

Table 1: External Merchandise Trade Figures for December 2005

(HK\$ Million)

Merchandise trade values for December 2005				
	Domestic Exports		13,992	
	Re-exports		174,778	
	Total Exports		188,771	
	Imports		205,628	
	Trade balance		-16,857	
			Change	
Current month compared with same month in the preceding year	December 2005	December 2004	Value	%
Domestic Exports	13,992	11,450	+2,542	+22.2
(% of Total Exports)	(7.4%)	(6.5%)		
Re-exports	174,778	165,474	+9,305	+5.6
Total Exports	188,771	176,923	+11,847	+6.7
Imports	205,628	185,844	+19,784	+10.6
Trade balance	-16,857	-8,920	-7,937	
Current month compared with last month	December 2005	November 2005		
Domestic Exports	13,992	14,025	-33	-0.2
(% of Total Exports)	(7.4%)	(7.0%)		
Re-exports	174,778	186,325	-11,547	-6.2
Total Exports	188,771	200,351	-11,580	-5.8
Imports	205,628	204,372	+1,256	+0.6
Trade balance	-16,857	-4,021	-12,836	
Latest 3 months compared with same period 12 months earlier	Oct-Dec 2005	Oct-Dec 2004		
Domestic Exports	43,660	34,877	+8,783	+25.2
(% of Total Exports)	(7.3%)	(6.4%)		
Re-exports	558,423	512,366	+46,057	+9.0
Total Exports	602,083	547,243	+54,840	+10.0
Imports	619,222	556,430	+62,792	+11.3
Trade balance	-17,139	-9,186	-7,953	
Last 12 months compared with same period 12 months earlier	Jan 2005 to Dec 2005	Jan 2004 to Dec 2004		
Domestic Exports	136,030	125,982	+10,049	+8.0
(% of Total Exports)	(6.0%)	(6.2%)		
Re-exports	2,114,143	1,893,132	+221,011	+11.7
Total Exports	2,250,174	2,019,114	+231,060	+11.4
Imports	2,329,469	2,111,123	+218,346	+10.3
Trade balance	-79,295	-92,009	+12,714	

Table 2 : Hong Kong's External Merchandise Trade Figures from January 2002 to December 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
	11	14,025.2	+26.0	186,325.4	+10.6	200,350.6	+11.5	204,372.0	+13.6
	12	13,992.1	+22.2	174,778.5	+5.6	188,770.6	+6.7	205,627.9	+10.6

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 December 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
	11	+30.0	+1.8	+3.4	+2.9
	12	+16.1	+0.7	+1.7	+2.6

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

Destination	Dec 2005 (HKD Mn.)	Dec 2005 over Dec 2004 (% change)	Jan-Dec 2005 (HKD Mn.)	Jan-Dec 2005 over Jan-Dec 2004 (% change)
Total Re-exports	174,778	+5.6	2,114,143	+11.7
The mainland of China	83,159	+10.6	967,923	+13.8
United States of America	24,396	+3.7	322,872	+6.6
Japan	9,707	-1.6	114,258	+9.1
Germany	5,751	+10.6	68,367	+18.0
United Kingdom	4,551	-12.0	61,944	+7.4
Republic of Korea	3,904	+2.5	46,591	+9.2
Taiwan	3,909	-0.4	45,285	+1.9
Singapore	3,557	-4.8	42,465	+5.0
Netherlands	2,557	-20.7	37,252	+22.0
France	2,675	+16.8	30,341	+21.5

Table 5 : Domestic exports of goods to ten main destinations

Destination	Dec 2005 (HKD Mn.)	Dec 2005 over Dec 2004 (% change)	Jan-Dec 2005 (HKD Mn.)	Jan-Dec 2005 over Jan-Dec 2004 (% change)
Total Domestic Exports	13,992	+22.2	136,030	+8.0
The mainland of China	4,152	+18.6	44,643	+17.8
United States of America	3,218	-3.8	37,767	-2.2
United Kingdom	1,056	+33.6	7,304	-10.8
Netherlands	1,078	+261.6	5,386	+105.9
Taiwan	430	+17.3	5,142	+10.2
Germany	679	+31.6	4,353	-12.7
Japan	448	+84.3	4,320	+53.6
Singapore	300	-10.7	4,076	+29.5
Australia	150	+34.9	1,869	+65.8
Philippines	138	-10.6	1,771	-16.9

Table 6 : Imports of goods from ten main suppliers

Supplier	Dec 2005 (HKD Mn.)	Dec 2005 over Dec 2004 (% change)	Jan-Dec 2005 (HKD Mn.)	Jan-Dec 2005 over Jan-Dec 2004 (% change)
Total Imports	205,628	+10.6	2,329,469	+10.3
The mainland of China	92,805	+12.2	1,049,335	+14.3
Japan	21,708	-2.5	256,501	+0.1
Taiwan	15,557	+17.1	168,227	+9.4
Singapore	12,909	+34.9	135,190	+21.8
United States of America	9,766	-2.3	119,252	+6.5
Republic of Korea	9,230	+15.1	103,035	+2.6
Malaysia	5,232	+9.9	57,153	+10.0
Thailand	4,417	+30.3	46,455	+23.0
Germany	3,693	+23.3	41,054	+2.6
Philippines	3,658	+13.1	38,278	+13.5

Table 7 : Re-exports of ten principal commodity divisions

Commodity division	Dec 2005 (HKD Mn.)	Dec 2005 over Dec 2004 (% change)	Jan-Dec 2005 (HKD Mn.)	Jan-Dec 2005 over Jan-Dec 2004 (% change)
Total Re-exports	174,778	+5.6	2,114,143	+11.7
Electrical machinery, apparatus and appliances, and electrical parts thereof	39,354	+20.7	442,175	+15.2
Telecommunications and sound recording and reproducing apparatus and equipment	28,571	+12.8	324,923	+13.4
Office machines and automatic data processing machines	21,917	-5.7	274,823	+27.8
Miscellaneous manufactured articles (mainly baby carriages, toys, games and sporting goods)	13,461	-5.2	180,867	+5.3
Articles of apparel and clothing accessories	10,843	-1.5	156,027	+18.1
Textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles and related products	8,040	-9.0	102,866	-3.0
Photographic apparatus, equipment and supplies, optical goods, watches and clocks	6,717	+0.7	80,888	+0.8
Plastics in primary forms	4,437	+5.6	55,989	+13.7
Footwear	4,188	+9.4	47,750	+7.8
Non-metallic mineral manufactures	3,918	+16.9	47,608	+28.2

Table 8 : Domestic exports of ten principal commodity divisions

Commodity division	Dec 2005 (HKD Mn.)	Dec 2005 over Dec 2004 (% change)	Jan-Dec 2005 (HKD Mn.)	Jan-Dec 2005 over Jan-Dec 2004 (% change)
Total Domestic Exports	13,992	+22.2	136,030	+8.0
Articles of apparel and clothing accessories	6,444	+13.5	56,240	-11.3
Electrical machinery, apparatus and appliances, and electrical parts thereof	1,442	+22.3	18,839	+43.7
Miscellaneous manufactured articles (mainly jewellery, goldsmiths' and silversmiths' wares)	1,204	-4.7	15,038	+1.4
Office machines and automatic data processing machines	1,875	+120.1	13,721	+159.9
Textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles and related products	341	-15.1	4,695	-11.8
Plastics in primary forms	416	+52.2	4,643	+49.3
Metalliferous ores and metal scrap	266	+10.4	2,450	+3.5
Electric current	230	+4.9	1,959	+36.7
Tobacco and tobacco manufactures	138	+11.7	1,568	-2.7
Professional, scientific and controlling instruments and apparatus	98	-7.8	1,561	+8.8

Table 9 : Imports of ten principal commodity divisions

Commodity division	Dec 2005 (HKD Mn.)	Dec 2005 over Dec 2004 (% change)	Jan-Dec 2005 (HKD Mn.)	Jan-Dec 2005 over Jan-Dec 2004 (% change)
Total Imports	205,628	+10.6	2,329,469	+10.3
Electrical machinery, apparatus and appliances, and electrical parts thereof	50,025	+25.0	530,197	+15.3
Telecommunications and sound recording and reproducing apparatus and equipment	27,691	+16.8	295,713	+11.8
Office machines and automatic data processing machines	21,794	+2.1	250,312	+19.7
Articles of apparel and clothing accessories	12,033	+4.9	143,392	+7.5
Miscellaneous manufactured articles (mainly baby carriages, toys, games and sporting goods)	11,223	-5.1	139,102	+6.7
Textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles and related products	8,485	-8.0	107,273	-2.4
Non-metallic mineral manufactures	7,189	+24.2	86,919	+26.5
Plastics in primary forms	6,264	+21.0	72,882	+23.5
Photographic apparatus, equipment and supplies, optical goods, watches and clocks	5,803	+3.7	64,045	+1.3
Petroleum, petroleum products and related materials	5,033	+49.2	49,859	+27.2