

Appointment to Advisory Committee on Cruise Industry announced

The Government today (October 31) announced the appointment of a new member, Ms Crystal Campbell, head of an international cruise company in Hong Kong, to the Advisory Committee on Cruise Industry (ACCI) with effect from November 1, 2018, to January 27, 2020.

The membership of the ACCI with effect from November 1, 2018, is as follows:

Chairman

Commissioner for Tourism

Members

Ms Crystal Campbell

Mr Chan Kam-foo

Mrs Nancy Chung Yiu Choi-yuk

Mr Anthony Lau Chun-hon

Mr Samuel Lau Wing-kee

Ms Eunice Lee Sau-yan

Ms Astor Ng Ching-han

Mr Ng Hi-on

Mr Blondel So King-tak

Mr Hazen Tang Tim-wan

Mr James Wong Cheuk-on

Mr Jason Wong Chun-tat

Mr Balwin Yeung Pok-hung

The ACCI was established in January 2008 to advise the Government on measures to enhance the development of Hong Kong as a regional cruise hub.

"We will continue to work in close collaboration with the ACCI and other key stakeholders in the cruise trade and travel industry to promote cruise tourism in Hong Kong, leveraging on the opportunities presented by the new cross-boundary transport infrastructure, and strengthen Hong Kong's position as a leading cruise hub in the region," a spokesman for the Commerce and Economic Development Bureau said.

[Schedule for issuing press releases on](#)

statistical data

Following is a reminder of the press releases on statistical data to be issued between November 2018 and January 2019. The schedules for issuing press releases on statistical data in 2018 and 2019 were provided to the media in September 2017 and September 2018 respectively. No change has been made to the original schedules.

November 2018

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Date	Press Release
1	Retail sales statistics for September 2018
5	Restaurant receipts and purchases statistics for third quarter 2018
15	Volume and price statistics of external merchandise trade for September 2018
16	Gross Domestic Product for third quarter 2018 : data contained in the press release entitled "Economic Situation in the Third Quarter of 2018 and Latest GDP and Price Forecasts for 2018" issued by the Office of the Government Economist under the Financial Secretary's Office (Note)
16 – October 2018	Unemployment and underemployment statistics for August
20	Consumer Price Index for October 2018
26	External merchandise trade statistics for October 2018
30	Retail sales statistics for October 2018

December 2018

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Date	Press Release
6	Statistics on vessels, port cargo and containers for third quarter 2018
10	Quarterly business receipts indices for service industries for third quarter 2018

11 Construction output statistics for third quarter 2018

11 Statistics on trade involving outward processing in the
mainland of China for
third quarter 2018

14 Index of industrial production and producer price index
for the industrial sector
for third quarter 2018

17 Gross National Income and external primary income flows
for third quarter 2018

18 Unemployment and underemployment statistics for
September – November 2018

18 Employment and vacancies statistics for September 2018

20 Consumer Price Index for November 2018

20 Volume and price statistics of external merchandise
trade for October 2018

20 Chain volume measures of Gross Domestic Product by
economic activity for
third quarter 2018

21 Balance of Payments and International Investment
Position statistics for third
quarter 2018

27 External merchandise trade statistics for November 2018

28 Wage and payroll statistics for September 2018

January 2019

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Date Press Release

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3 Retail sales statistics for November 2018

17 Unemployment and underemployment statistics for Oct –
Dec 2018

17 Volume and price statistics of external merchandise
trade for November 2018

18 Business expectations for first quarter 2019

22	Consumer Price Index for December 2018
28	External merchandise trade statistics for December 2018
30	Retail sales statistics for December 2018

Note: The Office of the Government Economist under the Financial Secretary's Office will issue a press release on the "Third Quarter Economic Report 2018" and final update of the GDP and price forecasts for 2018 as a whole. The GDP for the third quarter of 2018 will also be released there. No separate press release on the GDP for the third quarter of 2018 will be issued by the Census and Statistics Department on that day.

The schedule for regular press releases in the other months of 2019 can be downloaded from the website of the Census and Statistics Department (www.censtatd.gov.hk/press_release/index.jsp).

HK SAR Government welcomes issuance of bills in Hong Kong by People's Bank of China

The People's Bank of China announced today (October 31) that it will issue Renminbi (RMB) bills totalling RMB20 billion in Hong Kong next week, of which RMB10 billion will be issued in a three-month tenor and the remaining RMB10 billion in a one-year tenor.

The Financial Secretary, Mr Paul Chan, said, "The Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region welcomes the issuance of RMB bills in Hong Kong by the People's Bank of China. This reinforces Hong Kong's status as the global offshore RMB business hub, promotes the internationalisation of the RMB, and is conducive to the development of the debt market in Hong Kong. Currently, payment of profits tax is exempted in respect of interest income or trading profits derived from the sovereign bonds issued in Hong Kong by the Central People's Government. We will study to extend the scope of exemption to cover the debt instruments issued in Hong Kong by the People's Bank of China."

[The People's Bank of China will issue Renminbi Bills through the Central Moneymarkets Unit of the Hong Kong Monetary Authority](#)

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

The People's Bank of China (PBOC) will issue Renminbi Bills through the Central Moneymarkets Unit of the Hong Kong Monetary Authority (HKMA). Please find attached the tender notice and the tender information memorandum of the Renminbi Bills to be issued by the PBOC. Please also find attached the tender-related information provided by the Issuing and Lodging Agent through the HKMA.

[Red flag hoisted at Hung Shing Yeh Beach](#)

Attention TV/radio announcers:

Please broadcast the following as soon as possible:

Here is an item of interest to swimmers.

The Leisure and Cultural Services Department announced today (October 31) that due to big waves, the red flag has been hoisted at Hung Shing Yeh Beach in Islands District. Beach-goers are advised not to swim at the beach.