

Table 1: External Merchandise Trade Figures for February 2006

(HK\$ Million)

Merchandise trade values for February 2006					
	Domestic Exports	9,523			
	Re-exports	144,095			
	Total Exports	153,618			
	Imports	176,650			
	Trade balance	-23,032			
		Change			
Current month compared with same month in the preceding year	February 2006	February 2005	Value	%	
	Domestic Exports	9,523	6,250	+3,273	+52.4
	(% of Total Exports)	(6.2%)	(4.9%)		
	Re-exports	144,095	121,277	+22,818	+18.8
	Total Exports	153,618	127,527	+26,091	+20.5
	Imports	176,650	137,729	+38,921	+28.3
	Trade balance	-23,032	-10,202	-12,830	
Current month compared with last month	February 2006	January 2006	Value	%	
	Domestic Exports	9,523	13,131	-3,608	-27.5
	(% of Total Exports)	(6.2%)	(6.9%)		
	Re-exports	144,095	176,889	-32,794	-18.5
	Total Exports	153,618	190,020	-36,402	-19.2
	Imports	176,650	185,653	-9,002	-4.8
	Trade balance	-23,032	+4,367	-27,400	
Latest 3 months compared with same period 12 months earlier	Dec 2005 to Feb 2006	Dec 2004 to Feb 2005	Value	%	
	Domestic Exports	36,596	27,433	+9,163	+33.4
	(% of Total Exports)	(6.9%)	(5.6%)		
	Re-exports	495,557	459,433	+36,124	+7.9
	Total Exports	532,153	486,866	+45,287	+9.3
	Imports	567,579	507,602	+59,977	+11.8
	Trade balance	-35,426	-20,736	-14,690	
Calendar year-to-date compared with same period in the preceding year	Jan-Feb 2006	Jan-Feb 2005	Value	%	
	Domestic Exports	22,650	15,986	+6,664	+41.7
	(% of Total Exports)	(6.6%)	(5.2%)		
	Re-exports	320,951	294,209	+26,742	+9.1
	Total Exports	343,601	310,195	+33,407	+10.8
	Imports	362,269	321,940	+40,329	+12.5
	Trade balance	-18,668	-11,745	-6,923	
Last 12 months compared with same period 12 months earlier	Mar 2005 to Feb 2006	Mar 2004 to Feb 2005	Value	%	
	Domestic Exports	142,695	125,865	+16,830	+13.4
	(% of Total Exports)	(6.2%)	(6.1%)		
	Re-exports	2,140,886	1,933,369	+207,517	+10.7
	Total Exports	2,283,580	2,059,234	+224,346	+10.9
	Imports	2,369,798	2,143,969	+225,830	+10.5
	Trade balance	-86,218	-84,734	-1,484	

Table 2 : Hong Kong's External Merchandise Trade Figures from January 2003 to February 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
	2	9,523.2	+52.4	144,094.5	+18.8	153,617.7	+20.5	176,650.0	+28.3

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 February 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
	2	-3.2	+0.9	+0.6	+4.8

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

Destination	Feb 2006 (HKD Mn.)	Feb 2006 over Feb 2005 (% change)	Jan-Feb 2006 (HKD Mn.)	Jan-Feb 2006 over Jan-Feb 2005 (% change)
Total Re-exports	144,095	+18.8	320,951	+9.1
The mainland of China	73,778	+44.1	150,841	+18.6
United States of America	17,334	-5.9	44,369	-0.6
Japan	7,560	+5.2	17,124	+3.2
Germany	4,642	+9.0	10,895	+0.5
United Kingdom	2,800	-26.3	7,976	-11.6
Korea	3,828	+23.6	7,931	+13.0
Taiwan	3,240	+14.1	7,140	+6.8
Singapore	3,145	+17.6	6,621	-2.6
Netherlands	2,056	-18.1	5,044	-18.0
France	1,646	-10.7	4,531	+3.5

Table 5 : Domestic exports of goods to ten main destinations

Destination	Feb 2006 (HKD Mn.)	Feb 2006 over Feb 2005 (% change)	Jan-Feb 2006 (HKD Mn.)	Jan-Feb 2006 over Jan-Feb 2005 (% change)
Total Domestic Exports	9,523	+52.4	22,650	+41.7
The mainland of China	2,731	+49.6	5,815	+17.0
United States of America	2,193	+21.4	5,806	+21.0
Netherlands	712	+253.6	1,627	+261.1
United Kingdom	461	+93.8	1,445	+130.9
Germany	331	+157.9	991	+158.0
Japan	582	+148.0	955	+79.9
Taiwan	317	+29.4	786	+6.4
Singapore	281	+20.2	635	+13.1
Australia	266	+142.2	447	+109.1
Italy	117	+225.9	358	+194.0

Table 6 : Imports of goods from ten main suppliers

Supplier	Feb 2006 (HKD Mn.)	Feb 2006 over Feb 2005 (% change)	Jan-Feb 2006 (HKD Mn.)	Jan-Feb 2006 over Jan-Feb 2005 (% change)
Total Imports	176,650	+28.3	362,269	+12.5
The mainland of China	72,583	+31.3	159,427	+14.0
Japan	21,726	+27.1	38,910	+4.7
Taiwan	12,714	+34.6	26,234	+14.7
Singapore	11,616	+51.2	24,158	+37.8
United States of America	8,874	-1.2	17,850	-4.5
Korea	8,364	+37.0	17,300	+25.0
Malaysia	4,303	+24.3	8,837	+12.3
Thailand	3,699	+35.2	7,159	+18.8
Germany	3,092	+29.7	6,589	+22.0
India	2,864	+17.3	5,428	-4.5

Table 7 : Re-exports of ten principal commodity divisions

Commodity division	Feb 2006 (HKD Mn.)	Feb 2006 over Feb 2005 (% change)	Jan-Feb 2006 (HKD Mn.)	Jan-Feb 2006 over Jan-Feb 2005 (% change)
Total Re-exports	144,095	+18.8	320,951	+9.1
Electrical machinery, apparatus and appliances, and electrical parts thereof	34,186	+32.9	73,275	+27.0
Telecommunications and sound recording and reproducing apparatus and equipment	25,775	+48.0	51,768	+21.2
Office machines and automatic data processing machines	20,391	+19.7	42,763	-0.1
Miscellaneous manufactured articles (mainly baby carriages, toys, games and sporting goods)	8,527	-10.6	23,147	-2.9
Articles of apparel and clothing accessories	6,897	-36.4	21,263	-16.8
Textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles and related products	5,795	+14.2	12,793	+4.5
Photographic apparatus, equipment and supplies, optical goods, watches and clocks	4,609	+1.0	11,640	-2.2
Footwear	2,945	-13.6	8,199	+3.0
Plastics in primary forms	4,028	+36.4	8,147	+10.7
Non-metallic mineral manufactures	2,915	+10.8	6,895	-1.8

Table 8 : Domestic exports of ten principal commodity divisions

Commodity division	Feb 2006 (HKD Mn.)	Feb 2006 over Feb 2005 (% change)	Jan-Feb 2006 (HKD Mn.)	Jan-Feb 2006 over Jan-Feb 2005 (% change)
Total Domestic Exports	9,523	+52.4	22,650	+41.7
Articles of apparel and clothing accessories	3,156	+65.7	9,339	+71.3
Office machines and automatic data processing machines	2,128	+218.8	3,952	+126.5
Electrical machinery, apparatus and appliances, and electrical parts thereof	1,036	-7.1	2,345	+0.8
Miscellaneous manufactured articles (mainly jewellery, goldsmiths' and silversmiths' wares)	903	+23.0	2,101	+3.5
Plastics in primary forms	318	+47.4	679	+19.4
Textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles and related products	253	-3.4	572	-10.4
Metalliferous ores and metal scrap	184	+44.7	407	+7.4
Electric current	150	+20.7	323	-16.2
Tobacco and tobacco manufactures	97	-17.8	251	+0.6
Medicinal and pharmaceutical products	115	+57.7	244	+24.7

Table 9 : Imports of ten principal commodity divisions

Commodity division	Feb 2006 (HKD Mn.)	Feb 2006 over Feb 2005 (% change)	Jan-Feb 2006 (HKD Mn.)	Jan-Feb 2006 over Jan-Feb 2005 (% change)
Total Imports	176,650	+28.3	362,269	+12.5
Electrical machinery, apparatus and appliances, and electrical parts thereof	41,292	+32.9	85,383	+24.9
Telecommunications and sound recording and reproducing apparatus and equipment	25,117	+56.8	48,321	+25.3
Office machines and automatic data processing machines	19,604	+32.2	39,629	+5.3
Miscellaneous manufactured articles (mainly baby carriages, toys, games and sporting goods)	9,022	+17.6	19,205	-0.1
Articles of apparel and clothing accessories	6,450	-18.2	19,131	-8.4
Textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles and related products	6,616	+22.5	13,290	+5.3
Non-metallic mineral manufactures	7,240	+20.7	12,911	-4.5
Plastics in primary forms	6,207	+29.4	11,158	+11.3
Petroleum, petroleum products and related materials	4,536	+57.4	10,259	+57.3
Photographic apparatus, equipment and supplies, optical goods, watches and clocks	4,698	+20.5	9,069	+0.6