

# Financial results for the nine months ended December 31, 2021

The Government announced today (January 31) its financial results for the nine months ended December 31, 2021.

There was a surplus of HK\$115.9 billion in the month of December, thereby bringing a cumulative year-to-date surplus of HK\$50.1 billion after receipt of net proceeds of HK\$29.1 billion from issuance of green bonds under the Government Green Bond Programme (Green Bond). Expenditure for the nine-month period amounted to HK\$481.5 billion and revenue HK\$502.5 billion.

A Government spokesperson said that the cumulative year-to-date surplus for the period was mainly due to the receipt of land premium, profits tax and stamp duties. The revised estimates for the current financial year will be published along with the 2022-23 Budget.

The fiscal reserves stood at HK\$977.9 billion as at December 31, 2021.

Detailed figures are shown in Tables 1 and 2.

TABLE 1. CONSOLIDATED ACCOUNT (Note 1)

	Month ended December 31, 2021 HK\$ million	Nine months ended December 31, 2021 HK\$ million
Revenue	176,742.6	502,450.7
Expenditure	(60,793.7)	(481,466.5)
Surplus before issuance of Green Bond	115,948.9	20,984.2
Net proceeds from issuance of Green Bond	–	29,124.2
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Financing		
Domestic		
Banking Sector (Note 2)	(116,608.9)	(51,776.9)

Non-Banking Sector	660.0	1,668.5
External	–	–
Total	(115,948.9)	(50,108.4)

Government Debts as at December 31, 2021 (Note 3)

HK\$56,663 million

Debts Guaranteed by Government as at December 31, 2021 (Note 4)

HK\$116,252.2 million

TABLE 2. FISCAL RESERVES

	Month ended December 31, 2021 HK\$ million	Nine months ended December 31, 2021 HK\$ million
Fiscal Reserves at start of period	861,926.5	927,767.0
Consolidated Surplus after issuance of Green Bond	115,948.9	50,108.4
Fiscal Reserves at end of period (Note 5)	977,875.4	977,875.4

Notes:

1. This Account consolidates the General Revenue Account and the following eight Funds: Capital Works Reserve Fund, Capital Investment Fund, Civil Service Pension Reserve Fund, Disaster Relief Fund, Innovation and Technology Fund, Land Fund, Loan Fund and Lotteries Fund. It excludes the Bond Fund, the balance of which is not part of the fiscal reserves. The Bond Fund balance as at December 31, 2021, was HK\$208,066 million.

2. Includes transactions with the Exchange Fund and resident banks.

3. These were the Green Bonds (equivalent to HK\$56,663 million as at December 31, 2021) issued under the Government Green Bond Programme. They were denominated in US dollars (US\$4,500 million with maturity from May 2024 to February 2051), euros (1,750 million euros with maturity from November 2026 to November 2041) and Renminbi (RMB5,000 million with maturity from November 2024 to November 2026). They do not include the outstanding bonds with nominal value of HK\$168,183 million and alternative bonds with nominal value of US\$1,000 million (equivalent to HK\$7,799 million as at December 31, 2021) issued under the Government Bond Programme (with proceeds credited to the Bond Fund). Of these bonds under the Government Bond Programme (including

Silver Bonds with nominal value of HK\$47,683 million, which may be redeemed before maturity upon request from bond holders), bonds with nominal value of HK\$12,916 million will mature within the period from January 2022 to December 2022 and the rest within the period from January 2023 to March 2036.

4. Includes guarantees provided under the SME Loan Guarantee Scheme launched in 2001, the Special Loan Guarantee Scheme launched in 2008, the SME Financing Guarantee Scheme launched in 2012 and a commercial loan of the Hong Kong Science and Technology Parks Corporation.

5. Includes HK\$232,367 million, being the balance of the Land Fund held in the name of "Future Fund", for long-term investments initially up to December 31, 2025. The Future Fund also includes HK\$4,800 million, being one-third of the actual surplus in 2015-16 as top-up.