

**Table 1: External Merchandise Trade Figures for April 2006**

(HK\$ Million)

<b>Merchandise trade values for April 2006</b>				
	Domestic Exports		10,265	
	Re-exports		178,519	
	Total Exports		188,784	
	Imports		203,244	
	Trade balance		-14,460	
			<b>Change</b>	
<b>Current month compared with same month in the preceding year</b>	<b>April 2006</b>	<b>April 2005</b>	<b>Value</b>	<b>%</b>
Domestic Exports	10,265	8,047	+2,219	+27.6
(% of Total Exports)	(5.4%)	(4.7%)		
Re-exports	178,519	164,442	+14,077	+8.6
Total Exports	188,784	172,489	+16,296	+9.4
Imports	203,244	182,710	+20,534	+11.2
Trade balance	-14,460	-10,222	-4,238	
<b>Current month compared with last month</b>	<b>April 2006</b>	<b>March 2006</b>		
Domestic Exports	10,265	10,669	-404	-3.8
(% of Total Exports)	(5.4%)	(5.5%)		
Re-exports	178,519	182,796	-4,277	-2.3
Total Exports	188,784	193,465	-4,681	-2.4
Imports	203,244	211,701	-8,457	-4.0
Trade balance	-14,460	-18,236	+3,776	
<b>Latest 3 months compared with same period 12 months earlier</b>	<b>Feb-Apr 2006</b>	<b>Feb-Apr 2005</b>		
Domestic Exports	30,453	22,341	+8,112	+36.3
(% of Total Exports)	(5.7%)	(4.8%)		
Re-exports	505,211	446,584	+58,627	+13.1
Total Exports	535,664	468,925	+66,739	+14.2
Imports	591,365	502,181	+89,184	+17.8
Trade balance	-55,701	-33,257	-22,445	
<b>Calendar year-to-date compared with same period in the preceding year</b>	<b>Jan-Apr 2006</b>	<b>Jan-Apr 2005</b>		
Domestic Exports	43,584	32,083	+11,501	+35.8
(% of Total Exports)	(6.0%)	(4.9%)		
Re-exports	682,100	619,290	+62,810	+10.1
Total Exports	725,684	651,373	+74,311	+11.4
Imports	777,018	686,674	+90,344	+13.2
Trade balance	-51,334	-35,301	-16,033	
<b>Last 12 months compared with same period 12 months earlier</b>	<b>May 2005 to Apr 2006</b>	<b>May 2004 to Apr 2005</b>		
Domestic Exports	147,531	123,309	+24,222	+19.6
(% of Total Exports)	(6.3%)	(5.9%)		
Re-exports	2,176,954	1,954,328	+222,625	+11.4
Total Exports	2,324,485	2,077,637	+246,848	+11.9
Imports	2,419,813	2,155,356	+264,458	+12.3
Trade balance	-95,328	-77,718	-17,610	

**Table 2 : Hong Kong's External Merchandise Trade Figures from January 2003 to April 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
	4	10,265.3	+27.6	178,518.8	+8.6	188,784.2	+9.4	203,244.2	+11.2

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 April 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
	4	-5.8	+2.5	+1.9	+2.0

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

Destination	Apr 2006 (HKD Mn.)	Apr 2006 over Apr 2005 (% change)	Jan-Apr 2006 (HKD Mn.)	Jan-Apr 2006 over Jan-Apr 2005 (% change)
Total Re-exports	178,519	+8.6	682,100	+10.1
The mainland of China	87,314	+15.4	326,533	+17.7
United States of America	24,873	+1.7	93,532	+1.7
Japan	10,001	+6.0	37,907	+5.4
Germany	5,365	-3.0	21,932	+3.0
United Kingdom	4,459	-3.7	17,152	-5.6
Korea	4,161	+11.6	16,650	+14.3
Taiwan	3,571	+4.2	14,402	+4.6
Singapore	3,515	-1.6	13,726	-1.4
Netherlands	2,277	-1.5	9,619	-11.8
France	2,514	+8.7	9,439	+8.5

Table 5 : Domestic exports of goods to ten main destinations

Destination	Apr 2006 (HKD Mn.)	Apr 2006 over Apr 2005 (% change)	Jan-Apr 2006 (HKD Mn.)	Jan-Apr 2006 over Jan-Apr 2005 (% change)
Total Domestic Exports	10,265	+27.6	43,584	+35.8
The mainland of China	3,274	+7.4	12,354	+12.1
United States of America	2,364	+38.0	10,706	+27.8
Netherlands	623	+262.6	2,783	+238.1
United Kingdom	631	+74.2	2,712	+110.3
Germany	438	+202.1	1,857	+185.3
Japan	376	+41.9	1,712	+55.5
Taiwan	348	-29.8	1,485	-10.0
Singapore	302	-17.0	1,216	-2.3
Australia	128	-3.5	758	+65.2
Korea	133	+6.2	609	+39.0

Table 6 : Imports of goods from ten main suppliers

Supplier	Apr 2006 (HKD Mn.)	Apr 2006 over Apr 2005 (% change)	Jan-Apr 2006 (HKD Mn.)	Jan-Apr 2006 over Jan-Apr 2005 (% change)
Total Imports	203,244	+11.2	777,018	+13.2
The mainland of China	92,996	+14.7	348,992	+16.4
Japan	21,917	+5.7	82,552	+4.7
Taiwan	15,929	+27.2	57,947	+21.4
Singapore	11,497	+14.5	49,653	+29.1
United States of America	9,497	-10.3	37,468	-2.7
Korea	9,284	+16.7	35,601	+19.0
Malaysia	4,432	+2.9	18,271	+9.5
Thailand	3,960	+24.4	15,413	+20.7
Germany	3,622	+19.7	13,915	+21.7
India	3,210	+7.7	12,388	-1.4

Table 7 : Re-exports of ten principal commodity divisions

Commodity division	Apr 2006 (HKD Mn.)	Apr 2006 over Apr 2005 (% change)	Jan-Apr 2006 (HKD Mn.)	Jan-Apr 2006 over Jan-Apr 2005 (% change)
Total Re-exports	178,519	+8.6	682,100	+10.1
Electrical machinery, apparatus and appliances, and electrical parts thereof	42,221	+26.9	158,787	+26.2
Telecommunications and sound recording and reproducing apparatus and equipment	27,460	+32.6	108,301	+27.5
Office machines and automatic data processing machines	21,608	+5.9	84,757	+3.0
Miscellaneous manufactured articles (mainly baby carriages, toys, games and sporting goods)	13,416	-6.5	50,476	-0.8
Articles of apparel and clothing accessories	10,448	-9.7	42,377	-11.5
Textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles and related products	9,766	-4.7	31,905	+2.0
Photographic apparatus, equipment and supplies, optical goods, watches and clocks	6,734	+2.5	24,884	+1.8
Plastics in primary forms	4,612	-8.7	17,504	-1.0
Non-metallic mineral manufactures	4,274	+9.0	16,422	+10.5
Footwear	3,279	-3.7	15,164	+1.3

Table 8 : Domestic exports of ten principal commodity divisions

Commodity division	Apr 2006 (HKD Mn.)	Apr 2006 over Apr 2005 (% change)	Jan-Apr 2006 (HKD Mn.)	Jan-Apr 2006 over Jan-Apr 2005 (% change)
Total Domestic Exports	10,265	+27.6	43,584	+35.8
Articles of apparel and clothing accessories	3,749	+75.1	17,147	+76.6
Office machines and automatic data processing machines	1,439	+71.3	6,693	+102.9
Electrical machinery, apparatus and appliances, and electrical parts thereof	1,226	+3.8	4,751	-1.6
Miscellaneous manufactured articles (mainly jewellery, goldsmiths' and silversmiths' wares)	1,224	-0.5	4,693	+4.5
Textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles and related products	419	-7.6	1,440	-7.2
Plastics in primary forms	323	-16.3	1,333	-0.6
Metalliferous ores and metal scrap	257	+17.9	863	+5.8
Electric current	161	+9.3	663	-10.1
Medicinal and pharmaceutical products	138	+29.6	531	+28.6
Tobacco and tobacco manufactures	120	-17.6	517	+0.4



Table 9 : Imports of ten principal commodity divisions

Commodity division	Apr 2006 (HKD Mn.)	Apr 2006 over Apr 2005 (% change)	Jan-Apr 2006 (HKD Mn.)	Jan-Apr 2006 over Jan-Apr 2005 (% change)
Total Imports	203,244	+11.2	777,018	+13.2
Electrical machinery, apparatus and appliances, and electrical parts thereof	48,419	+24.6	184,679	+25.5
Telecommunications and sound recording and reproducing apparatus and equipment	26,281	+38.0	102,179	+30.2
Office machines and automatic data processing machines	20,943	+11.7	81,756	+10.3
Miscellaneous manufactured articles (mainly baby carriages, toys, games and sporting goods)	11,697	+4.3	43,485	+5.2
Articles of apparel and clothing accessories	10,026	-0.1	39,670	-2.1
Textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles and related products	10,560	-1.0	33,836	+3.0
Non-metallic mineral manufactures	7,485	+6.4	28,915	+1.5
Plastics in primary forms	5,719	-5.4	22,865	+2.5
Petroleum, petroleum products and related materials	4,408	+12.5	20,210	+38.4
Photographic apparatus, equipment and supplies, optical goods, watches and clocks	5,123	-1.6	19,185	-0.4