Income and external primary income flows for second quarter 2019
17	Unemployment and underemployment statistics for June – August 2019
17	Volume and price statistics of external merchandise trade for July 2019
19	Employment and vacancies statistics for June 2019
19	Chain volume measures of Gross Domestic Product by economic activity for second quarter 2019
20	Consumer Price Index for August 2019
23	Balance of Payments and International Investment Position statistics for second quarter 2019

26	External merchandise trade statistics for August 2019
26	Wage and payroll statistics for June 2019
October 2019 =====	
Date	Press Release
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2	Retail sales statistics for August 2019
15	Volume and price statistics of external merchandise trade for August 2019
18	Unemployment and underemployment statistics for July – September 2019
18	Business expectations for fourth quarter 2019
22	Consumer Price Index for September 2019
24	External merchandise trade statistics for September 2019
25	Salary indices for managerial and professional employees for June 2019
31	Advance estimates on Gross Domestic Product for third quarter 2019 (Note2)
November 2019 =====	
Date	Press Release
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1	Retail sales statistics for September 2019
5	Restaurant receipts and purchases statistics for third quarter 2019
14	Volume and price statistics of external merchandise trade for September 2019
15	Revised figures on Gross Domestic Product for third quarter 2019 (Note2)
18	Unemployment and underemployment statistics for August – October 2019
21	Consumer Price Index for October 2019
26	External merchandise trade statistics for October 2019

Note1: Starting from the reference period of the first quarter of 2019, C&SD will issue press releases on advance estimates on quarterly GDP. C&SD will compile and release revised figures on GDP in the "Gross Domestic Product (Quarterly) Report" when more data become available. The revised figures on GDP for the second quarter of 2019 will also be included in the "Half-yearly Economic Report 2019" and the press release to be issued by the Office of the Government Economist under the Financial Secretary's Office on the economic situation in the second quarter of 2019 and second update of GDP and price forecasts for 2019 as a whole. No separate press release on the revised figures on GDP will be issued by C&SD.

Note2: Starting from the reference period of the first quarter of 2019, C&SD will issue press releases on advance estimates on quarterly GDP. C&SD will compile and release revised figures on GDP in the "Gross Domestic Product (Quarterly) Report" when more data become available. The revised figures on GDP for the third quarter of 2019 will also be included in the "Third Quarter Economic Report 2019" and the press release to be issued by the Office of the Government Economist under the Financial Secretary's Office on the economic situation in the third quarter of 2019 and final update of GDP and price forecasts for 2019 as a whole. No separate press release on the revised figures on GDP will be issued by C&SD.

The schedule for regular press releases in the other months of 2019 can be downloaded at the website of the Census and Statistics Department (www.censtatd.gov.hk/press_release/index.jsp).

Hong Kong greenhouse gas inventory for 2017 released

The Environmental Protection Department (EPD) today (July 31) released the 2017 greenhouse gas (GHG) inventory for Hong Kong.

Hong Kong's total GHG emissions in 2017 amounted to 40.7 million tonnes of carbon dioxide equivalent (CO₂-e), representing a decrease of about 2.4 per cent compared with 2016. The per capita GHG emissions and carbon intensity were about 5.5 tonnes and 0.015 kg CO₂-e per Hong Kong Dollar GDP respectively. Electricity generation was the major source of emission, amounting to 26.6 million tonnes or 65.4 per cent of the total. Other major emission sources were the transport sector (17.8 per cent) and waste management (6.9 per cent). It is observed that Hong Kong's GHG emissions have shown a decreasing trend since 2014.

Details of the 2017 GHG inventory can be found on the EPD website (www.climateready.gov.hk/page.php?id=23&lang=1).

Pilotage service to be suspended

Attention duty announcers, radio and TV stations:

Please broadcast the following as soon as possible and repeat it at suitable intervals:

The Marine Department has received notification from the Hong Kong Pilots Association Limited that due to the tropical cyclone, the pilotage service will be suspended from 2pm today (July 31). Shipowners, agents, masters and other port users are advised to pay attention.

Classes of all schools are suspended

Attention TV and radio duty announcers:

Please broadcast the following special announcement by the Education

Bureau concerning schools, and repeat it at suitable intervals:

As the Hong Kong Observatory will consider issuing the Tropical Cyclone Warning Signal No. 8 between noon and 2pm, classes of all schools are suspended today. Schools should implement contingency measures to ensure the safety of students. They should ensure that conditions are safe before allowing students to return home.

Territory-wide flag day today

The Boys' Brigade, Hong Kong has been issued a Public Subscription Permit to hold a territory-wide flag sale from 7am to 12.30pm today (July 31), a spokesman for the Social Welfare Department (SWD) said.

For enquiries, please call the SWD's hotline at 2343 2255, or the designated hotline of the 1823 Call Centre at 3142 2678. Information on flag days is available at the SWD's website (www.swd.gov.hk/en/index/site_whatsnew) and the GovHK portal (www.gov.hk/en/theme/fundraising/search). Permits for flag days containing contact information of the flag-selling organisations and information on the approved flag-selling activities have also been uploaded to the SWD's website (www.swd.gov.hk/en/index/site_pubsvc/page_controlofc/sub_recentlyap). For enquiries about the detailed flag-selling arrangements, please contact the individual flag-selling organisations.

Details of the charitable fund-raising activities covered by the Public Subscription Permit issued by the SWD have also been uploaded to the GovHK website (www.gov.hk/fundraising).

In the case of suspected fraudulent flag day activities, people should not make any donation and should immediately report the matter to the Police, the spokesman added.