

Airmail services to Finland

Hongkong Post announced today (November 29) that, as advised by the postal administration of Finland, airmail services (including Speedpost) to Finland have resumed. However, due to the mail backlog situation in Finland, airmail services (including Speedpost) to Finland are still subject to delay.

Appointments to Property Management Services Authority

The Government announced today (November 29) appointments to the Property Management Services Authority (PMSA).

The Chief Executive has re-appointed Mr Tony Tse Wai-chuen as the Chairperson of the PMSA, and has appointed Professor Eddie Hui Chi-man as the Vice-chairperson and Mr Chow Luen-kiu as a new member of the PMSA. In addition, 16 serving members have also been re-appointed. The appointments will take effect on December 1, 2019, for a period of three years.

The Secretary for Home Affairs, Mr Lau Kong-wah, welcomed the above appointments. He also thanked the outgoing Vice-chairperson, Mr Wong Kwok-hing, and member, Dr Jennifer Ng Chui-yiu, for their sterling contributions to the PMSA over their term.

The membership list of the PMSA with effect from December 1 is as follows:

Chairperson

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Mr Tony Tse Wai-chuen

Vice-chairperson

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Professor Eddie Hui Chi-man

Category I Persons (individuals who are engaged in property management services)

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Mr Dick Kwok Ngok-chung

Mr Paul Ng Kwong-ming

Mr Ivan Tam Kwok-wing

Mr Justin Wong Fai-sing

Dr Yan Wai-kiu

Category II Persons (individuals, not being Category I persons, who, because of their experience in property management, general administration or consumer affairs, appear to the Chief Executive to have knowledge of property management services)

Dr Jason Chan Kai-yue
Ms Wendy Ng Wan-yee
Ms Annie Wong Pak-yan

Category III Persons (individuals, not being Category I persons or Category II persons, who appear to the Chief Executive to be suitable to be appointed as members of the PMSA)

Mr Chan Han-pan
Ms Cheng Lai-king
Mr Chow Luen-kiu
Mr Leung Man-kwong
Mr Lanny Tam
Mr Frankie Yick Chi-ming
Mr Yip Hing-kwok
Director of Housing or his representative
Director of Home Affairs or her representative

The PMSA is a body corporate established under the Property Management Services Ordinance (Cap. 626). Its principal functions are to regulate and control the provision of property management services in Hong Kong by the licensing of property management companies and property management practitioners; to promote the integrity, competence and professionalism of the profession of property management services; and to maintain and enhance the status of the profession of property management services.

[Schedule for issuing press releases on statistical data](#)

Following is a reminder of the press releases on statistical data to be issued between December 2019 and March 2020. The schedules for issuing press releases on statistical data in 2019 and 2020 were provided to the media in September 2018 and September 2019 respectively. No change has been made to the original schedule.

December 2019

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| Date | Press Release |
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| 2 | Retail sales statistics for October 2019 |
| 5 | Statistics on vessels, port cargo and containers for third quarter 2019 |
| 9 | Quarterly business receipts indices for service industries for third quarter 2019 |
| 10 | Statistics on trade involving outward processing in the mainland of China for third quarter 2019 |
| 12 | Construction output statistics for third quarter 2019 |
| 13 | Index of industrial production and producer price index for the industrial sector for third quarter 2019 |
| 13 | Gross National Income and external primary income flows for third quarter 2019 |
| 17 | Unemployment and underemployment statistics for September – November 2019 |
| 17 | Volume and price statistics of external merchandise trade for October 2019 |
| 19 | Employment and vacancies statistics for September 2019 |
| 20 | Consumer Price Index for November 2019 |
| 20 | Chain volume measures of Gross Domestic Product by economic activity for third quarter 2019 |
| 20 | Balance of Payments and International Investment Position statistics for third quarter 2019 |
| 27 | Wage and payroll statistics for September 2019 |
| 30 | External merchandise trade statistics for November 2019 |

January 2020

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| 3 | Retail sales statistics for November 2019 |
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- 16 Volume and price statistics of external merchandise trade
for November 2019
- 17 Business expectations for first quarter 2020
- 20 Unemployment and underemployment statistics for October –
December 2019
- 21 Consumer Price Index for December 2019
- 30 External merchandise trade statistics for December 2019

February 2020

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| 3 | Advance estimates on Gross Domestic Product for fourth quarter and the whole year of 2019 (Note) |
| 4 | Retail sales statistics for December 2019 |
| 5 | Restaurant receipts and purchases statistics for fourth quarter 2019 |
| 18 | Volume and price statistics of external merchandise trade for December 2019 |
| 18 | Unemployment and underemployment statistics for November 2019 – January 2020 |
| 18 | Year-end population for 2019 |
| 20 | Consumer Price Index for January 2020 |
| 25 | External merchandise trade statistics for January 2020 |
| 26 | Revised figures on Gross Domestic Product for fourth quarter and the whole year of 2019 : data contained in the Budget supporting documents (Note) |

March 2020

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| 2 | Retail sales statistics for January 2020 |

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| 3 | Statistics on vessels, port cargo and containers for fourth quarter 2019 |
| 10 | Quarterly business receipts indices for service industries for fourth quarter 2019 |
| 12 | Construction output statistics for fourth quarter 2019 |
| 12 | Statistics on trade involving outward processing in the mainland of China for fourth quarter 2019 |
| 13 | Index of industrial production and producer price index for the industrial sector for fourth quarter 2019 |
| 16 | Gross National Income and external primary income flows for fourth quarter 2019 |
| 17 | Unemployment and underemployment statistics for December 2019 – February 2020 |
| 19 | Volume and price statistics of external merchandise trade for January 2020 |
| 19 | Chain volume measures of Gross Domestic Product by economic activity for fourth quarter 2019 |
| 20 | Employment and vacancies statistics for December 2019 |
| 23 | Balance of Payments and International Investment Position statistics for fourth quarter 2019 |
| 23 | Consumer Price Index for February 2020 |
| 26 | External merchandise trade statistics for February 2020 |
| 26 | Wage and payroll statistics for December 2019 |
| 31 | Retail sales statistics for February 2020 |

Note: The Census and Statistics Department (C&SD) will issue press releases on quarterly advance estimates on Gross Domestic Product (GDP). The C&SD will compile and release revised figures on GDP in the "Gross Domestic Product (Quarterly) Report" when more data become available. The revised GDP figures for the fourth quarter and the whole year of 2019, together with other supporting materials, will also be released along with the Financial Secretary's "Budget Speech". According to the Financial Secretary's Office, the Budget is scheduled to be delivered on February 26, 2020. No separate press release will be issued by the C&SD in respect of the revised GDP figures.

The schedule for regular press releases in the other months of 2020 can be downloaded at the website of the Census and Statistics Department (www.censtatd.gov.hk/press_release/index.jsp).

[Amendments to merchant shipping seafarer regulations proposed](#)

The Government proposes to amend the Merchant Shipping (Seafarers) (Working and Living Conditions) Regulation and the Merchant Shipping (Seafarers) (Allotments) Regulation to incorporate two amendments to the Maritime Labour Convention, 2006 of the International Labour Organization (ILO) into local legislation.

A spokesman for the Transport and Housing Bureau today (November 29) said, "The legislative amendments involve the extension of validity of Maritime Labour Certificates and the safeguards of interests of seafarers being held captive."

The Legislative Council Panel on Economic Development, the Hong Kong Fleet Operation Advisory Committee and the Seafarers' Advisory Board of the Marine Department have been consulted on the legislative proposal. Members supported the proposal.

The proposed legislative amendments were gazetted today and will be tabled at the Legislative Council on December 4 for negative vetting.

United Nations Sanctions (Mali) Regulation 2019 gazetted

The Government today (November 29) gazetted the United Nations Sanctions (Mali) Regulation 2019 (the Regulation), which came into operation today.

"The Regulation implements sanctions against Mali imposed by the United Nations Security Council Resolution 2484," a Government spokesman said.

The sanctions implemented under the Regulation include:

- prohibition against making available to certain persons or entities any economic assets, or dealing with economic assets of such persons or entities; and
- prohibition against the entry into or transit through the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region by certain persons.