

# PRESS RELEASE SEARCH API [2023-02-21]

## NOTE:

- All date/time in HKT (GMT+8)
  - All parameters are case-insensitive
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<https://api.data.gov.hk/v1/pressrelease/search>

**Method:** GET

## Query parameters:

- start (optional): start date (inclusive) in YYYYMMDD format, e.g. 20190102  
(earliest accepted date: **depends on 'official', see below**)
- end (optional): end date (inclusive) in YYYYMMDD format, e.g. 20190109  
(latest accepted date: **today**)
- lang (optional): language code ('en', 'tc' or 'sc'), all languages if omitted
  - en: English
  - tc: Traditional Chinese
  - sc: Simplified Chinese
- official (required): code of official (see below)
- type (optional): type code, all types if omitted
  - press: General press releases
  - speech: Speeches

If both start/end parameters are not supplied, the default date range is the past 6 months.

## Earlier accepted start dates for officials:

- Chief Executive: 1 July 2017
- Chief Secretary for Administration: 16 January 2017
- Financial Secretary: 16 January 2017
- Secretary for Justice: 1 July 2017
- Other officials: 1 January 2019

**Official codes:**

<b>Code</b>	<b>Title in English</b>	<b>Title in Traditional Chinese</b>	<b>Title in Simplified Chinese</b>
CE	Chief Executive	行政長官	行政长官
CS	Chief Secretary for Administration	政務司司長	政务司司长
FS	Financial Secretary	財政司司長	财政司司长
SJ	Secretary for Justice	律政司司長	律政司司长
SCS	Secretary for the Civil Service	公務員事務局局長	公务员事务局局长
SCST	Secretary for Culture, Sports and Tourism	文化體育及旅遊局局長	文化体育及旅游局局长
SCED	Secretary for Commerce and Economic Development	商務及經濟發展局局長	商务及经济发展局局长
SCMA	Secretary for Constitutional and Mainland Affairs	政制及內地事務局局長	政制及内地事务局局长
SDEV	Secretary for Development	發展局局長	发展局局长
SED	Secretary for Education	教育局局長	教育局局长
SEE	Secretary for Environment and Ecology	環境及生態局局長	环境与生态局局长
SFST	Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury	財經事務及庫務局局長	财经事务及库务局局长
SH	Secretary for Housing	房屋局局長	房屋局局长
SHH	Secretary for Health	醫務衛生局局長	医药卫生局局长
SHYA	Secretary for Home and Youth Affairs	民政及青年事務局局長	民政及青年事务局局长
SITI	Secretary for Innovation, Technology and Industry	創新科技及工業局局長	创新科技及工业局局长
SLW	Secretary for Labour and Welfare	勞工及福利局局長	劳工及福利局局长
SS	Secretary for Security	保安局局長	保安局局长
STL	Secretary for Transport and Logistics	運輸及物流局局長	运输及物流局局长

Maximum number of records returned = 400

Retrieve list of press releases issued within the given date period from 'start' to 'end' (inclusive), with the specified official as subject. If 'lang' is specified, only results in specific language are returned.

**Result:**

- Status code 200 with list of results (in the 'results' field), total result count (in the 'total-count' field) and returned result count (in the 'returned-count') in JSON format: if success

# For example:

<https://api.data.gov.hk/v1/pressrelease/search?start=20190110&end=20190114&official=CE>

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{
  "total-count": 37,
  "returned-count": 37,
  "results": [{
    "title": "CE meets Secretary of CPC Zhaoqing Municipal Committee",
    "link": "https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/201901/10/P2019011000859.htm",
    "date": "10.1.2019",
    "description": "The Chief Executive, Mrs Carrie Lam, met the Secretary of the CPC Zhaoqing Municipal Committee, Mr Lai Zehua, at the Chief Executive's Office this afternoon (January 10). The Secretary for Constitutional and Mainland Affairs, Mr Patrick Nip, was also present. Welcoming Mr Lai's..."
  }, {
    "title": "Judicial appointments",
    "link": "https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/201901/11/P2019011100282.htm",
    "date": "11.1.2019",
    "description": "The following is issued on behalf of the Judiciary: The Judiciary today (January 11) announced five judicial appointments covering the High Court and the District Court. The appointments include one Justice of Appeal of the Court of Appeal of the High Court, three Judges of the Court of First Instance of the High Court and the Principal Family Court Judge. The appointments are made by the Chief Executive on the recommendation of the Judicial Officers Recommendation Commission. All appointments will take effect from January 14, 2019. Justice of Appeal of the Court of Appeal of the..."
  },
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  ]
}
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- Status code 400: if request syntax error, e.g. missing required parameter or parameter syntax error  
*(error message in JSON response body)*
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