

Re-appointment of ACAN members

The Government today (May 29) announced that the Chief Executive has re-appointed Dr Lee Tin-yan and Miss Li Ka-yan to the Action Committee Against Narcotics (ACAN). Their appointments are from June 1, 2020, to December 31, 2022.

The ACAN is the Government's advisory body on anti-drug matters. The membership list of the ACAN is as follows:

Chairman

Dr Ben Cheung Kin-leung

Members

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Mr Chan Man-ho
Mr Chan Wing-kin
Mr Edwin Cheng Shing-lung
Dr Cheung Wai-him
Mr Fan Hoi-kit
Mr Simon Ip Shing-hing
Miss Anna-Mae Koo Mei-jong
Dr Lam Ho-yi
Dr Lee Tin-yan
Mr Clifford Leung Siu-on
Miss Li Ka-yan
Dr Annissa Lui Wai-ling
Professor Anthony Ng Chi-fai
Mr Poon Hing-fai
Mr Albert Su Yau-on
Mr Sunny Tan
Professor Tang Wai-kwong
Ms Susan Yeung
Director, Central Narcotics Bureau of Singapore
Secretary for Education or his representative
Commissioner of Police or his representative
Commissioner of Customs and Excise or his representative
Director of Health or his representative
Director of Social Welfare or his representative
Commissioner for Narcotics

Proposed pedestrian linkages for Kai Tak Sports Park gazetted

The Government gazetted today (May 29) the proposed construction of a landscaped deck and a footbridge across Shing Kai Road to provide pedestrian linkages for the Kai Tak Sports Park.

Details of the proposal are set out in the Annex. The plan and scheme of the works are available for public inspection at the following government offices during office hours:

Central and Western Home Affairs Enquiry Centre,
G/F, Harbour Building,
38 Pier Road, Central, Hong Kong

Kowloon City Home Affairs Enquiry Centre,
LG/F, Kowloon City Government Offices,
42 Bailey Street, Hung Hom, Kowloon

District Lands Office, Kowloon East and Kowloon West,
4/F, South Tower, West Kowloon Government Offices,
11 Hoi Ting Road, Yau Ma Tei, Kowloon

The gazette notice, scheme, plan and location plan will be available at www.thb.gov.hk/eng/psp/publications/transport/gazette/gazette.htm.

Any person who wishes to object to the works or the use, or both, is required to address to the Secretary for Transport and Housing an objection in writing, which can be submitted via the following means:

- By post or by hand to the Transport and Housing Bureau's drop-in box No. 6 located at the entrance on 2/F, East Wing, Central Government Offices, 2 Tim Mei Avenue, Tamar, Hong Kong. The box is available for use between 8am and 7pm from Monday to Friday (except public holidays);
- By fax to 2868 4643; or
- By email to gazettethb@thb.gov.hk.

A notice of objection should describe the objector's interest and the manner in which he or she alleges that he or she will be affected by the works or the use. Objectors are requested to provide contact details to facilitate communication. A notice of objection should be delivered to the Secretary for Transport and Housing not later than July 28, 2020.

Proposed road works for Site 3 of New Central Harbourfront authorised

The Chief Executive in Council has authorised the proposed road works for Site 3 of the New Central Harbourfront. The notice was gazetted today (May 29).

Details of the works are set out in the Annex.

Agreement Concerning Amendment to the CEPA Agreement on Trade in Services to be implemented on June 1

Under the framework of the Mainland and Hong Kong Closer Economic Partnership Arrangement (CEPA), the Mainland and Hong Kong signed the Agreement Concerning Amendment to the CEPA Agreement on Trade in Services (Amendment Agreement) on November 21, 2019. The Amendment Agreement will be implemented on June 1 (Monday).

Since CEPA was signed in 2003, its content has been enriched and updated continuously. CEPA is now a modern and comprehensive free trade agreement, covering four major areas, namely trade in goods, trade in services, investment, and economic and technical co-operation.

The Agreement on Trade in Services implemented since 2016 is one of the subsidiary agreements under the CEPA framework. It has integrated and consolidated the liberalisation measures and facilitation measures related to trade in services under CEPA over the years. On November 21, 2019, the Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region and the Ministry of Commerce signed the Amendment Agreement to further enhance the Mainland's level of liberalisation on trade in services for Hong Kong and lower the market access thresholds in the Mainland for Hong Kong services suppliers for more participation in the development of the Mainland market.

The Amendment Agreement introduces new liberalisation measures in a number of important services sectors such as legal services, construction and related engineering services, financial services, testing and certification, television and motion pictures. The new measures make it easier for Hong Kong service suppliers to set up enterprises and develop business in the Mainland, allow more Hong Kong professionals to obtain qualifications to practise in the Mainland and more of Hong Kong's quality services to be provided to the

Mainland market. The liberalisation measures take various forms, including removing or relaxing restrictions on equity shareholding, capital requirements and business scope in the establishment of enterprises; relaxing qualification requirements for provision of services by Hong Kong professionals; and relaxing the geographical and other restrictions for Hong Kong's exports of services to the Mainland market.

â€‹ Since the signing of the Amendment Agreement, the Trade and Industry Department (TID) has proactively liaised with chambers of commerce, professional bodies and industry organisations to introduce the details of the new liberalisation measures, with a view to enhancing understanding of the new liberalisation measures and related implementation arrangements. The Mainland is also promulgating the implementation details as well as related rules and regulations regarding the liberalisation measures in individual service sectors. They cover, for example, the procedures for establishing enterprises, conditions of operations, management requirements, channels for professionals to obtain/register Mainland qualifications and other supplementary rules.

â€‹ To offer assistance to the trade on a one-stop platform, the TID has set up a dedicated website on CEPA which provides an information database on services organised by sectors. Hong Kong enterprises and professionals can refer to the database for the latest liberalisation measures and relevant Mainland rules and regulations of their respective areas, as well as frequently asked questions, so that they can utilise CEPA to develop their Mainland businesses.

Dedicated website on CEPA:

www.tid.gov.hk/english/cepa/index.html

CEPA information database by service sector:

www.tid.gov.hk/english/cepa/tradeservices/trade_services_requirement.html

â€‹ The TID also maintains a telephone hotline (2398 5667) and email (cepa@tid.gov.hk) to handle CEPA-related enquiries, and helps liaise with relevant bureaux/departments and the Mainland authorities to follow up on specific issues.

The implementation of the Amendment Agreement enables the trade to utilise CEPA in gaining greater access to the Mainland market. The Government will continue to promote the development and implementation of CEPA, and assist the trade in capitalising on the opportunities.

Schedule for issuing press releases on

statistical data

Following is a reminder of the press releases on statistical data to be issued between June and September 2020. The schedule for issuing press releases on statistical data in 2020 was provided to the media in September 2019. No change has been made to the original schedule.

June 2020

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Date	Press Release
1	Retail sales statistics for April 2020
4	Statistics on vessels, port cargo and containers for first quarter 2020
9	Quarterly business receipts indices for service industries for first quarter 2020
11	Construction output statistics for first quarter 2020
11	Statistics on trade involving outward processing in the mainland of China for first quarter 2020
12	Index of industrial production and producer price index for industrial sector for first quarter 2020
15	Gross National Income and external primary income flows for first quarter 2020
16	Unemployment and underemployment statistics for March – May 2020
18	Volume and price statistics of external merchandise trade for April 2020
18	Chain volume measures of Gross Domestic Product by economic activity for first quarter 2020
22	Employment and vacancies statistics for March 2020
22	Balance of Payments and International Investment Position statistics for first quarter 2020

22	Consumer Price Index for May 2020
29	External merchandise trade statistics for May 2020
29	Wage and payroll statistics for March 2020
30	Retail sales statistics for May 2020

July 2020

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Date	Press Release
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16	Volume and price statistics of external merchandise trade for May 2020
17	Business expectations for third quarter 2020
20	Unemployment and underemployment statistics for April – June 2020
21	Consumer Price Index for June 2020
27	External merchandise trade statistics for June 2020
29	Advance estimates on Gross Domestic Product for second quarter 2020 (Note)
30	Retail sales statistics for June 2020

August 2020

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Date	Press Release
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3	Restaurant receipts and purchases statistics for second quarter 2020
13	Volume and price statistics of external merchandise trade for June 2020
13	Mid-year population for 2020
14	Revised figures on Gross Domestic Product for second quarter 2020 (Note)

19 Unemployment and underemployment statistics for May – July 2020

20 Consumer Price Index for July 2020

26 External merchandise trade statistics for July 2020

September 2020

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Date	Press Release
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1	Retail sales statistics for July 2020
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3	Statistics on vessels, port cargo and containers for second quarter 2020
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10	Quarterly business receipts indices for service industries for second quarter 2020
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10	Statistics on trade involving outward processing in the mainland of China for second quarter 2020
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11	Construction output statistics for second quarter 2020
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14	Index of industrial production and producer price index for industrial sector for second quarter 2020
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15	Gross National Income and external primary income flows for second quarter 2020
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17	Volume and price statistics of external merchandise trade for July 2020
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17	Unemployment and underemployment statistics for June – August 2020
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21	Employment and vacancies statistics for June 2020
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21	Chain volume measures of Gross Domestic Product by economic activity for second quarter 2020
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21	Consumer Price Index for August 2020
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22	Balance of Payments and International Investment Position statistics for second quarter 2020
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- 24 External merchandise trade statistics for August 2020
- 25 Wage and payroll statistics for June 2020
- 30 Retail sales statistics for August 2020

Note: The Census and Statistics Department (C&SD) will issue press releases on quarterly advance estimates on Gross Domestic Product (GDP). The C&SD will compile and release revised figures on GDP in the "Gross Domestic Product (Quarterly) Report" when more data become available. The revised GDP figures for the second quarter of 2020 will be included in the press release and the "Half-yearly Economic Report 2020" 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 2020 and second update of GDP and prices forecasts for 2020. No separate press release will be issued by the C&SD in respect of the revised GDP figures.

The schedule for regular press releases in the other months of 2020 can be downloaded from the website of the Census and Statistics Department (www.censtatd.gov.hk/press_release/index.jsp).