<u>Survey on Information Technology Usage</u> and Penetration in the Business Sector for 2019 commenced today

The Census and Statistics Department (C&SD) announced today (March 6) the commencement of the Survey on Information Technology Usage and Penetration in the Business Sector for 2019. The survey collects information relating to information technology usage and penetration in the business sector. The survey results provide useful reference for the development of information technology strategy in Hong Kong.

About 5 500 establishments in various economic sectors are selected to participate in the survey. Questionnaires have been sent to selected establishments individually together with the notification letters. To facilitate the selected establishments in providing the required information, electronic template of the questionnaire will also be available upon request.

The statistical survey is conducted under Part IIIA of the Census and Statistics Ordinance (Chapter 316) and notified in the Government Notice No. 1024 in the Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region Gazette of February 1, 2019. The Ordinance stipulates that all collected information which may enable identification of individual establishments should be kept in strict confidence. Only aggregate information, which does not reveal details of individual establishments, will be released.

The C&SD would like to thank the establishments which had participated in previous rounds of the survey; and appeal for the support of the management of all establishments which have been selected in the current survey round for their co-operation by returning the completed questionnaires to the C&SD on or before June 3, 2019.

If necessary, census officers of the C&SD may phone or visit individual establishments to offer assistance in completing the questionnaire. These officers will each carry an Enumerator Identity Card and a certificate for conducting the survey, which are available for inspection.

Results of the survey will be released in the first half of 2020.

Enquiries regarding the survey may be directed to the Science and Technology Statistics Section of the C&SD (Tel: 3153 2766 or email: itestatection.org (Tel: 3153 2766 or email: www.itestatection.org (Tel: 3153 2766 or email: https://www.itestatection.org"/>https://www.itestatection.org (Tel: 3153 2766 or email: https://www.itestatection.org"/>https://www.itestatection.org"/>https://www.itestatection.org (Tel: 3153 2766