

## **Man fined for illegal club operation**

A man was fined \$20,000 at the Eastern Magistrates' Courts today (March 12) for contravening the Clubs (Safety of Premises) Ordinance.

The courts heard that in June last year, officers from the Office of the Licensing Authority (OLA) of the Home Affairs Department conducted an inspection at a club on Hollywood Road in Central which had been operating with a certificate of compliance (CoC).

The OLA officers posed as customers and patronised the club for food without being asked to show their membership status or being invited to join the club as members. Also, the club's staff failed to show a copy of the certificate of fire service installation and equipment, the registered drawing and the updated membership register upon the OLA officers' request. Conditions 10, 17, 19 and 20 of the CoC were breached.

The man, being the CoC holder of the club, was charged with contravening section 21(2) of the Ordinance.

A spokesman for the department reminded all CoC holders to comply with the conditions as stipulated therein. Enforcement action would continue to be taken against illegal club operations.

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## **Construction output for fourth quarter and whole year of 2018**

The total gross value of construction works performed by main contractors in the fourth quarter of 2018 decreased by 3.2% in nominal terms over a year earlier to \$65.5 billion, according to the provisional results of the Quarterly Survey of Construction Output released today (March 12) by the Census and Statistics Department (C&SD).

After discounting the effect of price changes, the provisional results showed that the total gross value of construction works performed by main contractors decreased by 9.0% in real terms over the same period.

Gross value of construction works in real terms is derived by deflating the corresponding nominal value with an appropriate price index to the price level in the base period of 2000.

Analysed by type of construction works, the gross value of construction works performed at private sector sites decreased by 7.0% in nominal terms in the fourth quarter of 2018 over a year earlier, while that at public sector

sites decreased by 26.3%. The gross value of construction works at locations other than construction sites increased by 22.1% in nominal terms over the same period. Construction works at locations other than construction sites included minor new construction activities and decoration, repair and maintenance for buildings; and electrical equipment installation and maintenance works at locations other than construction sites.

In real terms, the gross value of construction works performed at private sector sites decreased by 8.1% in the fourth quarter of 2018 compared with the same period in 2017, while a decrease of 30.8% was recorded for public sector sites. Meanwhile, the gross value of construction works at locations other than construction sites increased by 13.2% in the fourth quarter of 2018 over the same period.

On a seasonally adjusted quarter-to-quarter basis, the gross value of construction works performed by main contractors decreased by 1.3% in nominal terms and decreased by 3.7% in real terms in the fourth quarter of 2018 compared with the third quarter of 2018.

For 2018 as a whole, the provisional results showed that the total gross value of construction works performed by main contractors increased by 0.9% in nominal terms compared with 2017 to \$252.1 billion.

After discounting the effect of price changes, the total gross value of construction works performed by main contractors in 2018 decreased by 3.9% in real terms over 2017.

Analysed by type of construction works, the gross value of construction works performed at private sector sites totalled \$75.6 billion in 2018, up by 0.9% in nominal terms compared with 2017. In real terms, it decreased by 0.7%.

The gross value of construction works performed at public sector sites amounted to \$75.7 billion in 2018, down by 13.8% in nominal terms compared with 2017. In real terms, it decreased by 18.2%.

The gross value of construction works performed by main contractors at locations other than construction sites amounted to \$100.8 billion in 2018, up by 15.7% in nominal terms compared with 2017. In real terms, it increased by 8.9%.

Analysed by major end-use group, residential buildings projects accounted for the largest share in the total gross value of construction works performed at construction sites in 2018. The gross value of construction works performed in respect of these projects amounted to \$68.4 billion in 2018, up by 1.7% in nominal terms compared with 2017.

Transport projects constituted the second largest group of construction site works in 2018. The gross value of construction works performed in respect of these projects totalled \$36.9 billion in 2018, down by 26.9% in nominal terms compared with 2017.

Tables 1 and 2 show the provisional figures on the gross value of

construction works performed by main contractors in the fourth quarter and the whole year of 2018 respectively. Table 3 shows the revised figures for the third quarter of 2018.

Owing to the widespread sub-contracting practices in the construction industry, a construction establishment can be a main contractor for one contract and a sub-contractor for another contract at the same time. The gross value of construction works performed by main contractors covers only those projects in which the construction establishment takes the role of a main contractor, but not projects in which it takes only the role of a sub-contractor. However, sub-contractors' contribution to projects should have been included in the gross value of construction works performed by main contractors for whom they worked.

The classification of construction establishments follows the Hong Kong Standard Industrial Classification Version 2.0, which is used in various economic surveys for classifying economic units into different industry classes.

More detailed statistics are given in "Report on the Quarterly Survey of Construction Output, 4th Quarter 2018". Users can download this publication free of charge at the website of the C&SD ([www.censtatd.gov.hk/hkstat/sub/sp330.jsp?productCode=B1090002](http://www.censtatd.gov.hk/hkstat/sub/sp330.jsp?productCode=B1090002)).

For enquiries about the survey results, please contact the Construction and Miscellaneous Services Statistics Section of the C&SD (Tel: 3903 6965 or email: [building@censtatd.gov.hk](mailto:building@censtatd.gov.hk)).

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## [Statistics on trade involving outward processing in the mainland of China, fourth quarter 2018](#)

In the fourth quarter of 2018, 26.9% of Hong Kong's total exports to the mainland of China (the Mainland) were for outward processing in the Mainland. On the other hand, 38.9% of Hong Kong's imports from the Mainland were related to outward processing in the Mainland, according to statistics released today (March 12) by the Census and Statistics Department (C&SD). Over the same period, 68.8% of Hong Kong's re-exports of Mainland origin to other places were produced through outward processing in the Mainland.

In the fourth quarter of 2017, the corresponding proportions were 26.9% for total exports to the Mainland, 39.7% for imports from the Mainland and 69.2% for re-exports of Mainland origin to other places.

For 2018 as a whole, 26.6% of Hong Kong's total exports to the Mainland

were for outward processing in the Mainland. On the other hand, 38.9% of Hong Kong's imports from the Mainland were related to outward processing in the Mainland. Over the same period, 69.5% of Hong Kong's re-exports of Mainland origin to other places were produced through outward processing in the Mainland.

The corresponding proportions in 2017 were 27.5% for total exports to the Mainland, 39.9% for imports from the Mainland and 70.5% for re-exports of Mainland origin to other places.

In value terms, \$159.0 billion of Hong Kong's total exports to the Mainland in the fourth quarter of 2018 were for outward processing in the Mainland, representing an increase of 1.1% compared with the fourth quarter of 2017. On the other hand, the value of imports from the Mainland related to outward processing in the Mainland increased by 2.2% compared with the fourth quarter of 2017 to \$228.3 billion. Meanwhile, \$259.4 billion of Hong Kong's re-exports of Mainland origin to other places were produced through outward processing in the Mainland, representing an increase of 5.6% compared with the fourth quarter of 2017.

For the whole year of 2018, \$609.8 billion of Hong Kong's total exports to the Mainland were for outward processing in the Mainland, representing an increase of 5.3% compared with the whole year of 2017. On the other hand, the value of imports from the Mainland related to outward processing in the Mainland increased by 4.8% compared with the whole year of 2017 to \$849.0 billion. Meanwhile, \$972.3 billion of Hong Kong's re-exports of Mainland origin to other places were produced through outward processing in the Mainland, representing an increase of 5.6% compared with the whole year of 2017.

The statistics for the fourth quarter and whole year of 2018 are given in the attached tables.

Information on trade involving outward processing in the Mainland is collected in a sample survey conducted by the C&SD. For the purpose of the survey, exports to the Mainland for outward processing refer to raw materials or semi-manufactures exported from or through Hong Kong to the Mainland for processing with a contractual arrangement for subsequent re-importation of the processed goods into Hong Kong.

Imports from the Mainland related to outward processing refer to processed goods imported from the Mainland, of which all or part of the raw materials or semi-manufactures have been under contractual arrangement exported from or through Hong Kong to the Mainland for processing.

Re-exports of Mainland origin to other places involving outward processing in the Mainland refer to processed goods re-exported through Hong Kong, of which all or part of the raw materials or semi-manufactures have been exported from or through Hong Kong to the Mainland for processing with a contractual arrangement for subsequent re-importation of the processed goods into Hong Kong.

In interpreting the statistics, it should be noted that all imports and exports of goods (not including transshipments and goods-in-transit) are recorded as external trade, irrespective of whether the goods are associated with outward processing or not. Moreover, the value and proportion of imports from the Mainland and re-exports of Mainland origin to other places involving outward processing in the Mainland refer to those of the entire goods instead of just the value added contributed by outward processing in the Mainland.

A sample of import/export declarations in respect of Hong Kong's trade with the Mainland and Hong Kong's re-exports originated in the Mainland to other places is selected for enumeration to obtain the required information from the establishments concerned. The findings of the survey facilitate a more informed analysis of the nature of Hong Kong's trade with the Mainland. In this respect, the survey results are a useful supplement to the regular trade statistics.

The above survey results will be included in the March 2019 issue of the "Hong Kong External Merchandise Trade". The publication will be available in May 2019. Users can download this publication free of charge from the website of the C&SD ([www.censtatd.gov.hk/hkstat/sub/sp230.jsp?productCode=B1020005](http://www.censtatd.gov.hk/hkstat/sub/sp230.jsp?productCode=B1020005)).

Enquiries on the survey results may be directed to the Outward Processing and Shipping Statistics Section of the C&SD (Tel: 2582 2126 or email: [ops@censtatd.gov.hk](mailto:ops@censtatd.gov.hk)).

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## Exchange Fund Bills Tender Results

The following is issued on behalf of the Hong Kong Monetary Authority:

### Hong Kong Monetary Authority Exchange Fund Bills Tender Results:

Tender date	: March 12, 2019
Paper on offer	: EF Bills
Issue number	: Q1911
Issue date	: March 13, 2019
Maturity date	: June 12, 2019
Amount applied	: HK\$103,610 MN
Amount allotted	: HK\$45,816 MN
Average yield accepted	: 1.45 PCT
Highest yield accepted	: 1.48 PCT
Pro rata ratio	: About 53 PCT
Average tender yield	: 1.51 PCT

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Tender date	: March 12, 2019
Paper on offer	: EF Bills
Issue number	: H1940
Issue date	: March 13, 2019
Maturity date	: September 11, 2019
Amount applied	: HK\$36,740 MN
Amount allotted	: HK\$14,000 MN
Average yield accepted	: 1.51 PCT
Highest yield accepted	: 1.55 PCT
Pro rata ratio	: About 13 PCT
Average tender yield	: 1.68 PCT

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Hong Kong Monetary Authority tenders to be held in the week beginning March 18:

Tender date	: March 19, 2019
Paper on offer	: EF Bills
Issue number	: Q1912
Issue date	: March 20, 2019
Maturity date	: June 19, 2019
Tenor	: 91 Days
Amount on offer	: HK\$43,128 MN

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Tender date	: March 19, 2019
Paper on offer	: EF Bills
Issue number	: H1941
Issue date	: March 20, 2019
Maturity date	: September 18, 2019
Tenor	: 182 Days
Amount on offer	: HK\$11,000 MN

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Tender date	: March 19, 2019
Paper on offer	: EF Bills
Issue number	: Y1987
Issue date	: March 20, 2019
Maturity date	: March 18, 2020
Tenor	: 364 Days
Amount on offer	: HK\$1,300 MN

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Tender date	: March 22, 2019
Paper on offer	: EF Bills
Issue number	: M1901
Issue date	: March 25, 2019

Maturity date	: May 2, 2019
Tenor	: 38 Days
Amount on offer	: HK\$1,000 MN

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## Red flag lowered at Silverstrand Beach

Attention TV/radio announcers:

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

Here is an item of interest to swimmers.

The Leisure and Cultural Services Department announced today (March 12) that since the water off Silverstrand Beach in Sai Kung District is now suitable for swimming, the red flag has been lowered.

The red flag was hoisted at the beach earlier on after a red tide was found.