

Table 1: External Merchandise Trade Figures for October 2005

(HK\$ Million)

Merchandise trade values for October 2005				
	Domestic Exports	15,697		
	Re-exports	197,806		
	Total Exports	213,504		
	Imports	210,028		
	Trade balance	+3,476		
			Change	
Current month compared with same month in the preceding year	October 2005	October 2004	Value	%
Domestic Exports	15,697	12,301	+3,396	+27.6
(% of Total Exports)	(7.4%)	(6.4%)		
Re-exports	197,806	178,931	+18,876	+10.5
Total Exports	213,504	191,232	+22,272	+11.6
Imports	210,028	191,478	+18,550	+9.7
Trade balance	+3,476	-246	+3,722	
Current month compared with last month	October 2005	September 2005		
Domestic Exports	15,697	14,351	+1,347	+9.4
(% of Total Exports)	(7.4%)	(6.8%)		
Re-exports	197,806	195,814	+1,992	+1.0
Total Exports	213,504	210,165	+3,339	+1.6
Imports	210,028	214,350	-4,322	-2.0
Trade balance	+3,476	-4,185	+7,661	
Latest 3 months compared with same period 12 months earlier	Aug-Oct 2005	Aug-Oct 2004		
Domestic Exports	44,189	35,922	+8,267	+23.0
(% of Total Exports)	(7.0%)	(6.5%)		
Re-exports	584,874	517,302	+67,573	+13.1
Total Exports	629,063	553,224	+75,839	+13.7
Imports	633,484	562,372	+71,112	+12.6
Trade balance	-4,421	-9,148	+4,727	
Calendar year-to-date compared with same period in the preceding year	Jan-Oct 2005	Jan-Oct 2004		
Domestic Exports	108,062	103,405	+4,657	+4.5
(% of Total Exports)	(5.8%)	(6.2%)		
Re-exports	1,753,370	1,559,579	+193,791	+12.4
Total Exports	1,861,432	1,662,984	+198,448	+11.9
Imports	1,919,931	1,745,797	+174,135	+10.0
Trade balance	-58,499	-82,813	+24,314	
Last 12 months compared with same period 12 months earlier	Nov 2004 to Oct 2005	Nov 2003 to Oct 2004		
Domestic Exports	130,639	124,714	+5,924	+4.8
(% of Total Exports)	(5.9%)	(6.3%)		
Re-exports	2,086,923	1,848,471	+238,453	+12.9
Total Exports	2,217,562	1,973,185	+244,377	+12.4
Imports	2,285,258	2,074,647	+210,611	+10.2
Trade balance	-67,696	-101,462	+33,766	

Table 2 : Hong Kong's External Merchandise Trade Figures from January 2002 to October 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
	10	15,697.3	+27.6	197,806.4	+10.5	213,503.7	+11.6	210,027.8	+9.7

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 October 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
	10	+32.0	+1.4	+3.0	+2.3

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

Destination	Oct 2005 (HKD Mn.)	Oct 2005 over Oct 2004 (% change)	Jan-Oct 2005 (HKD Mn.)	Jan-Oct 2005 over Jan-Oct 2004 (% change)
Total Re-exports	197,806	+10.5	1,753,370	+12.4
The mainland of China	88,329	+13.6	796,176	+13.6
United States of America	32,782	+3.6	272,544	+8.1
Japan	10,588	+9.8	94,456	+11.0
Germany	6,353	+10.5	56,456	+19.2
United Kingdom	5,913	+1.6	52,171	+11.2
Republic of Korea	4,618	+20.6	38,245	+8.3
Taiwan	4,217	+5.7	37,406	+1.6
Singapore	3,837	+5.7	35,208	+6.2
Netherlands	3,692	+28.6	31,661	+29.5
France	2,594	+13.7	25,056	+21.7

Table 5 : Domestic exports of goods to ten main destinations

Destination	Oct 2005 (HKD Mn.)	Oct 2005 over Oct 2004 (% change)	Jan-Oct 2005 (HKD Mn.)	Jan-Oct 2005 over Jan-Oct 2004 (% change)
Total Domestic Exports	15,697	+27.6	108,062	+4.5
The mainland of China	4,447	+20.6	36,324	+17.3
United States of America	5,039	+15.5	30,893	-3.5
United Kingdom	1,126	+53.1	5,187	-21.3
Taiwan	416	-15.7	4,304	+13.1
Japan	489	+101.8	3,454	+49.3
Netherlands	685	+255.2	3,447	+65.3
Singapore	403	+55.6	3,440	+34.1
Germany	646	+55.4	3,003	-25.5
Australia	206	+91.2	1,526	+70.7
Philippines	162	+23.1	1,476	-18.3

Table 6 : Imports of goods from ten main suppliers

Supplier	Oct 2005 (HKD Mn.)	Oct 2005 over Oct 2004 (% change)	Jan-Oct 2005 (HKD Mn.)	Jan-Oct 2005 over Jan-Oct 2004 (% change)
Total Imports	210,028	+9.7	1,919,931	+10.0
The mainland of China	96,184	+12.7	863,041	+14.4
Japan	23,101	+2.4	213,494	0.0
Taiwan	16,214	+17.0	136,288	+6.5
Singapore	11,992	+16.7	109,787	+18.0
United States of America	10,346	-2.1	100,238	+8.4
Republic of Korea	9,746	+13.6	83,935	-0.1
Malaysia	5,128	+12.5	47,346	+10.0
Thailand	4,181	+21.4	37,979	+22.1
Germany	3,597	+8.4	33,765	-0.4
India	3,312	+27.1	31,477	+24.2

'0.0' denotes increase or decrease of less than 0.05%

Table 7 : Re-exports of ten principal commodity divisions

Commodity division	Oct 2005 (HKD Mn.)	Oct 2005 over Oct 2004 (% change)	Jan-Oct 2005 (HKD Mn.)	Jan-Oct 2005 over Jan-Oct 2004 (% change)
Total Re-exports	197,806	+10.5	1,753,370	+12.4
Electrical machinery, apparatus and appliances, and electrical parts thereof	41,179	+7.6	359,050	+13.3
Telecommunications and sound recording and reproducing apparatus and equipment	32,774	+3.2	264,674	+14.1
Office machines and automatic data processing machines	27,837	+70.1	229,329	+31.4
Miscellaneous manufactured articles (mainly baby carriages, toys, games and sporting goods)	18,834	+4.9	152,260	+7.4
Articles of apparel and clothing accessories	13,078	-0.1	135,194	+23.0
Textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles and related products	8,660	-5.3	86,110	-2.1
Photographic apparatus, equipment and supplies, optical goods, watches and clocks	8,344	+3.4	67,163	+1.1
Plastics in primary forms	4,560	-6.0	47,099	+16.2
Footwear	3,564	+10.0	40,044	+7.4
Non-metallic mineral manufactures	4,788	+24.4	39,811	+28.8

Table 8 : Domestic exports of ten principal commodity divisions

Commodity division	Oct 2005 (HKD Mn.)	Oct 2005 over Oct 2004 (% change)	Jan-Oct 2005 (HKD Mn.)	Jan-Oct 2005 over Jan-Oct 2004 (% change)
Total Domestic Exports	15,697	+27.6	108,062	+4.5
Articles of apparel and clothing accessories	7,715	+17.5	43,488	-16.5
Electrical machinery, apparatus and appliances, and electrical parts thereof	2,145	+59.9	15,628	+44.2
Miscellaneous manufactured articles (mainly jewellery, goldsmiths' and silversmiths' wares)	1,519	+10.9	12,466	+2.0
Office machines and automatic data processing machines	1,364	+273.9	10,071	+153.9
Textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles and related products	402	-7.9	3,989	-10.4
Plastics in primary forms	353	-7.0	3,848	+54.5
Metalliferous ores and metal scrap	196	-28.6	1,972	+2.8
Electric current	154	+50.6	1,554	+49.8
Tobacco and tobacco manufactures	154	+12.1	1,309	-3.0
Non-ferrous metals	87	-5.1	1,237	+45.6

Table 9 : Imports of ten principal commodity divisions

Commodity division	Oct 2005 (HKD Mn.)	Oct 2005 over Oct 2004 (% change)	Jan-Oct 2005 (HKD Mn.)	Jan-Oct 2005 over Jan-Oct 2004 (% change)
Total Imports	210,028	+9.7	1,919,931	+10.0
Electrical machinery, apparatus and appliances, and electrical parts thereof	48,307	+9.0	428,124	+12.3
Telecommunications and sound recording and reproducing apparatus and equipment	29,453	+12.2	241,141	+11.7
Office machines and automatic data processing machines	24,582	+64.3	206,818	+20.2
Articles of apparel and clothing accessories	12,962	+1.0	120,525	+8.5
Miscellaneous manufactured articles (mainly baby carriages, toys, games and sporting goods)	12,907	+3.8	115,895	+8.3
Textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles and related products	8,927	-4.3	89,827	-1.8
Non-metallic mineral manufactures	7,488	+21.3	73,195	+26.9
Plastics in primary forms	6,517	-1.9	60,841	+25.8
Photographic apparatus, equipment and supplies, optical goods, watches and clocks	6,165	+4.9	52,780	+1.4
Petroleum, petroleum products and related materials	3,992	-9.6	39,862	+24.0