

Table 1: External Merchandise Trade Figures for January 2006

(HK\$ Million)

Merchandise trade values for January 2006				
	Domestic Exports		13,131	
	Re-exports		176,889	
	Total Exports		190,020	
	Imports		185,653	
	Trade balance		+4,367	
			Change	
Current month compared with same month in the preceding year	January 2006	January 2005	Value	%
Domestic Exports	13,131	9,742	+3,389	+34.8
(% of Total Exports)	(6.9%)	(5.3%)		
Re-exports	176,889	172,706	+4,183	+2.4
Total Exports	190,020	182,448	+7,572	+4.2
Imports	185,653	184,492	+1,160	+0.6
Trade balance	+4,367	-2,044	+6,412	
Current month compared with last month	January 2006	December 2005		
Domestic Exports	13,131	13,992	-861	-6.2
(% of Total Exports)	(6.9%)	(7.4%)		
Re-exports	176,889	174,778	+2,110	+1.2
Total Exports	190,020	188,771	+1,249	+0.7
Imports	185,653	205,628	-19,975	-9.7
Trade balance	+4,367	-16,857	+21,225	
Latest 3 months compared with same period 12 months earlier	Nov 2005 to Jan 2006	Nov 2004 to Jan 2005		
Domestic Exports	41,099	32,319	+8,781	+27.2
(% of Total Exports)	(7.1%)	(6.0%)		
Re-exports	537,662	506,259	+31,403	+6.2
Total Exports	578,762	538,578	+40,183	+7.5
Imports	595,190	549,819	+45,371	+8.3
Trade balance	-16,429	-11,241	-5,188	
Last 12 months compared with same period 12 months earlier	Feb 2005 to Jan 2006	Feb 2004 to Jan 2005		
Domestic Exports	139,419	127,468	+11,951	+9.4
(% of Total Exports)	(6.2%)	(6.2%)		
Re-exports	2,118,326	1,938,782	+179,544	+9.3
Total Exports	2,257,746	2,066,250	+191,495	+9.3
Imports	2,330,629	2,161,143	+169,486	+7.8
Trade balance	-72,884	-94,893	+22,009	

Table 2 : Hong Kong's External Merchandise Trade Figures from January 2003 to January 2006

(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
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
2006	1	13,131.1	+34.8	176,888.8	+2.4	190,019.9	+4.2	185,652.5	+0.6

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 2003 to January 2006

Year	Month	Change of the latest 3-month period over the preceding 3-month period (%)			
		Domestic Exports	Re-exports	Total Exports	Imports
2003	1	-4.7	+3.0	+2.4	+0.9
	2	-4.0	+0.9	+0.5	-0.4
	3	-0.8	+3.4	+3.1	+3.3
	4	-2.3	+2.4	+2.1	+2.1
	5	+0.7	+4.0	+3.8	+3.7
	6	-1.8	+0.5	+0.3	-1.0
	7	+3.5	+1.2	+1.3	+0.8
	8	+1.5	-0.2	-0.1	-0.1
	9	+3.4	+1.8	+1.9	+3.1
	10	-1.8	+2.0	+1.7	+3.4
	11	-3.4	+4.6	+4.0	+6.5
	12	-2.8	+6.1	+5.5	+7.4
2004	1	-2.6	+5.3	+4.8	+7.1
	2	+0.6	+5.8	+5.4	+5.9
	3	+0.8	+5.0	+4.7	+5.4
	4	+7.2	+8.5	+8.5	+7.5
	5	+4.8	+5.2	+5.1	+5.8
	6	+3.9	+4.4	+4.4	+4.4
	7	-1.7	+2.1	+1.9	+1.5
	8	-0.3	+3.5	+3.3	+1.6
	9	-0.7	+2.2	+2.0	+0.0
	10	+4.0	+1.6	+1.7	+0.1
	11	+4.7	+1.2	+1.4	-0.4
	12	+4.3	+3.5	+3.5	+2.0
2005	1	-1.8	+5.4	+4.9	+4.2
	2	-8.7	+4.4	+3.5	+3.8
	3	-11.9	+1.4	+0.6	+2.0
	4	-11.9	-2.1	-2.7	-2.2
	5	-3.1	+1.1	+0.9	+2.3
	6	+4.0	+5.3	+5.3	+5.3
	7	+9.0	+6.9	+7.0	+7.8
	8	+11.8	+4.2	+4.6	+3.0
	9	+20.1	+1.7	+2.7	+1.6
	10	+31.3	+2.3	+3.9	+2.1
	11	+28.7	+2.2	+3.7	+2.9
	12	+14.8	+0.8	+1.7	+2.5
2006	1	+2.1	+0.3	+0.4	+3.0

Note : Seasonally adjusted series may be revised as more data become available. For external trade figures, the seasonally adjusted series for the preceding three years are revised each year when the figures for January become available. The figures shown in Table 3 have already been revised.

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

Destination	Jan 2006 (HKD Mn.)	Jan 2006 over Jan 2005 (% change)	Nov 2005 to Jan 2006 (HKD Mn.)	Nov 2005 - Jan 2006 over Nov 2004 - Jan 2005 (% change)
Total Re-exports	176,889	+2.4	537,662	+6.2
The mainland of China	77,101	+1.5	248,847	+10.2
United States of America	27,031	+3.0	77,359	+0.4
Japan	9,565	+1.6	29,367	+1.1
Germany	6,255	-5.0	18,166	+6.1
United Kingdom	5,180	-0.8	14,953	-6.3
Korea	4,104	+4.6	12,449	+10.3
Taiwan	3,894	+1.3	11,772	+2.7
Singapore	3,479	-15.6	10,736	-5.7
Netherlands	2,990	-15.8	8,581	-10.9
Italy	2,947	+27.0	7,213	+18.8

Table 5 : Domestic exports of goods to ten main destinations

Destination	Jan 2006 (HKD Mn.)	Jan 2006 over Jan 2005 (% change)	Nov 2005 to Jan 2006 (HKD Mn.)	Nov 2005 - Jan 2006 over Nov 2004 - Jan 2005 (% change)
Total Domestic Exports	13,131	+34.8	41,099	+27.2
United States of America	3,612	+20.6	10,486	+9.1
The mainland of China	3,084	-2.0	11,402	+13.0
United Kingdom	983	+153.2	3,100	+55.7
Netherlands	915	+267.1	2,854	+265.9
Germany	661	+158.0	2,011	+66.2
Taiwan	476	-3.6	1,314	-2.7
Japan	372	+25.8	1,238	+55.9
Singapore	354	+7.4	990	+8.6
France	245	+211.4	752	+86.7
Italy	240	+179.7	673	+84.0

Table 6 : Imports of goods from ten main suppliers

Supplier	Jan 2006 (HKD Mn.)	Jan 2006 over Jan 2005 (% change)	Nov 2005 to Jan 2006 (HKD Mn.)	Nov 2005 - Jan 2006 over Nov 2004 - Jan 2005 (% change)
Total Imports	185,653	+0.6	595,190	+8.3
The mainland of China	86,861	+2.7	273,155	+9.8
Japan	17,198	-14.3	60,205	-3.9
Taiwan	13,519	+0.7	45,457	+15.6
Singapore	12,542	+27.3	37,945	+36.6
United States of America	8,978	-7.6	27,993	-4.3
Korea	8,936	+15.5	28,036	+16.1
Malaysia	4,535	+2.8	14,343	+7.7
Germany	3,495	+15.8	10,785	+18.5
Thailand	3,460	+5.2	11,936	+19.8
Philippines	2,598	-13.7	9,729	+3.6

Table 7 : Re-exports of ten principal commodity divisions

Commodity division	Jan	Jan 2006	Nov 2005	Nov 2005 - Jan 2006
	2006	over Jan 2005	to Jan 2006	over Nov 2004 - Jan 2005
	(HKD Mn.)	(% change)	(HKD Mn.)	(% change)
Total Re-exports	176,889	+2.4	537,662	+6.2
Electrical machinery, apparatus and appliances, and electrical parts thereof	39,096	+22.2	122,221	+23.6
Telecommunications and sound recording and reproducing apparatus and equipment	25,986	+2.7	86,236	+8.0
Office machines and automatic data processing machines	22,374	-13.1	67,868	+2.4
Miscellaneous manufactured articles (mainly baby carriages, toys, games and sporting goods)	14,621	+2.3	43,228	-2.4
Articles of apparel and clothing accessories	14,374	-2.2	35,207	-4.6
Photographic apparatus, equipment and supplies, optical goods, watches and clocks	7,030	-4.2	20,755	-1.9
Textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles and related products	6,999	-2.4	23,755	-6.0
Footwear	5,255	+15.4	12,961	+12.0
Plastics in primary forms	4,118	-6.5	13,008	-0.9
Non-metallic mineral manufactures	3,979	-9.3	11,776	+10.9

Table 8 : Domestic exports of ten principal commodity divisions

Commodity division	Jan 2006	Jan 2006 over Jan 2005	Nov 2005 to Jan 2006	Nov 2005 - Jan 2006 over Nov 2004 - Jan 2005
	(HKD Mn.)	(% change)	(HKD Mn.)	(% change)
Total Domestic Exports	13,131	+34.8	41,099	+27.2
Articles of apparel and clothing accessories	6,179	+74.2	18,931	+27.2
Office machines and automatic data processing machines	1,824	+69.3	5,473	+128.9
Electrical machinery, apparatus and appliances, and electrical parts thereof	1,309	+8.0	4,521	+29.7
Miscellaneous manufactured articles (mainly jewellery, goldsmiths' and silversmiths' wares)	1,197	-7.6	3,769	-3.5
Plastics in primary forms	361	+2.3	1,156	+18.9
Textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles and related products	318	-15.6	1,024	-18.0
Metalliferous ores and metal scrap	224	-11.4	702	-0.2
Electric current	173	-33.7	578	-12.1
Tobacco and tobacco manufactures	154	+17.2	412	+4.9
Medicinal and pharmaceutical products	128	+4.9	426	+11.3

Table 9 : Imports of ten principal commodity divisions

Commodity division	Jan	Jan 2006	Nov 2005	Nov 2005 - Jan 2006
	2006	over Jan 2005	to Jan 2006	over Nov 2004 - Jan 2005
	(HKD Mn.)	(% change)	(HKD Mn.)	(% change)
Total Imports	185,653	+0.6	595,190	+8.3
Electrical machinery, apparatus and appliances, and electrical parts thereof	44,094	+18.2	146,167	+26.0
Telecommunications and sound recording and reproducing apparatus and equipment	23,196	+2.8	77,768	+9.0
Office machines and automatic data processing machines	20,035	-12.1	63,529	+6.1
Articles of apparel and clothing accessories	12,676	-2.4	35,543	+0.4
Miscellaneous manufactured articles (mainly baby carriages, toys, games and sporting goods)	10,190	-11.8	33,397	-4.3
Textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles and related products	6,677	-7.6	24,123	-6.1
Petroleum, petroleum products and related materials	5,723	+57.2	15,720	+46.8
Non-metallic mineral manufactures	5,671	-24.6	19,395	+4.5
Plastics in primary forms	4,951	-5.3	16,993	+7.0
Photographic apparatus, equipment and supplies, optical goods, watches and clocks	4,376	-14.5	15,641	-3.7