

Table 1: External Merchandise Trade Figures for September 2005

(HK\$ Million)

Merchandise trade values for September 2005				
	Domestic Exports	14,351		
	Re-exports	195,814		
	Total Exports	210,165		
	Imports	214,350		
	Trade balance	-4,185		
			Change	
Current month compared with same month in the preceding year	September 2005	September 2004	Value	%
Domestic Exports	14,351	11,550	+2,800	+24.2
(% of Total Exports)	(6.8%)	(6.4%)		
Re-exports	195,814	168,113	+27,701	+16.5
Total Exports	210,165	179,664	+30,501	+17.0
Imports	214,350	186,159	+28,191	+15.1
Trade balance	-4,185	-6,495	+2,310	
Current month compared with last month	September 2005	August 2005		
Domestic Exports	14,351	14,139	+212	+1.5
(% of Total Exports)	(6.8%)	(6.9%)		
Re-exports	195,814	191,798	+4,016	+2.1
Total Exports	210,165	205,937	+4,228	+2.1
Imports	214,350	209,870	+4,480	+2.1
Trade balance	-4,185	-3,933	-252	
Latest 3 months compared with same period 12 months earlier	Jul-Sep 2005	Jul-Sep 2004		
Domestic Exports	40,301	35,355	+4,946	+14.0
(% of Total Exports)	(6.6%)	(6.5%)		
Re-exports	573,739	510,257	+63,481	+12.4
Total Exports	614,040	545,613	+68,427	+12.5
Imports	624,807	560,202	+64,604	+11.5
Trade balance	-10,767	-14,590	+3,823	
Calendar year-to-date compared with same period in the preceding year	Jan-Sep 2005	Jan-Sep 2004		
Domestic Exports	92,371	91,105	+1,266	+1.4
(% of Total Exports)	(5.6%)	(6.2%)		
Re-exports	1,555,720	1,380,766	+174,954	+12.7
Total Exports	1,648,091	1,471,871	+176,220	+12.0
Imports	1,710,247	1,554,693	+155,553	+10.0
Trade balance	-62,156	-82,823	+20,667	
Last 12 months compared with same period 12 months earlier	Oct 2004 to Sep 2005	Oct 2003 to Sep 2004		
Domestic Exports	127,248	123,207	+4,041	+3.3
(% of Total Exports)	(5.8%)	(6.3%)		
Re-exports	2,068,086	1,823,450	+244,636	+13.4
Total Exports	2,195,334	1,946,657	+248,677	+12.8
Imports	2,266,676	2,051,939	+214,738	+10.5
Trade balance	-71,342	-105,282	+33,940	

Table 2 : Hong Kong's External Merchandise Trade Figures from January 2002 to September 2005

									(HK\$ Million)
Year	Month	Domestic Exports	Year-on-year % Change	Re-exports	Year-on-year % Change	Total Exports	Year-on-year % Change	Imports	Year-on-year % Change
2002	1	10,271.6	-19.4	96,291.6	-11.4	106,563.2	-12.2	109,776.9	-8.6
	2	8,581.8	-21.5	86,699.2	-7.6	95,281.0	-9.1	98,077.2	-19.8
	3	10,140.6	-11.4	113,892.9	+3.7	124,033.4	+2.2	134,552.9	+0.2
	4	10,128.8	-17.4	112,989.3	+4.7	123,118.1	+2.5	130,398.7	-2.1
	5	10,711.2	-24.3	115,162.3	+1.0	125,873.5	-1.8	133,274.7	-2.1
	6	11,478.0	-11.0	113,397.1	+10.4	124,875.0	+8.0	131,244.7	+6.0
	7	13,186.6	-9.1	133,228.5	+12.1	146,415.0	+9.8	151,429.5	+7.3
	8	12,081.8	-12.9	129,139.6	+7.9	141,221.4	+5.7	144,284.4	+5.8
	9	11,899.9	-8.9	136,133.5	+12.0	148,033.4	+10.0	151,158.6	+6.2
	10	11,454.9	-12.6	139,075.6	+15.7	150,530.5	+12.9	153,367.2	+13.4
	11	10,093.1	-12.4	130,938.3	+20.5	141,031.4	+17.3	142,179.9	+15.2
	12	11,134.2	-15.1	124,190.0	+20.7	135,324.2	+16.7	142,592.3	+16.2
2003	1	9,575.5	-6.8	125,452.3	+30.3	135,027.7	+26.7	133,224.9	+21.4
	2	7,102.7	-17.2	98,044.8	+13.1	105,147.6	+10.4	115,984.1	+18.3
	3	9,284.1	-8.4	133,803.1	+17.5	143,087.3	+15.4	154,211.6	+14.6
	4	8,414.3	-16.9	125,731.7	+11.3	134,146.0	+9.0	141,302.1	+8.4
	5	9,877.6	-7.8	133,144.0	+15.6	143,021.7	+13.6	145,795.7	+9.4
	6	10,289.0	-10.4	132,054.2	+16.5	142,343.2	+14.0	146,368.6	+11.5
	7	12,249.7	-7.1	145,324.6	+9.1	157,574.4	+7.6	159,883.0	+5.6
	8	11,791.4	-2.4	139,379.4	+7.9	151,170.7	+7.0	152,917.9	+6.0
	9	11,082.9	-6.9	146,434.8	+7.6	157,517.7	+6.4	162,163.8	+7.3
	10	10,791.3	-5.8	153,961.3	+10.7	164,752.6	+9.4	168,970.6	+10.2
	11	9,793.5	-3.0	143,980.4	+10.0	153,773.9	+9.0	161,762.2	+13.8
	12	11,536.1	+3.6	145,177.1	+16.9	156,713.2	+15.8	168,167.6	+17.9
2004	1	8,255.9	-13.8	127,055.8	+1.3	135,311.7	+0.2	134,472.5	+0.9
	2	7,849.7	+10.5	126,944.7	+29.5	134,794.4	+28.2	154,645.8	+33.3
	3	9,703.2	+4.5	153,214.9	+14.5	162,918.2	+13.9	177,986.8	+15.4
	4	8,969.0	+6.6	151,010.1	+20.1	159,979.1	+19.3	175,993.1	+24.6
	5	9,918.6	+0.4	155,512.7	+16.8	165,431.4	+15.7	174,786.6	+19.9
	6	11,082.8	+7.7	157,189.2	+19.0	168,272.0	+18.2	177,809.6	+21.5
	7	11,746.4	-4.1	171,879.5	+18.3	183,625.9	+16.5	189,261.3	+18.4
	8	12,091.6	+2.5	170,653.4	+22.4	182,745.0	+20.9	185,960.1	+21.6
	9	11,550.5	+4.2	168,113.4	+14.8	179,663.9	+14.1	186,158.8	+14.8
	10	12,300.9	+14.0	178,930.7	+16.2	191,231.6	+16.1	191,478.0	+13.3
	11	11,133.7	+13.7	168,525.4	+17.0	179,659.0	+16.8	179,906.2	+11.2
	12	11,449.8	-0.7	165,473.6	+14.0	176,923.4	+12.9	185,843.6	+10.5
2005	1	9,742.3	+18.0	172,705.7	+35.9	182,448.0	+34.8	184,492.1	+37.2
	2	6,250.2	-20.4	121,276.6	-4.5	127,526.8	-5.4	137,729.0	-10.9
	3	8,034.0	-17.2	160,647.1	+4.9	168,681.1	+3.5	182,490.5	+2.5
	4	8,046.7	-10.3	164,441.9	+8.9	172,488.6	+7.8	182,710.5	+3.8
	5	9,865.3	-0.5	183,508.6	+18.0	193,373.9	+16.9	202,685.5	+16.0
	6	10,126.2	-8.6	179,353.0	+14.1	189,479.2	+12.6	196,538.0	+10.5
	7	11,801.1	+0.5	186,635.2	+8.6	198,436.3	+8.1	201,646.7	+6.5
	8	14,139.1	+16.9	191,798.2	+12.4	205,937.3	+12.7	209,869.9	+12.9
	9	14,350.7	+24.2	195,814.3	+16.5	210,165.1	+17.0	214,350.1	+15.1

Note : Value of domestic exports and value of re-exports may not add up to the value of total exports due to rounding

Table 3 : Seasonally Adjusted Series of Hong Kong's External Merchandise Trade Figures from January 2002 to September 2005

Year	Month	Change of the latest 3-month period over the preceding 3-month period (%)			
		Domestic Exports	Re-exports	Total Exports	Imports
2002	1	-2.7	-6.4	-6.0	-7.2
	2	-0.3	-1.8	-1.7	-3.9
	3	-4.7	+4.1	+3.2	+1.3
	4	-2.3	+12.1	+10.6	+8.7
	5	-5.8	+8.7	+7.3	+7.8
	6	-2.3	+5.2	+4.5	+6.1
	7	-2.8	+2.4	+1.9	+4.0
	8	-0.2	+4.6	+4.2	+5.0
	9	-1.9	+6.5	+5.8	+6.4
	10	-3.6	+5.5	+4.7	+4.4
	11	-5.0	+5.1	+4.3	+3.4
	12	-5.8	+2.9	+2.2	+0.8
2003	1	-4.3	+4.1	+3.4	+1.4
	2	-4.2	+0.8	+0.4	-0.1
	3	-1.2	+2.7	+2.5	+3.5
	4	-4.2	-0.6	-0.9	+1.1
	5	-0.2	+3.6	+3.3	+3.0
	6	-2.3	+1.7	+1.4	-1.4
	7	+5.6	+4.0	+4.1	+1.5
	8	+3.2	+0.8	+1.0	+0.8
	9	+4.8	+1.2	+1.5	+3.0
	10	-1.8	+1.2	+0.9	+2.9
	11	-3.2	+4.1	+3.6	+6.2
	12	-2.6	+6.1	+5.5	+8.0
2004	1	-1.9	+6.3	+5.7	+8.4
	2	-0.4	+5.6	+5.2	+5.9
	3	-0.7	+3.9	+3.5	+4.9
	4	+4.0	+5.7	+5.6	+5.6
	5	+3.6	+5.0	+4.9	+5.2
	6	+3.3	+6.4	+6.2	+4.6
	7	+0.3	+4.3	+4.0	+2.4
	8	+1.5	+4.1	+3.9	+1.8
	9	+1.5	+1.7	+1.7	+0.5
	10	+5.0	+1.5	+1.8	+0.8
	11	+5.4	+0.9	+1.2	+0.1
	12	+4.5	+3.2	+3.2	+1.3
2005	1	-1.6	+6.8	+6.2	+4.3
	2	-10.7	+4.6	+3.6	+4.2
	3	-14.9	+0.7	-0.3	+2.5
	4	-17.1	-6.3	-6.9	-3.8
	5	-4.9	+0.6	+0.3	+1.0
	6	+3.5	+7.2	+7.0	+5.2
	7	+13.1	+11.0	+11.1	+9.2
	8	+13.8	+4.6	+5.1	+4.0
	9	+22.6	+0.5	+1.7	+1.4

Table 4 : Re-exports of goods to ten main destinations

Destination	Sep 2005 (HKD Mn.)	Sep 2005 over Sep 2004 (% change)	Jan-Sep 2005 (HKD Mn.)	Jan-Sep 2005 over Jan-Sep 2004 (% change)
Total Re-exports	195,814	+16.5	1,555,720	+12.7
The mainland of China	90,173	+19.0	707,855	+13.6
United States of America	31,259	+11.3	239,813	+8.7
Japan	10,848	+22.6	83,893	+11.2
Germany	5,751	+13.8	50,116	+20.4
United Kingdom	5,823	+2.2	46,268	+12.6
Republic of Korea	4,161	+13.2	33,629	+6.8
Taiwan	3,812	+6.8	33,197	+1.1
Singapore	3,559	+0.7	31,368	+6.2
Netherlands	3,212	+19.8	27,969	+29.7
France	2,639	+33.4	22,467	+22.7

Table 5 : Domestic exports of goods to ten main destinations

Destination	Sep 2005 (HKD Mn.)	Sep 2005 over Sep 2004 (% change)	Jan-Sep 2005 (HKD Mn.)	Jan-Sep 2005 over Jan-Sep 2004 (% change)
Total Domestic Exports	14,351	+24.2	92,371	+1.4
The mainland of China	4,670	+33.2	31,875	+16.9
United States of America	4,441	+12.6	25,855	-6.5
United Kingdom	1,084	+34.4	4,061	-30.6
Taiwan	449	+21.8	3,885	+17.3
Singapore	300	+20.0	3,039	+31.6
Japan	335	+48.7	2,965	+43.1
Netherlands	376	+92.5	2,763	+46.0
Germany	558	+49.3	2,357	-34.8
Australia	194	+100.7	1,320	+67.7
Philippines	129	-17.4	1,314	-21.6

Table 6 : Imports of goods from ten main suppliers

Supplier	Sep 2005 (HKD Mn.)	Sep 2005 over Sep 2004 (% change)	Jan-Sep 2005 (HKD Mn.)	Jan-Sep 2005 over Jan-Sep 2004 (% change)
Total Imports	214,350	+15.1	1,710,247	+10.0
The mainland of China	100,423	+17.4	767,046	+14.5
Japan	22,902	+3.1	190,407	-0.3
Taiwan	15,398	+14.4	120,088	+5.3
Singapore	13,128	+30.8	97,800	+18.1
United States of America	10,183	+17.0	89,909	+9.7
Republic of Korea	9,425	+11.1	74,219	-1.7
Malaysia	5,080	+18.3	42,218	+9.7
Thailand	4,791	+44.8	33,801	+22.1
Germany	3,865	+32.1	30,170	-1.4
India	3,719	+66.8	28,180	+23.9

Table 7 : Re-exports of ten principal commodity divisions

Commodity division	Sep 2005 (HKD Mn.)	Sep 2005 over Sep 2004 (% change)	Jan-Sep 2005 (HKD Mn.)	Jan-Sep 2005 over Jan-Sep 2004 (% change)
Total Re-exports	195,814	+16.5	1,555,720	+12.7
Electrical machinery, apparatus and appliances, and electrical parts thereof	38,356	+15.0	317,903	+14.1
Telecommunications and sound recording and reproducing apparatus and equipment	34,408	+32.7	231,921	+15.8
Office machines and automatic data processing machines	28,285	+32.6	201,498	+27.4
Miscellaneous manufactured articles (mainly baby carriages, toys, games and sporting goods)	18,854	+9.8	133,449	+7.8
Articles of apparel and clothing accessories	13,573	+7.7	122,137	+26.1
Textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles and related products	8,587	+0.9	77,461	-1.7
Photographic apparatus, equipment and supplies, optical goods, watches and clocks	7,411	+6.1	58,821	+0.7
Plastics in primary forms	5,026	+12.6	42,541	+19.2
Footwear	3,697	+8.3	36,491	+7.2
Non-metallic mineral manufactures	4,199	+36.7	35,015	+29.4

Table 8 : Domestic exports of ten principal commodity divisions

Commodity division	Sep 2005 (HKD Mn.)	Sep 2005 over Sep 2004 (% change)	Jan-Sep 2005 (HKD Mn.)	Jan-Sep 2005 over Jan-Sep 2004 (% change)
Total Domestic Exports	14,351	+24.2	92,371	+1.4
Articles of apparel and clothing accessories	7,639	+19.7	35,771	-21.4
Electrical machinery, apparatus and appliances, and electrical parts thereof	1,490	+27.9	13,483	+42.0
Miscellaneous manufactured articles (mainly jewellery, goldsmiths' and silversmiths' wares)	1,302	+13.8	10,949	+0.9
Office machines and automatic data processing machines	1,206	+168.9	8,710	+141.8
Textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles and related products	373	-7.7	3,587	-10.7
Plastics in primary forms	384	+37.6	3,495	+65.6
Metalliferous ores and metal scrap	195	+15.2	1,776	+8.1
Electric current	193	+39.3	1,400	+49.7
Tobacco and tobacco manufactures	125	-10.9	1,155	-4.7
Non-ferrous metals	91	-18.5	1,153	+52.0

Table 9 : Imports of ten principal commodity divisions

Commodity division	Sep 2005 (HKD Mn.)	Sep 2005 over Sep 2004 (% change)	Jan-Sep 2005 (HKD Mn.)	Jan-Sep 2005 over Jan-Sep 2004 (% change)
Total Imports	214,350	+15.1	1,710,247	+10.0
Electrical machinery, apparatus and appliances, and electrical parts thereof	47,625	+18.3	379,943	+12.8
Telecommunications and sound recording and reproducing apparatus and equipment	31,228	+35.1	211,708	+11.7
Office machines and automatic data processing machines	25,325	+22.8	182,252	+16.0
Articles of apparel and clothing accessories	14,095	+6.5	107,594	+9.5
Miscellaneous manufactured articles (mainly baby carriages, toys, games and sporting goods)	13,742	-0.4	102,991	+8.9
Textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles and related products	8,661	-1.9	80,916	-1.5
Non-metallic mineral manufactures	8,641	+48.0	65,722	+27.6
Plastics in primary forms	6,430	+31.3	54,345	+30.2
Photographic apparatus, equipment and supplies, optical goods, watches and clocks	5,423	+2.7	46,614	+0.9
Petroleum, petroleum products and related materials	4,931	+49.4	35,870	+29.3