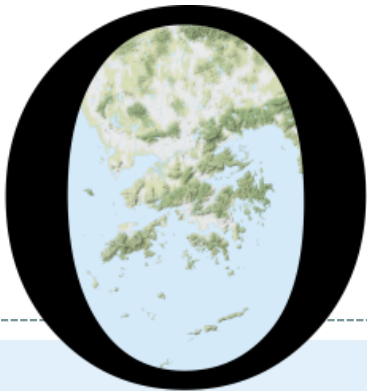


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**Latest Tracking Poll Results**

**April 7, 2021**

# Contact Information

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- Date of survey: 22-25/3/2021
- Survey method: Random telephone survey conducted by real interviewers
- Target population: Cantonese-speaking Hong Kong residents aged 18+
- Sample size: 1,010 (including 507 landline and 503 mobile samples)
- Effective response rate: 56.8%
- Sampling error: Sampling error of percentages not more than +/-4%, that of net values not more than +/-8% and that of ratings not more than +/-0.16 at 95% conf. level
- Weighting method: Rim-weighted according to figures provided by the Census and Statistics Department. The gender-age distribution of the Hong Kong population came from “Mid-year population for 2019”, while the educational attainment (highest level attended) distribution and economic activity status distribution came from “Women and Men in Hong Kong - Key Statistics (2019 Edition)”.

# Survey Topic

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- People's appraisal of the performance of news media
  - People's main source of news
  - People's most trustworthy source of news
  - Satisfaction rates of the performance of news media
- News media and Freedom of speech
  - Satisfaction rate of freedom of the press and credibility rating
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# Survey result - Performance of news media

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## ● People's main sources of news

	25/9-8/10/2020	22-25/3/2021	Change	Record
Internet	70%	70%	--	--
Television	66%	64%	▼2%	All-time record <b>low</b> since Dec. 1993
Newspapers	37%	37%	▼<1%	All-time record <b>low</b> since Dec. 1993
Radio	27%	29%	▲2%	Record <b>high</b> since Mar. 2020
Friends	18%	22%	▲3%	Record <b>high</b> since Mar. 2020
Family members	11%	17%	▲5% *	Record <b>high</b> since Mar. 2020
Magazines	9%	7%	▼1%	Record <b>low</b> since Apr. 2017

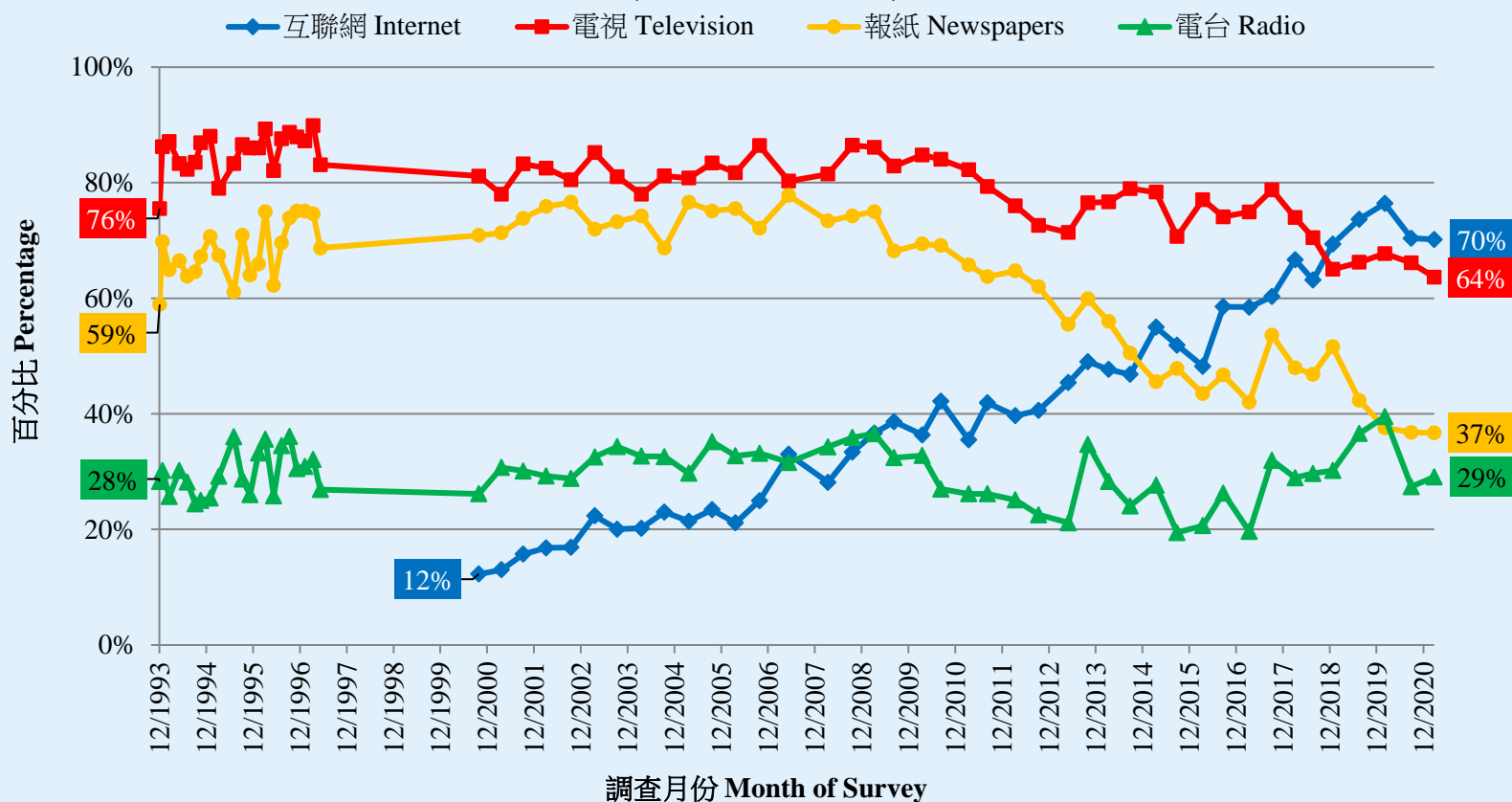
- Our latest news media survey results show that 70% and 64% of the respondents claimed their main sources of news were internet and television respectively. The latter registers an all-time **low** since record began in 1993. Besides, 37% and 29% respectively said their main sources of news were newspapers and radio. The former also registers an all-time **low** since record began in 1993.

\* Significant change

# Survey result - Performance of news media

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市民的主要新聞來源 (按次計算)  
 People's main source of news (Per Poll)  
 (12/1993 – 3/2021)



# Survey result - Performance of news media

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## ● People's most trustworthy source of news

	25/9-8/10/2020	22-25/3/2021	Change	Record
Internet	28%	30%	▲2%	Record high since Aug. 2019
Television	29%	26%	▼3%	Record low since Aug. 2019
Newspapers	12%	14%	▲2%	Record high since Aug. 2018
Radio	9%	12%	▲4% *	Record high since Mar. 2020
Family members	4%	5%	▲2%	Record high since Apr. 2018
Friends	3%	1%	▼1%	Record low since Aug. 2018
Magazines	<1%	<1%	--	--

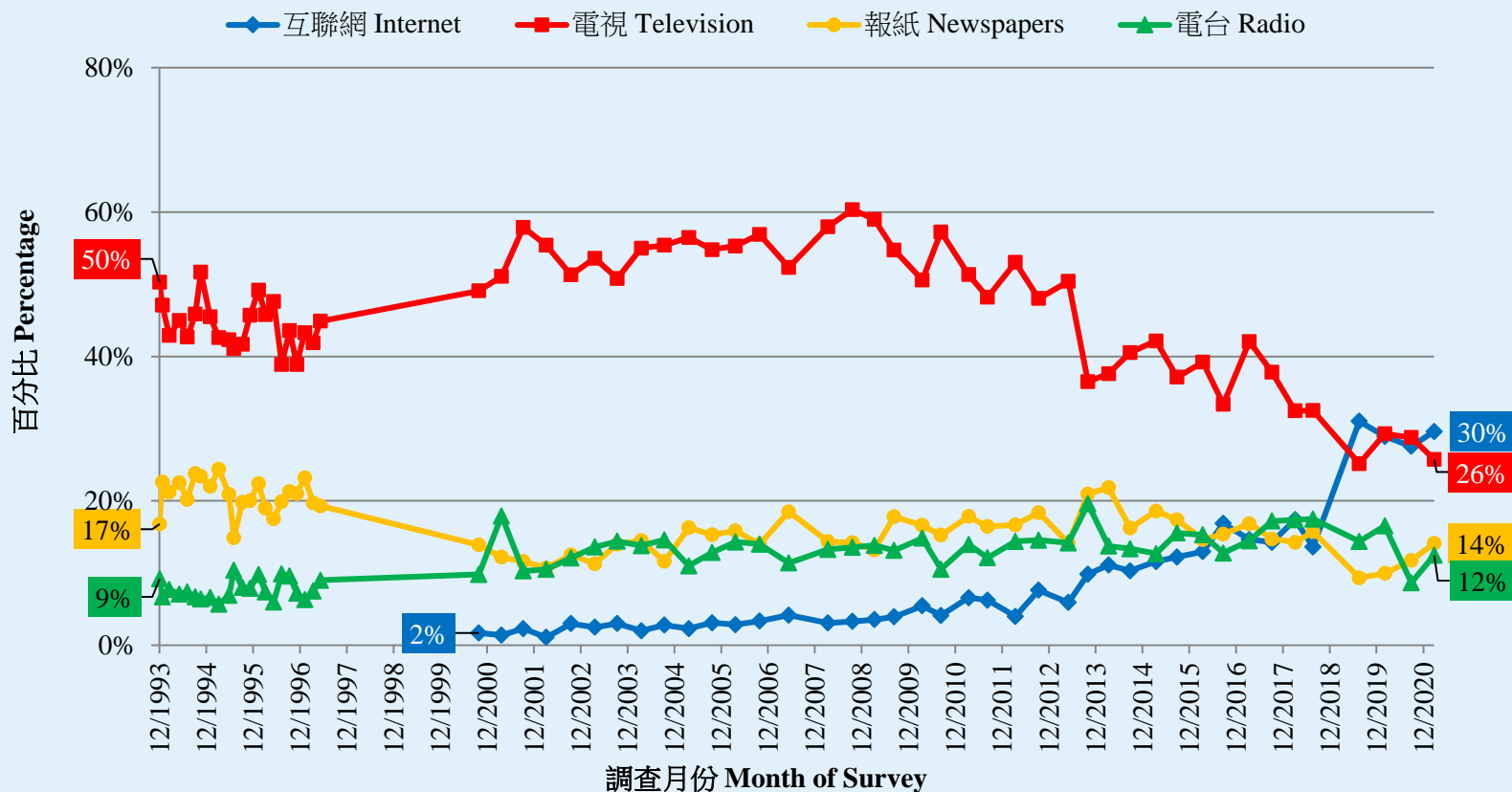
- As for trustworthiness, 30% and 26% of the respondents respectively found internet and television to be the most trustworthy source of news. All figures above have not changed much compared to last October.

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# Survey result - Performance of news media

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市民認為最值得信任的新聞來源 (按次計算)  
People's most trustworthy source of news (Per Poll)  
(12/1993 – 3/2021)



# Survey result - Performance of news media

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## • Net satisfaction rates of the performance of news media

	2-3/3/2020	22-25/3/2021	Change	Record
Internet	33%	22%	▼11% *	Record <b>low</b> since Oct. 2017
Radio	35%	14%	▼21% *	All-time record <b>low</b> since Dec. 1993
Television	5%	7%	▲3%	Record <b>high</b> since Aug. 2019
Newspapers	<1%	1%	--	--
Magazines	-26%	-20%	▲6%	Record <b>high</b> since Aug. 2019
<b>Overall</b>	27%	8%	▼18% *	All-time record <b>low</b> since Sept. 1993

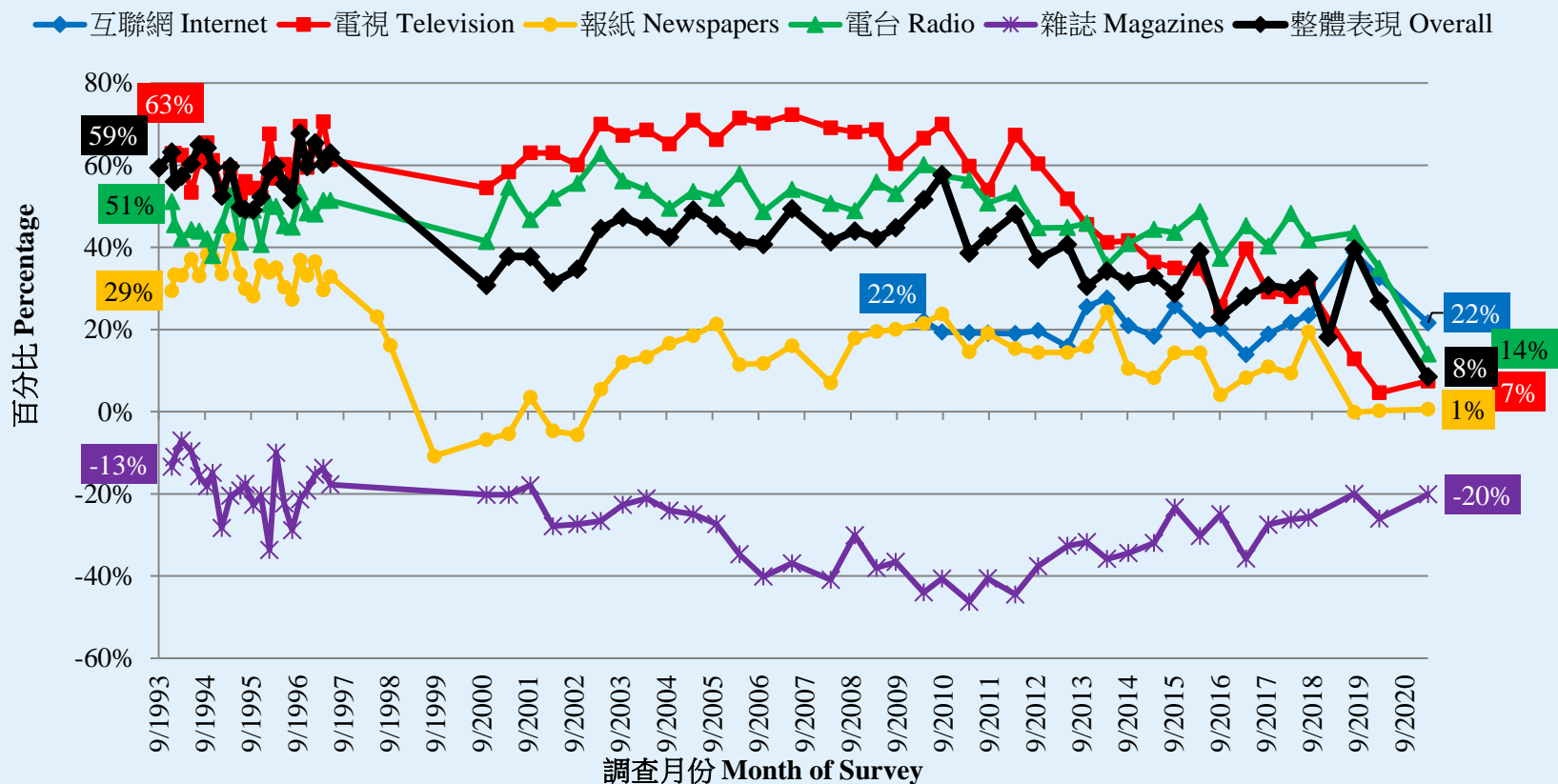
- Net satisfactions toward both internet and radio have significantly dropped compared to one year ago. The latter's drop is even as large as 21 percentage points and registers an all-time **low** again since record began in 1993.
- Overall speaking, people's satisfaction with the performance of news media in general continues to plunge. The latest satisfaction rate is 35%, net satisfaction at positive 8 percentage points, both figures have dropped beyond sampling errors, and register all-time **lows** since record began in 1993.

\* Significant change



# Survey result - Performance of news media

市民對新聞傳媒表現的滿意率淨值 (按次計算)  
 Net Satisfaction Rate of News Media (Per Poll)  
 (9/1993 – 3/2021)



# Survey Topic

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# Survey result - News media and Freedom of the press

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## • Satisfaction rate of freedom of the press and credibility rating

	25/9-8/10/2020	22-25/3/2021	Change	Record
Satisfaction rate of freedom of the press	29%	<b>35%</b>	<b>▲6% *</b>	Record <b>high</b> since Aug. 2019
Dissatisfaction rate of freedom of the press	54%	<b>48%</b>	<b>▼6% *</b>	Record <b>low</b> since Aug. 2019
Net satisfaction rate	-25%	<b>-13%</b>	<b>▲13% *</b>	Record <b>high</b> since Aug. 2019
Credibility rating of the local news media	5.14	<b>5.08</b>	<b>▼0.07</b>	All-time record <b>low</b> since Sept. 1997

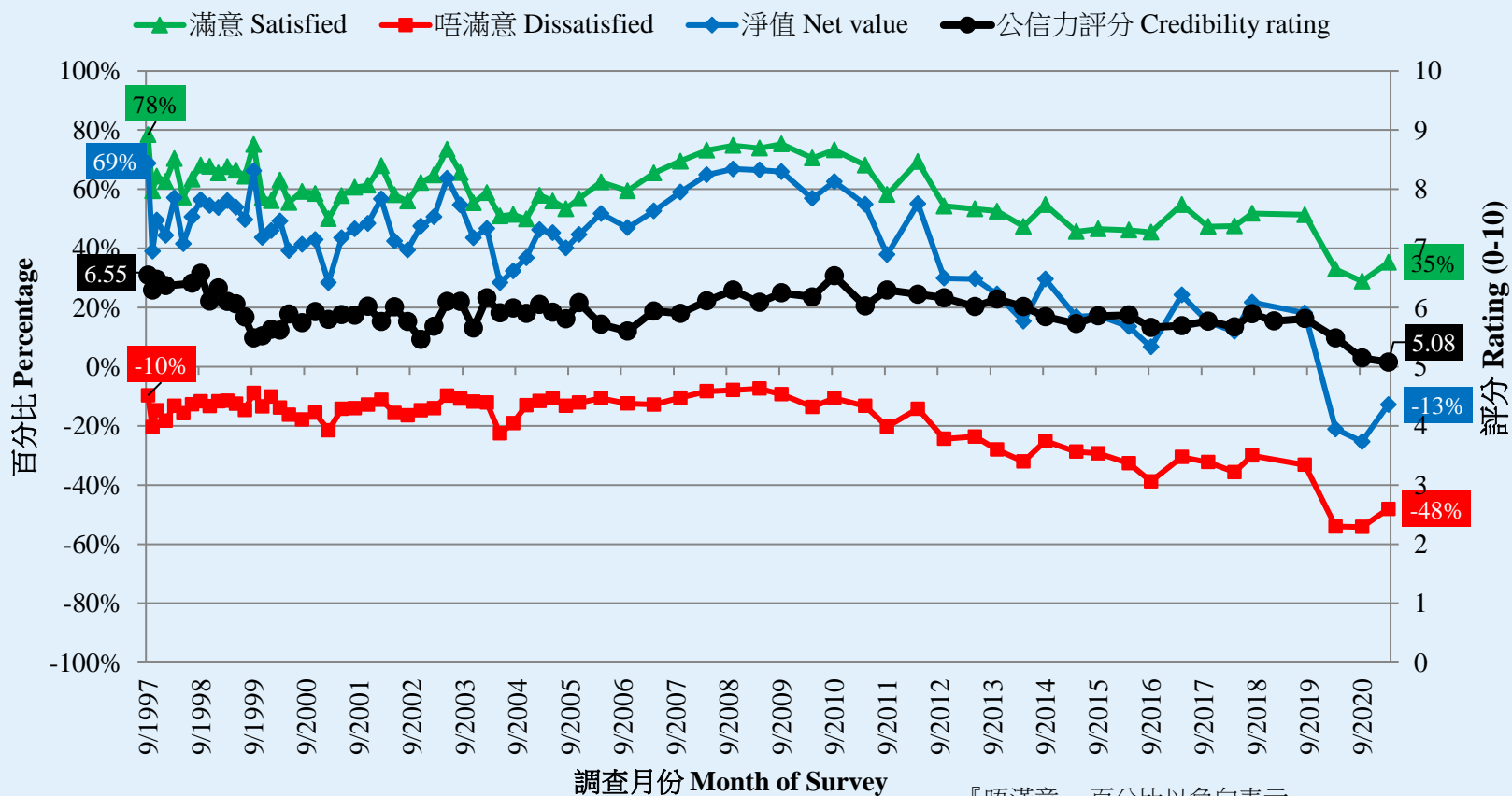
- Results also show that 35% of the respondents were satisfied with the freedom of the press in Hong Kong while 48% were dissatisfied, net satisfaction has thus recovered significantly since October last year to negative 13 percentage points.
- On a scale of 0-10, the credibility rating of the Hong Kong news media is 5.08 marks, a slight drop from last October, but registers an all-time **low** since record began in 1997.

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# Survey result - News media and Freedom of the press

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新聞自由滿意程度及公信力評分 (按次計算)  
Satisfaction rate of freedom of the press and Credibility rating (per poll)  
(9/1997 – 3/2021)



『唔滿意』百分比以負向表示。  
Percentages of 'Dissatisfied' is presented as negative

# Survey result - News media and Freedom of the press

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## ● People's opinions on news media in HK...

	25/9-8/10/2020	22-25/3/2021	Change	Record
Were responsible in their reporting	19%	<b>24%</b>	<b>▲4% *</b>	Record <b>high</b> since Mar. 2020
Were irresponsible in their reporting	35%	<b>41%</b>	<b>▲5% *</b>	Record <b>high</b> since Apr. 2007
Net value	-16%	<b>-17%</b>	<b>▼1%</b>	Record <b>low</b> since Apr. 2007
Had practiced self-censorship	50%	<b>53%</b>	<b>▲2%</b>	Record <b>high</b> since Mar. 2020
Had not practiced self-censorship	30%	<b>31%</b>	<b>▲1%</b>	Record <b>high</b> since Mar. 2020
Net value	20%	<b>22%</b>	<b>▲2%</b>	Record <b>high</b> since Mar. 2020

- 24% perceived the local news media to be responsible in their reporting, 41% regarded the local news media as irresponsible, giving a net value of negative 17 percentage points, registering a record **low** since 2007.
- In addition, 53% of the respondents thought the local news media had practiced self-censorship while 31% perceived the contrary, giving a net value of positive 22 percentage points.

\* Significant change

# Survey result - News media and Freedom of the press

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## ● People's opinions on news media in HK...

	2-3/3/2020	22-25/3/2021	Change	Record
Had scruples when criticizing the Central Government	63%	<b>66%</b>	<b>▲3%</b>	Record <b>high</b> since Apr. 2018
Had no scruples when criticizing the Central Government	29%	<b>24%</b>	<b>▼4%</b>	Record <b>low</b> since Jan. 2000
Net value	34%	<b>42%</b>	<b>▲7%</b>	Record <b>high</b> since Apr. 2018
Had scruples when criticizing the HKSAR Government	49%	<b>58%</b>	<b>▲10% *</b>	All-time record <b>high</b> since Sept. 1997
Had no scruples when criticizing the HKSAR Government	45%	<b>34%</b>	<b>▼11% *</b>	All-time record <b>low</b> since Sept. 1997
Net value	4%	<b>24%</b>	<b>▲20% *</b>	All-time record <b>high</b> since Sept. 1997

- 66% thought the local news media had scruples when criticizing the Central Government, with a net value of positive 42 percentage points. 58% thought they had scruples when criticizing the HKSAR Government, net value at positive 24 percentage points, a surge of 20 percentage points since March last year and registering an all-time **high** since record began in 1997.

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# Survey result - News media and Freedom of the press

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## ● People's opinions on news media in HK...

	2-3/3/2020	22-25/3/2021	Change	Record
Had given full play to the freedom of speech	50%	<b>46%</b>	<b>▼4%</b>	All-time record <b>low</b> since Sept. 1997
Had not given full play to the freedom of speech	41%	<b>45%</b>	<b>▲3%</b>	All-time record <b>high</b> since Sept. 1997
Net value	9%	<b>1%</b>	<b>▼7%</b>	All-time record <b>low</b> since Sept. 1997
Had misused/ abused the freedom of press	48%	<b>47%</b>	<b>▼1%</b>	Record <b>low</b> since Aug. 2019
Had not misused/ abused the freedom of press	41%	<b>39%</b>	<b>▼2%</b>	Record <b>low</b> since Aug. 2018
Net value	8%	<b>8%</b>	<b>▲1%</b>	Record <b>high</b> since Aug. 2018

- 46% believed the local news media had given full play to the freedom of speech, net value at positive 1 percentage point, an all-time **low** since record began in 1997. But at the same time, 47% said they had misused or abused the freedom of press, net value at positive 8 percentage points.

# Summary - Many items registered all-time high/low

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Item	Latest results	Change	Record
People's main sources of news: Television	64%	▼2%	All-time record <b>low</b> since Dec. 1993
People's main sources of news: Newspapers	37%	▼<1%	All-time record <b>low</b> since Dec. 1993
Net satisfaction rate of the performance of radio	14%	▼21% *	All-time record <b>low</b> since Dec. 1993
Net satisfaction rate of the overall performance	8%	▼18% *	All-time record <b>low</b> since Sept. 1993
Credibility rating of the local news media	5.08	▼0.07	All-time record <b>low</b> since Sept. 1997
Had scruples when criticizing the HKSAR Government	58%	▲10% *	All-time record <b>high</b> since Sept. 1997
Had no scruples when criticizing the HKSAR Government	34%	▼11% *	All-time record <b>low</b> since Sept. 1997
Net value	24%	▲20% *	All-time record <b>high</b> since Sept. 1997
Had given full play to the freedom of speech	46%	▼4%	All-time record <b>low</b> since Sept. 1997
Had not given full play to the freedom of speech	45%	▲3%	All-time record <b>high</b> since Sept. 1997
Net value	1%	▼7%	All-time record <b>low</b> since Sept. 1997

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**疫後復聚指數**

**Post-Epidemic Gathering Resumption Index (PEGRI)**

**結果發佈會 Latest Results**

**7/4/2021**

# 樣本資料 - 疫後復聚指數

## Contact Information - PEGRI

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	香港民研意見群組成員 HKPOP Panel
數據參照日期 Data reference date	22/3 15:00 – 29/3 15:00
調查方法 Survey method	以電郵接觸群組成員，並於網上完成調查 Online survey
訪問對象 Target population	十二歲或以上的香港市民 Hong Kong residents aged 12+
總成功樣本 Total sample size	6,806
回應比率 Response rate	7.2%
抽樣誤差 Sampling error	95% 置信水平，百分比誤差 $\pm 1\%$ Sampling error of percentages at $\pm 1\%$ at 95% confidence level
加權方法 Weighting method	按照1) 政府統計處提供的全港人口年齡及性別分佈統計數字、各區議會人口數字；2) 選舉事務處提供的區議會選舉結果；3) 常規調查中的特首評分分佈數字，以「反覆多重加權法」作出調整。 The figures are rim-weighted according to 1) gender-age distribution of Hong Kong population and by District Councils population figures from Census and Statistics Department; 2) Voting results of District Councils Election from Registration and Electoral Office; 3) rating distribution of Chief Executive from regular tracking surveys.

# 疫後復聚指數 PEGRI

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- 最新數據參照日期 **Latest data reference date: 22-29/3/2021 (N=6,806)**
- 上次數據參照日期 **Last data reference date: 8-22/3/2021 (N=6,210)**
- 上上次數據參照日期 **Second last data reference date: 1-8/3/2021 (N=5,606)**

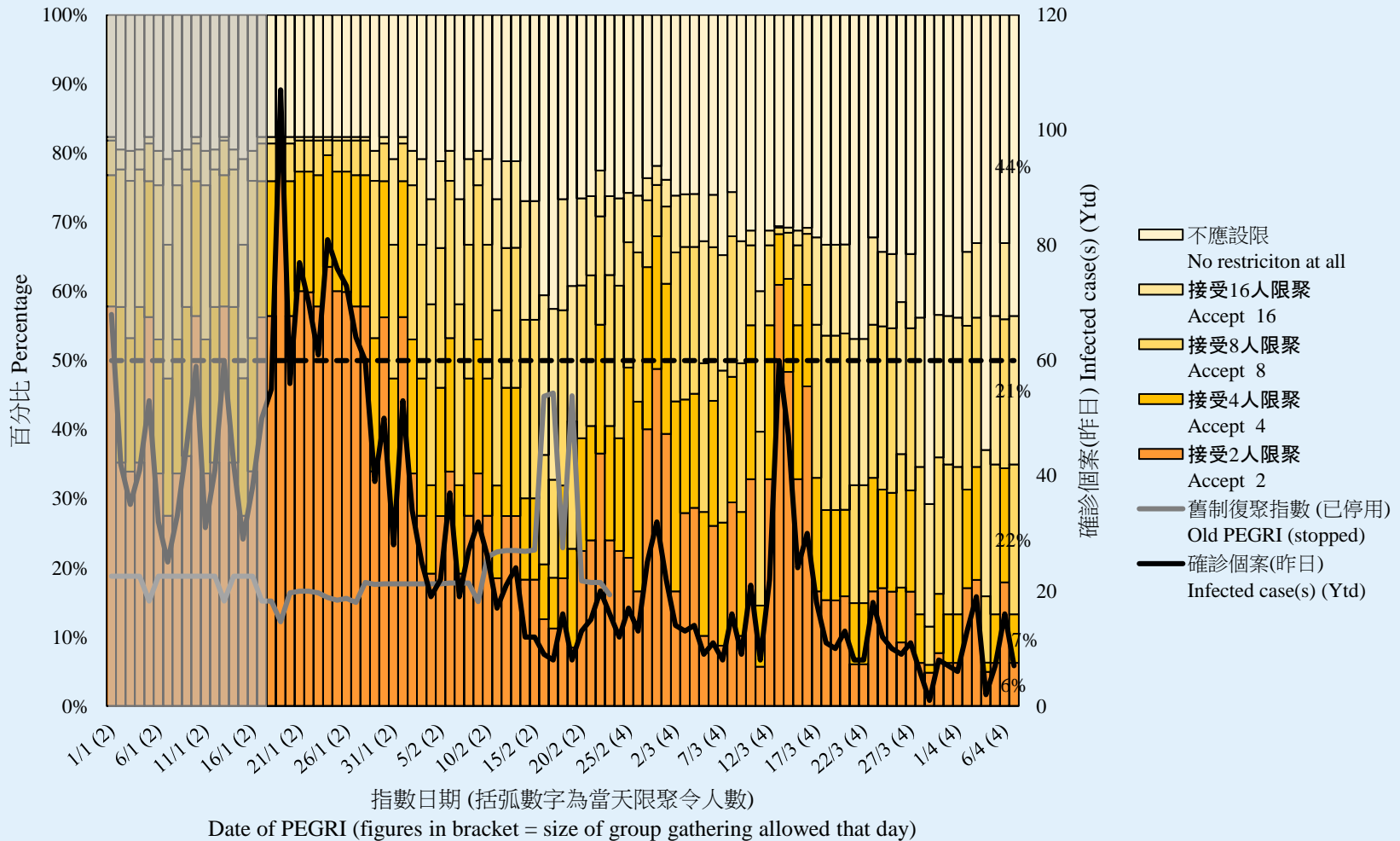
意見題目	Opinion Questions
<p>你認為香港應否無條件全面撤銷「限聚令」？</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ 應該無條件撤銷「限聚令」</li><li>▪ 不應該，應視乎疫情而定</li><li>▪ 不知道／很難說</li></ul> <p>[追問沒有選擇應該“無條件撤銷「限聚令」”者] 你認為每天新增確診個案數應是多少，才適合將「限聚令」訂於2人？ 你認為每天新增確診個案數應是多少，才適合將「限聚令」訂於4人？ 你認為每天新增確診個案數應是多少，才適合將「限聚令」訂於8人？ 你認為每天新增確診個案數應是多少，才適合將「限聚令」訂於16人？</p> <p>請於以下欄位列舉你認為合適的 [個案數 及 限聚人數] 組合……</p>	<p>Do you think the regulation prohibiting gatherings of more than a specific number of people in public places should be completely lifted unconditionally in Hong Kong?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Yes, the ban should be lifted unconditionally</li><li>▪ No, it should depend on the epidemic situation</li><li>▪ Don't know / hard to say</li></ul> <p>[For respondents NOT answering “Yes, the ban should be lifted unconditionally”] How many newly confirmed cases each day should there be before it would be appropriate to prohibit gatherings of more than 2 people? How many newly confirmed cases each day should there be before it would be appropriate to prohibit gatherings of more than 4 people? How many newly confirmed cases each day should there be before it would be appropriate to prohibit gatherings of more than 8 people? How many newly confirmed cases each day should there be before it would be appropriate to prohibit gatherings of more than 16 people?</p> <p>Please list combinations of [number of cases &amp; number of people allowed in gatherings] that you think is appropriate in the field below:</p>

# 調查結果 - 限聚接受程度

## Survey Result – Group Gathering Prohibition Acceptance

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限聚接受程度 Group Gathering Prohibition Acceptance

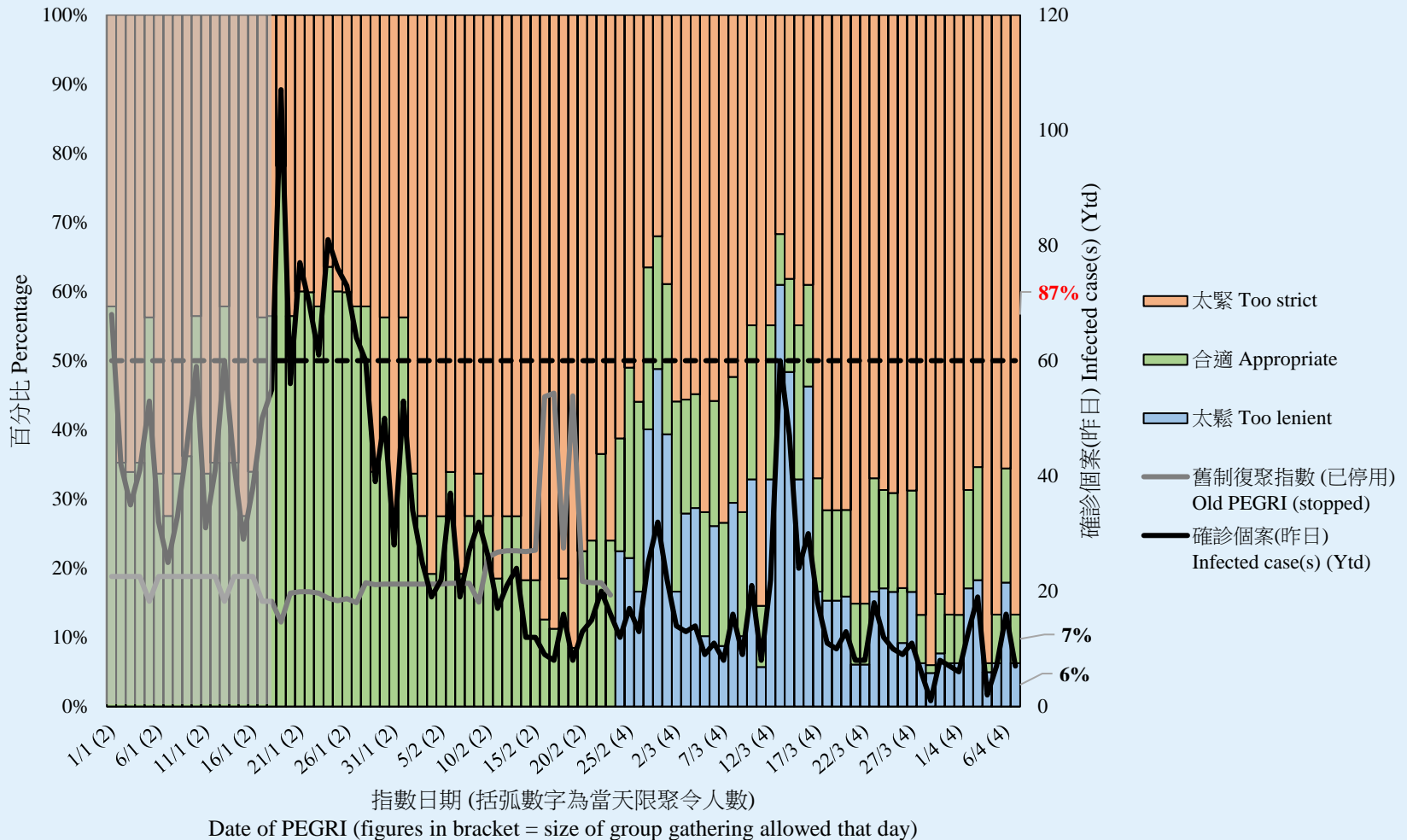


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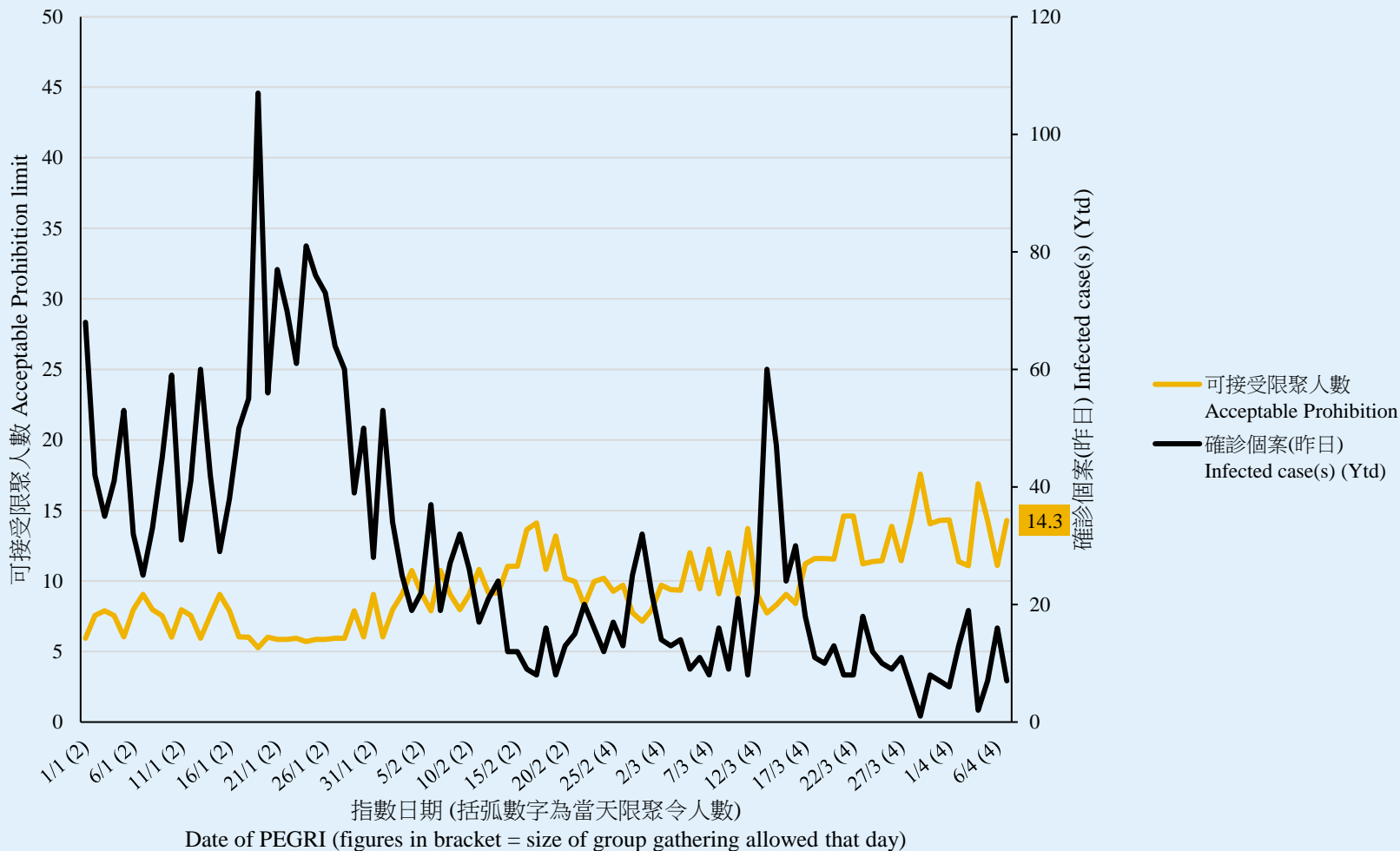
### 限聚接受程度 Group Gathering Prohibition Acceptance



# 調查結果 - 限聚指數

## Survey Result – Group Gathering Prohibition Index

限聚指數 Group Gathering Prohibition Index



# 疫後復聚指數 - 分析評論

## Group Gathering Prohibition Index – Commentary

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香港民意研究所主席及行政總裁鍾庭耀解釋：「今天的『限聚指數』是14.3，超越現行限聚令10.3人，有87%市民認為現時限聚令太緊，明顯希望盡快放寬限聚措施，希望政府可以從善如流。即日開始，香港民研每日會以新聞發布形式公告『限聚指數』，敬請留意。」

**President and CEO of HKPORI Robert Chung observed, “The reading of ‘Group Gathering Prohibition Index’ stands at 14.3 today, which is 10.3 persons higher than the official limit. With 87% of the general public considering the current ban too strict, people obviously want to see a relaxation of the ban as soon as possible. We hope the government would hear the people’s voice. Please note that starting today, we will announce this index daily for public consumption via our standard press releases.”**