

Hong Kong's latest foreign currency reserve assets figures released

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

The Hong Kong Monetary Authority (HKMA) announced today (October 8) that the official foreign currency reserve assets of Hong Kong amounted to US\$438.7 billion as at the end of September 2019 (end-August 2019: US\$432.8 billion) (see annex).

Including unsettled foreign exchange contracts, the foreign currency reserve assets of Hong Kong at the end of September 2019 amounted to US\$431.5 billion (end-August 2019: US\$425.6 billion).

The total foreign currency reserve assets of US\$438.7 billion represent about seven times the currency in circulation or 46 per cent of Hong Kong dollar M3.

Release calendar

The release calendar of foreign currency reserve assets for 2020 is announced below:

Reference month	Release date
January 2020	February 7, 2020
February 2020	March 6, 2020
March 2020	April 7, 2020
April 2020	May 7, 2020
May 2020	June 5, 2020
June 2020	July 7, 2020
July 2020	August 7, 2020
August 2020	September 7, 2020
September 2020	October 8, 2020
October 2020	November 6, 2020
November 2020	December 7, 2020
December 2020	January 7, 2021

At present, four press releases relating to the Exchange Fund's data are issued by the HKMA each month. Three of these releases are issued to disseminate monetary data in accordance with the International Monetary Fund's Special Data Dissemination Standard (SDDS). The fourth press release, on the Exchange Fund's Abridged Balance Sheet and Currency Board Account, is

made in accordance with the HKMA's policy of maintaining a high level of transparency. For the month of October 2019, the scheduled dates for issuing the press releases are as follows:

October 8	SDDS International Reserves (Hong Kong's Latest Foreign Currency Reserve Assets Figures)
October 14	SDDS Analytical Accounts of the Central Bank (Analytical Accounts of the Exchange Fund)
October 31	SDDS Template on International Reserves and Foreign Currency Liquidity
October 31	Exchange Fund Abridged Balance Sheet and Currency Board Account