<u>Schedule for issuing press releases on</u> <u>statistical data</u>

Following is a reminder of the press releases on statistical data to be issued between January and March 2019. The schedule for issuing press releases on statistical data in 2019 was provided to the media in September 2018. No change has been made to the original schedule.

January 2019	
Date	Press Release
3	Retail sales statistics for November 2018
17	Unemployment and underemployment statistics for October — December 2018
17	Volume and price statistics of external merchandise trade for November 2018
18	Business expectations for first quarter 2019
22	Consumer Price Index for December 2018
28	External merchandise trade statistics for December 2018
30	Retail sales statistics for December 2018
February 2019	
======= Date	Press Release
1	 Restaurant receipts and purchases statistics for fourth quarter 2018
19	Year-end population for 2018
19	Volume and price statistics of external merchandise trade for December 2018
21	Unemployment and underemployment statistics for November 2018 — January 2019
22	Consumer Price Index for January 2019
26	External merchandise trade statistics for January 2019
27	Gross Domestic Product for fourth quarter 2018 and the whole year of 2018 : data contained in the Budget supporting documents (Note)

March 2019

====== Date	Press Release
5	Retail sales statistics for January 2019
5	Statistics on vessels, port cargo and containers for fourth quarter 2018
11	Quarterly business receipts indices for service industries for fourth quarter 2018
12	Construction output statistics for fourth quarter 2018
12	Statistics on trade involving outward processing in the mainland of China for fourth quarter 2018
14	Index of industrial production and producer price index for the industrial sector for fourth quarter 2018
15	Gross National Income and external primary income flows for fourth quarter 2018
18	Volume and price statistics of external merchandise trade for January 2019
19	Unemployment and underemployment statistics for December 2018 – February 2019
19	Chain volume measures of Gross Domestic Product by economic activity for fourth quarter 2018
21	Consumer Price Index for February 2019
22	Employment and vacancies statistics for December 2018
22	Balance of Payments and International Investment Position statistics for fourth quarter 2018
26	External merchandise trade statistics for February 2019
28	Wage and payroll statistics for December 2018

Note: The Gross Domestic Product (GDP) for the fourth quarter of 2018 and the whole year of 2018 together with other supporting materials will be released along with the Financial Secretary's "Budget Speech". According to the Financial Secretary's Office, the Budget is scheduled to be delivered on February 27, 2019. No separate press release on the GDP for the fourth quarter of 2018 and the whole year of 2018 will be issued by the Census and Statistics Department (C&SD) on that day.

The schedule for regular press releases in the other months of 2019 can be downloaded from the website of the Census and Statistics Department (<u>www.censtatd.gov.hk/press_release/index.jsp</u>).