

[“Quarterly Report on General Household Survey” for October to December 2019 published](#)

The "Quarterly Report on General Household Survey" for October to December 2019 is now available for download.

The report contains statistics on labour force, employment, unemployment and underemployment for the fourth quarter of 2019. It also contains detailed analyses of the characteristics of different categories of members of the labour force, including their age, sex, educational attainment, employment status, occupation, industry, hours worked per week and monthly employment earnings. Information on reasons for leaving last job and duration of unemployment for the unemployed is also presented.

Users can download the report free of charge from the website of the Census and Statistics Department (www.censtatd.gov.hk/hkstat/sub/sp200.jsp?productCode=B1050001).

The summary of broad survey findings published in the report is shown in Table 1 attached. Enquiries about the contents of the report can be directed to the Household Statistics Analysis Section, Census and Statistics Department (Tel: 2887 5508 or email: ghs@censtatd.gov.hk).

[Postal services to and from certain areas in Italy suspended](#)

Hongkong Post announced today (February 28) that, as updated by the postal administration of Italy, due to the implementation of precautionary measures against the spread of COVID-19 in areas with the following postcodes, all mail delivery services (including Speedpost) between the areas and Hong Kong will be suspended until further notice.

Area	Postcode
Livraga	26814
Bertonico	26821
Brembio	26822
Castiglione d'Adda	26823
Secugnago	26826

Terranova dei Passerini	26827
Turano Lodigiano	26828
Casalpusterlengo	26841
Caselle Landi	26842
Cornovecchio	26842
Castelnuovo Bocca d'Adda	26843
Maccatona	26843
Meleti	26843
Castelgerundo	26844
Codogno	26845
Corno Giovine	26846
Maleo	26847
San Fiorano	26848
Santo Stefano Lodigiano	26849
Senna Lodigiana	26856
Fombio	26861
Guardamiglio	26862
Orio Litta	26863
Ospedaletto Lodigiano	26864
San Rocco al Porto	26865
Somaglia	26867
Vo'	35030

[Latest arrangements on Transport Department's licensing and related services](#)

To align with the implementation of targeted measures to reduce social contact and infection control measures and gradually resume more public services from March 2 in an orderly manner as announced by the Government yesterday (February 27), the Transport Department (TD) said today (February 28) that the TD's licensing and related services will be adjusted with effect from March 2 until further notice. Details are as follows:

(1) Licensing Offices at Admiralty, Cheung Sha Wan, Kwun Tong and Sha Tin will resume service hours, i.e. from 9am to 5pm from Monday to Friday. In view of public health considerations to avoid crowding and achieve social distancing, the Licensing Offices will continue to suspend walk-in counter services, but will open more counters to process licensing applications with

scheduled appointments and provide follow-up services for applications submitted by drop-in box, by post or online (except for the direct issue of a full Hong Kong driving licence).

To cater for service needs, the TD will further increase the quotas for online appointments for renewals of a full driving licence/vehicle licence or applications for an international driving permit to 3,000 per day from March 2 to the end of March, and extend the opening period for appointments from eight weeks to 10 weeks. This is to facilitate the booking of appointments by members of the public requiring the services. Members of the public can book the timeslots from 9am to 5pm from Monday to Friday online for renewals of a full driving licence/vehicle licence or applications for an international driving permit at the Licensing Offices. Applicants who have made an online appointment for renewal of or application for the aforesaid licence/permit should visit the Licensing Office concerned at the scheduled time.

Members of the public without prior bookings may submit applications by post or online, or via the drop-in boxes placed at each Licensing Office from 9am to 5pm from Monday to Friday. Those submitting an application by post or via drop-in box should put the completed application form, all necessary documents and the appropriate fee (by crossed cheque payable to either "The Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region" or "The Government of the HKSAR") into an envelope. Original identity documents or cash must not be sent by post or drop-in box. Members of the public should submit applications to the relevant Licensing Office in accordance with the types of licensing services currently provided by them.

Under the aforesaid service arrangements, the TD will as much as practicable accord priority to processing renewal applications for licences/permits for which the validity period has expired or is about to expire. Upon receipt of the completed application form, all necessary documents and the appropriate fee, the TD will send out the licence/permit for which application has been successful by registered mail as soon as practicable. If an application requires checking of an original identity document, or if necessary for other reasons, the TD will contact the applicant to make arrangements.

(2) The Public Vehicles Unit at Admiralty will continue to suspend counter services. Members of the public can submit their applications for public vehicle licences using the drop-in box placed at the Hong Kong Licensing Office from 9am to 5am from Monday to Friday. The TD will process the applications according to established procedures and deliver the respective licences/permits/approval letters to the applicants upon completion of processing such applications.

(3) The Vehicle Records Office, the Driving Licence Records Office and the Driving Offence Points Office at Admiralty will continue to suspend counter services. Those with enquiries relating to the collection of a driving licence after a disqualification period should contact the Driving Licence Records Office or the Driving Offence Points Office from 9am to 5pm from Monday to Friday.

(4) The Cross Boundary Unit at Sheung Wan will continue to suspend counter services. Members of the public can submit their applications using the drop-in box placed at the Cross Boundary Unit from 9am to 5pm from Monday to Friday. The TD will contact individual applicants to follow up on the applications.

As part of the anti-epidemic work, the TD has required all staff to wear masks and requested the cleaning contractors to step up cleaning at all offices. The ventilation in the waiting halls of the offices will also be increased to maintain air circulation there. In addition, in view of public health considerations, starting from March 2, members of the public entering the aforesaid offices have to undergo on-the-spot body temperature checks arranged by the TD. Any member of the public whose body temperature is higher than 37.5degrees Celsius or who refuses to undergo a body temperature check will be denied entry into the offices. The offices will also request members of the public to clean their hands with alcohol-based sanitiser before entering the offices.

In order to reduce the risk of spreading the virus while queuing at the offices, the TD again appeals to members of the public to submit applications when the validity period of the licences/permits is about to expire, if there is no urgent need. For enquiries, members of the public can contact the offices concerned of the TD at the following numbers:

Hong Kong Licensing Office	2804 2636
Kowloon Licensing Office	2150 7728
Kwun Tong Licensing Office	2775 6835
Sha Tin Licensing Office	2606 1468
Public Vehicles Unit	2804 2574
Driving Licence Records Office	2804 2596
Driving Offence Points Office	2804 2594
Cross Boundary Unit	2543 2114

Appointments to Law Reform Commission

The following is issued on behalf of the Law Reform Commission:

The Law Reform Commission (LRC) today (February 28) announced that Ms May Chan Suk-mei, Professor Tan Cheng-han and Professor Lutz-Christian Wolff have been appointed by the Chief Executive as new members of the LRC for three years with effect from March 1, 2020.

Ms Chan is a veteran journalist and the former Director of News and Public Affairs of Hong Kong Commercial Radio. She is now the Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Journalism Education Foundation. Her rich experience in journalism will certainly assist the LRC in expanding its reach in the community.

Professor Tan is the Dean of the School of Law of the City University of Hong Kong. He was the Dean of the Faculty of Law of the National University of Singapore and participated in law reform work in Singapore. Professor Wolff is the Dean of the Faculty of Law of the Chinese University of Hong Kong. He specialises in international law and has practised and researched in multiple jurisdictions. The LRC believes that the expertise of the two legal scholars will benefit the LRC in law reform.

In addition, Ms Alexandra Lo Dak-wai has been reappointed by the Chief Executive as a member of the LRC for a second three-year term with effect from June 1, 2020.

The Secretary for Justice, Ms Teresa Cheng, SC, who is also the Chairman of the LRC, expressed her heartfelt thanks to the outgoing members, Ms Christine Fang, Professor Christopher Gane and Professor Lin Feng, for their valuable contribution and advice to the LRC over the years.

With these latest appointments, the LRC now comprises the following members:

Secretary for Justice (Chairman)
The Chief Justice of the Court of Final Appeal (ex-officio member)
The Law Draftsman (ex-officio member)
Professor Michael Hor
Mr Allan Leung
Mr Robert Y H Pang, SC
Ms Alexandra Lo Dak-wai
Ms Melissa Wu
Mr Justice Andrew Cheung Kui-nung
Ms Winnie Tam, SC
Ms May Chan Suk-mei
Professor Tan Cheng-han
Professor Lutz-Christian Wolff

[Tender period extended for Fanling North New Development Area, Phase 1:](#)

Fanling Bypass Eastern Section (Shek Wu San Tsuen North to Lung Yeuk Tau)

The Civil Engineering and Development Department (CEDD) today (February 28) announced that the contract tender period for Fanling North New Development Area, Phase 1: Fanling Bypass Eastern Section (Shek Wu San Tsuen North to Lung Yeuk Tau) (Contract No. ND/2019/04) has been extended to noon on March 20.

The CEDD invited tenders for the contract on November 29, 2019. The tender period was originally scheduled to expire at noon on February 28.

The extension of the tender period was gazetted today. Details of the tender notice are available on the CEDD's website (www.cedd.gov.hk/eng/tender-notices/contracts/tender-notices/index.html).

The CEDD has appointed AECOM Asia Company Limited as the consultant to design and supervise the works. For enquiries, please call the company at 3922 9000 during office hours.