

Hong Kong's Latest Foreign Currency Reserve Assets Figures Released

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

The Hong Kong Monetary Authority (HKMA) announced today (February 11) that the official foreign currency reserve assets of Hong Kong amounted to US\$432.0 billion as at the end of January 2019 (end-December 2018: US\$424.7 billion) (Annex).

Including unsettled foreign exchange contracts, the foreign currency reserve assets of Hong Kong at the end of January 2019 amounted to US\$424.9 billion (end-December 2018: US\$417.5 billion).

The total foreign currency reserve assets of US\$432.0 billion represent about seven times the currency in circulation or 47 per cent of Hong Kong dollar M3.

At present, four press releases relating to the Exchange Fund's data are issued by the HKMA each month. Three of these releases are issued to disseminate monetary data in accordance with the International Monetary Fund's Special Data Dissemination Standard (SDDS). The fourth press release, on the Exchange Fund's Abridged Balance Sheet and Currency Board Account, is made in accordance with the HKMA's policy of maintaining a high level of transparency. For the month of February 2019, the scheduled dates for issuing the press releases are as follows:

February 11	SDDS International Reserves (Hong Kong's Latest Foreign Currency Reserve Assets Figures)
February 14	SDDS Analytical Accounts of the Central Bank (Analytical Accounts of the Exchange Fund)
February 28	SDDS Template on International Reserves and Foreign Currency Liquidity
February 28	Exchange Fund Abridged Balance Sheet and Currency Board Account