## <u>Census and Statistics Department</u> <u>announces schedule of regular press</u> releases on statistical data in 2020

The Census and Statistics Department (C&SD) announced today (September 30) the schedule of regular press releases on statistical data in 2020 at Annex (PDF format). The schedule, which covers 119 items, has been uploaded on the C&SD's website (<a href="www.censtatd.gov.hk/press\_release/index.jsp">www.censtatd.gov.hk/press\_release/index.jsp</a>) to facilitate access by the public.

The information sheet entitled "Census and Statistics Department — Schedule of Regular Press Releases on Statistical Data in 2020" has also been released via the C&SD's website. Presenting the date schedule by data category, this information sheet serves as a handy reference on the issue dates of the regular press releases of individual subject areas in 2020.

"We have been making continuous efforts to shorten the time lag in releasing statistics. At present, we are able to release most monthly statistics within one month and all quarterly statistics within three months after the reference period," a spokesman for the C&SD said.

The press releases listed on the schedule will be issued via the Information Services Department at 4.30pm on the release day. They will also be posted on the C&SD's website (<a href="www.censtatd.gov.hk/press\_release/index.jsp">www.censtatd.gov.hk/press\_release/index.jsp</a>) shortly afterwards.

"We have all along adhered to the pre-announced schedule for issuing these regular press releases. Only under exceptional circumstances such as those arising from unexpected adverse weather conditions would the releases be postponed. In such events, an announcement will be made via the Information Services Department regarding the special circumstances and the revised date for issuing the press release concerned," the spokesman added.

In addition to these regular press releases, press releases on other statistical data (e.g. results of ad hoc surveys) are also issued by the C&SD from time to time.

All press releases issued by the C&SD in recent years are posted on its website for reference by the general public.

Enquiries on the schedule can be directed to the C&SD at telephone number 2582 4958.