<u>International Reserves and Foreign</u> <u>Currency Liquidity</u>

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

The Hong Kong Monetary Authority (HKMA) released today (Wednesday) the analytical data on the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region's foreign currency reserves and foreign currency liquidity as at the end of September 2018 (Annex). These data are published monthly in the Template on International Reserves and Foreign Currency Liquidity in accordance with the International Monetary Fund's Special Data Dissemination Standard.

The release calendar of the Template on International Reserves and Foreign Currency Liquidity for 2019 is announced below:

Reference Month Release Date

January 2019 February 28, 2019 February 2019 March 29, 2019 March 2019 April 30, 2019 April 2019 May 31, 2019 June 28, 2019 May 2019 June 2019 July 31, 2019 August 3, 2019 July 2019 August 2019 September 30, 2019 September 2019 October 31, 2019 October 2019 November 29, 2019 December 31, 2019 November 2019 December 2019 January 31, 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 (Issued)	SDDS International Reserves (Hong Kong's Latest Foreign Currency Reserve Assets Figures)
October 12 (Issued)	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