

“Women and Men in Hong Kong – Key Statistics (2018 Edition)” published

The Census and Statistics Department (C&SD) published today (July 26) a publication entitled "Women and Men in Hong Kong – Key Statistics (2018 Edition)".

This publication is compiled by the C&SD to serve as a ready source of information for those interested in the situation of women and men, and gender equality in Hong Kong. It draws together sex-disaggregated statistics and indicators from a wide variety of sources with a view to depicting the situation of women and men in major economic and social spheres. The key sex-disaggregated statistics contained in the publication are shown in Table 1.

Users can download this publication free of charge at the website of the C&SD (www.censtatd.gov.hk/hkstat/sub/sp180.jsp?productCode=B1130303).

Enquiries about the contents of this publication can be directed to the Social Statistics Branch of the C&SD (Tel: 2887 0592 or email: thematic@censtatd.gov.hk).

Effective Exchange Rate Index

The effective exchange rate index for the Hong Kong dollar on Thursday, July 26, 2018 is 103.5 (down 0.2 against yesterday's index).

Secretary for Home Affairs expresses deep sorrow at passing of Mr Choi Park-lai

The Secretary for Home Affairs, Mr Lau Kong-wah, today (July 26) expressed deep sorrow over the passing of Mr Choi Park-lai and extended his deepest condolences to Mr Choi's family.

Mr Lau said, "Mr Choi was a leading traditional Chinese almanac expert and has played a pivotal role in promoting Chinese culture. We thank him for

his contributions to the traditional Chinese almanac. His passing was a great loss to the cultural sector."

CE expresses sorrow over passing of Mr Choi Park-lai

The Chief Executive, Mrs Carrie Lam, today (July 26) expressed deep sorrow over the passing of Mr Choi Park-lai.

A leading traditional Chinese almanac expert, Mr Choi edited the calendars in different versions of the Chinese almanac, playing a pivotal role in relevant Chinese cultural heritage. He was awarded the Gold Bauhinia Star in 2015.

"Mr Choi was dedicated to promoting Chinese culture throughout his life and spared no effort in introducing the Chinese almanac to the general public. He was benevolent and cared for the younger generations, contributing significantly to the community.

"On behalf of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region Government, I would like to extend my deepest condolences to his family," Mrs Lam said.

Temporary closure of Sha Tin Jockey Club Swimming Pool and Sha Tin Jockey Club Public Squash Courts

Attention TV/radio announcers:

Please broadcast the following as soon as possible and repeat it at regular intervals:

The Leisure and Cultural Services Department announced today (July 26) that due to power failure, Sha Tin Jockey Club Swimming Pool and Sha Tin Jockey Club Public Squash Courts in Sha Tin District have been temporarily closed for urgent maintenance works until further notice.