

Table 1: External Merchandise Trade Figures for March 2006

(HK\$ Million)

Merchandise trade values for March 2006				
	Domestic Exports		10,669	
	Re-exports		182,796	
	Total Exports		193,465	
	Imports		211,701	
	Trade balance		-18,236	
			Change	
Current month compared with same month in the preceding year	March 2006	March 2005	Value	%
Domestic Exports	10,669	8,034	+2,635	+32.8
(% of Total Exports)	(5.5%)	(4.8%)		
Re-exports	182,796	160,647	+22,149	+13.8
Total Exports	193,465	168,681	+24,784	+14.7
Imports	211,701	182,491	+29,210	+16.0
Trade balance	-18,236	-13,809	-4,426	
Current month compared with last month	March 2006	February 2006		
Domestic Exports	10,669	9,523	+1,146	+12.0
(% of Total Exports)	(5.5%)	(6.2%)		
Re-exports	182,796	144,095	+38,701	+26.9
Total Exports	193,465	153,618	+39,847	+25.9
Imports	211,701	176,650	+35,051	+19.8
Trade balance	-18,236	-23,032	+4,797	
Latest 3 months compared with same period 12 months earlier	Jan-Mar 2006	Jan-Mar 2005		
Domestic Exports	33,320	24,025	+9,295	+38.7
(% of Total Exports)	(6.2%)	(5.0%)		
Re-exports	503,668	454,874	+48,794	+10.7
Total Exports	536,987	478,899	+58,089	+12.1
Imports	573,896	504,322	+69,575	+13.8
Trade balance	-36,909	-25,423	-11,486	
Last 12 months compared with same period 12 months earlier	Apr 2005 to Mar 2006	Apr 2004 to Mar 2005		
Domestic Exports	145,325	124,206	+21,119	+17.0
(% of Total Exports)	(6.3%)	(6.0%)		
Re-exports	2,162,937	1,940,839	+222,098	+11.4
Total Exports	2,308,263	2,065,045	+243,217	+11.8
Imports	2,399,044	2,148,735	+250,308	+11.6
Trade balance	-90,781	-83,690	-7,091	

Table 2 : Hong Kong's External Merchandise Trade Figures from January 2003 to March 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
	3	10,669.4	+32.8	182,795.7	+13.8	193,465.2	+14.7	211,701.0	+16.0

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 March 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
	3	-3.4	+2.4	+2.0	+3.9

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

Destination	Mar 2006 (HKD Mn.)	Mar 2006 over Mar 2005 (% change)	Jan-Mar 2006 (HKD Mn.)	Jan-Mar 2006 over Jan-Mar 2005 (% change)
Total Re-exports	182,796	+13.8	503,668	+10.7
The mainland of China	88,452	+18.4	239,261	+18.5
United States of America	24,299	+6.3	68,671	+1.7
Japan	10,783	+8.7	27,915	+5.3
Germany	5,676	+14.9	16,567	+5.0
United Kingdom	4,722	+4.5	12,699	-6.2
Korea	4,566	+19.7	12,497	+15.2
Taiwan	3,721	+1.6	10,834	+4.7
Singapore	3,589	+0.9	10,212	-1.4
Netherlands	2,304	-5.4	7,342	-14.5
France	2,394	+18.8	6,925	+8.4

Table 5 : Domestic exports of goods to ten main destinations

Destination	Mar 2006 (HKD Mn.)	Mar 2006 over Mar 2005 (% change)	Jan-Mar 2006 (HKD Mn.)	Jan-Mar 2006 over Jan-Mar 2005 (% change)
Total Domestic Exports	10,669	+32.8	33,320	+38.7
The mainland of China	3,265	+8.7	9,081	+13.8
United States of America	2,534	+35.8	8,341	+25.1
Netherlands	533	+165.3	2,160	+231.6
United Kingdom	635	+111.5	2,080	+124.5
Germany	429	+251.1	1,420	+180.4
Japan	381	+25.2	1,336	+59.9
Taiwan	351	-15.6	1,137	-1.5
Singapore	279	-12.5	914	+3.8
Australia	184	+62.8	631	+93.0
Korea	150	+32.3	476	+52.1

Table 6 : Imports of goods from ten main suppliers

Supplier	Mar 2006 (HKD Mn.)	Mar 2006 over Mar 2005 (% change)	Jan-Mar 2006 (HKD Mn.)	Jan-Mar 2006 over Jan-Mar 2005 (% change)
Total Imports	211,701	+16.0	573,896	+13.8
The mainland of China	96,685	+21.9	256,080	+16.9
Japan	21,750	+3.8	60,639	+4.4
Taiwan	15,813	+28.1	42,042	+19.4
Singapore	14,000	+28.7	38,157	+34.3
United States of America	10,103	+9.2	27,953	+0.1
Korea	9,019	+10.9	26,321	+19.8
Malaysia	5,006	+11.2	13,842	+11.9
Thailand	4,303	+20.3	11,455	+19.4
Germany	3,723	+23.2	10,296	+22.3
India	3,760	-3.7	9,184	-4.2

Table 7 : Re-exports of ten principal commodity divisions

Commodity division	Mar 2006 (HKD Mn.)	Mar 2006 over Mar 2005 (% change)	Jan-Mar 2006 (HKD Mn.)	Jan-Mar 2006 over Jan-Mar 2005 (% change)
Total Re-exports	182,796	+13.8	503,668	+10.7
Electrical machinery, apparatus and appliances, and electrical parts thereof	43,303	+24.2	116,561	+25.9
Telecommunications and sound recording and reproducing apparatus and equipment	29,071	+35.3	80,844	+25.9
Office machines and automatic data processing machines	20,456	+7.1	63,170	+2.1
Miscellaneous manufactured articles (mainly baby carriages, toys, games and sporting goods)	13,929	+9.7	37,075	+1.5
Articles of apparel and clothing accessories	10,682	-0.8	31,937	-12.0
Textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles and related products	9,349	+6.5	22,142	+5.3
Photographic apparatus, equipment and supplies, optical goods, watches and clocks	6,516	+9.1	18,151	+1.5
Plastics in primary forms	4,749	-9.8	12,896	+2.1
Non-metallic mineral manufactures	5,263	+34.4	12,157	+11.1
Footwear	3,687	+2.1	11,886	+2.7

Table 8 : Domestic exports of ten principal commodity divisions

Commodity division	Mar 2006 (HKD Mn.)	Mar 2006 over Mar 2005 (% change)	Jan-Mar 2006 (HKD Mn.)	Jan-Mar 2006 over Jan-Mar 2005 (% change)
Total Domestic Exports	10,669	+32.8	33,320	+38.7
Articles of apparel and clothing accessories	4,055	+91.8	13,396	+77.0
Office machines and automatic data processing machines	1,302	+82.0	5,254	+113.6
Electrical machinery, apparatus and appliances, and electrical parts thereof	1,181	-10.8	3,526	-3.4
Miscellaneous manufactured articles (mainly jewellery, goldsmiths' and silversmiths' wares)	1,369	+11.2	3,469	+6.4
Textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles and related products	449	-2.5	1,020	-7.1
Plastics in primary forms	331	-14.3	1,011	+5.8
Metalliferous ores and metal scrap	199	-9.0	607	+1.4
Electric current	179	-12.5	502	-14.9
Tobacco and tobacco manufactures	146	+21.9	397	+7.5
Medicinal and pharmaceutical products	150	+34.3	393	+28.2

Table 9 : Imports of ten principal commodity divisions

Commodity division	Mar 2006 (HKD Mn.)	Mar 2006 over Mar 2005 (% change)	Jan-Mar 2006 (HKD Mn.)	Jan-Mar 2006 over Jan-Mar 2005 (% change)
Total Imports	211,701	+16.0	573,896	+13.8
Electrical machinery, apparatus and appliances, and electrical parts thereof	50,920	+27.3	136,269	+25.8
Telecommunications and sound recording and reproducing apparatus and equipment	27,596	+32.1	75,910	+27.7
Office machines and automatic data processing machines	21,195	+19.3	60,816	+9.8
Miscellaneous manufactured articles (mainly baby carriages, toys, games and sporting goods)	12,598	+15.5	31,802	+5.6
Articles of apparel and clothing accessories	10,514	+9.2	29,644	-2.8
Textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles and related products	9,998	+4.5	23,283	+4.9
Non-metallic mineral manufactures	8,529	+7.2	21,436	-0.1
Plastics in primary forms	6,000	-3.9	17,155	+5.5
Petroleum, petroleum products and related materials	5,544	+33.2	15,802	+47.9
Photographic apparatus, equipment and supplies, optical goods, watches and clocks	4,989	-1.0	14,064	+0.0

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