

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 5) that the official foreign currency reserve assets of Hong Kong amounted to US\$426.4 billion as at the end of September 2018 (end-August 2018: US\$424.8 billion) (Annex).

Including unsettled foreign exchange contracts, the foreign currency reserve assets of Hong Kong at the end of September 2018 amounted to US\$418.8 billion (end-August 2018: US\$417.2 billion).

The total foreign currency reserve assets of US\$426.4 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 2019 is announced below:

Reference Month	Release Date
January 2019	February 11, 2019
February 2019	March 7, 2019
March 2019	April 8, 2019
April 2019	May 7, 2019
May 2019	June 6, 2019
June 2019	July 5, 2019
July 2019	August 7, 2019
August 2019	September 6, 2019
September 2019	October 8, 2019
October 2019	November 7, 2019
November 2019	December 6, 2019
December 2019	January 7, 2020

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 2018, the scheduled dates for issuing the press releases are as follows:

October 5	SDDS International Reserves (Hong Kong's Latest Foreign Currency Reserve Assets Figures)
October 12	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