<u>Analytical Accounts of the Exchange</u> Fund

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

The Hong Kong Monetary Authority (HKMA) released today (October 13) the key analytical accounts of the Exchange Fund at the end of September 2023.

Foreign assets, representing the external assets of the Exchange Fund, decreased during the month by HK\$25.6 billion to HK\$3,457.8 billion.

The Monetary Base, comprising Certificates of Indebtedness, Government‑issued currency notes and coins in circulation, the balance of the banking system and Exchange Fund Bills and Notes issued, amounted to HK\$1,881.1 billion.

Claims on the private sector in Hong Kong amounted to HK\$269.9 billion.

Foreign liabilities amounted to HK\$22.1 billion.

The analytical accounts of the Exchange Fund are released in accordance with the International Monetary Fund's Special Data Dissemination Standard (SDDS) and are referred to as the Analytical Accounts of the Central Bank under SDDS (Annex).

Release calendar

The release calendar of the Analytical Accounts of the Exchange Fund for 2024 is announced below:

Reference Month Release Date February 15, 2024 January 2024 March 14, 2024 February 2024 April 12, 2024 March 2024 May 14, 2024 April 2024 May 2024 June 14, 2024 June 2024 July 12, 2024 July 2024 August 14, 2024 August 2024 September 13, 2024 October 14, 2024 September 2024 October 2024 November 14, 2024 November 2024 December 13, 2024 December 2024 January 14, 2025

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 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 October 2023, the scheduled dates for issuing the press releases are as follows:

October 6 (Issued)	SDDS International Reserves (Hong Kong's Latest Foreign Currency Reserve Assets Figures)
October 13	SDDS Analytical Accounts of the Central Bank (Analytical Accounts of the Exchange Fund)
October 31	SDDS Template on International Reserves and Foreign Currency Liquidity
October 31	Exchange Fund Abridged Balance Sheet and Currency Board Account