

Table 1: External Merchandise Trade Figures for May 2006

(HK\$ Million)

Merchandise trade values for May 2006				
	Domestic Exports		11,541	
	Re-exports		181,705	
	Total Exports		193,247	
	Imports		207,816	
	Trade balance		-14,570	
			Change	
Current month compared with same month in the preceding year	May 2006	May 2005	Value	%
Domestic Exports	11,541	9,865	+1,676	+17.0
(% of Total Exports)	(6.0%)	(5.1%)		
Re-exports	181,705	183,509	-1,803	-1.0
Total Exports	193,247	193,374	-127	-0.1
Imports	207,816	202,685	+5,131	+2.5
Trade balance	-14,570	-9,312	-5,258	
Current month compared with last month	May 2006	April 2006		
Domestic Exports	11,541	10,265	+1,276	+12.4
(% of Total Exports)	(6.0%)	(5.4%)		
Re-exports	181,705	178,519	+3,187	+1.8
Total Exports	193,247	188,784	+4,463	+2.4
Imports	207,816	203,244	+4,572	+2.2
Trade balance	-14,570	-14,460	-109	
Latest 3 months compared with same period 12 months earlier	Mar-May 2006	Mar-May 2005		
Domestic Exports	32,516	25,960	+6,555	+25.3
(% of Total Exports)	(5.6%)	(4.9%)		
Re-exports	543,864	508,490	+35,374	+7.0
Total Exports	576,380	534,450	+41,929	+7.8
Imports	624,216	567,191	+57,025	+10.1
Trade balance	-47,836	-32,740	-15,095	
Calendar year-to-date compared with same period in the preceding year	Jan-May 2006	Jan-May 2005		
Domestic Exports	55,166	41,946	+13,220	+31.5
(% of Total Exports)	(6.0%)	(5.0%)		
Re-exports	864,815	802,699	+62,117	+7.7
Total Exports	919,981	844,645	+75,336	+8.9
Imports	986,485	889,130	+97,354	+10.9
Trade balance	-66,503	-44,485	-22,018	
Last 12 months compared with same period 12 months earlier	Jun 2005 to May 2006	Jun 2004 to May 2005		
Domestic Exports	149,250	123,260	+25,990	+21.1
(% of Total Exports)	(6.4%)	(5.9%)		
Re-exports	2,176,260	1,982,300	+193,960	+9.8
Total Exports	2,325,510	2,105,560	+219,950	+10.4
Imports	2,426,823	2,183,336	+243,488	+11.2
Trade balance	-101,313	-77,776	-23,538	

Table 2 : Hong Kong's External Merchandise Trade Figures from January 2003 to May 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
	5	11,541.3	+17.0	181,705.4	-1.0	193,246.7	-0.1	207,816.2	+2.5

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 May 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
	5	-8.7	-0.5	-1.1	-1.8

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

Destination	May 2006 (HKD Mn.)	May 2006 over May 2005 (% change)	Jan-May 2006 (HKD Mn.)	Jan-May 2006 over Jan-May 2005 (% change)
Total Re-exports	181,705	-1.0	864,815	+7.7
The mainland of China	87,534	+1.9	414,095	+14.0
United States of America	26,785	-5.5	120,288	0.0
Japan	8,443	-1.9	46,549	+4.5
Germany	5,474	-5.9	27,404	+1.1
United Kingdom	5,020	-2.7	22,167	-5.0
Korea	4,020	+5.5	20,739	+12.8
Taiwan	3,571	-11.6	18,109	+1.6
Singapore	3,234	-14.4	17,202	-2.8
Netherlands	2,673	-26.1	12,291	-15.3
France	2,491	-11.4	11,934	+3.7

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

Table 5 : Domestic exports of goods to ten main destinations

Destination	May 2006 (HKD Mn.)	May 2006 over May 2005 (% change)	Jan-May 2006 (HKD Mn.)	Jan-May 2006 over Jan-May 2005 (% change)
Total Domestic Exports	11,541	+17.0	55,166	+31.5
The mainland of China	3,601	-0.2	15,957	+9.1
United States of America	2,834	+20.0	13,539	+26.0
Netherlands	705	+102.5	3,488	+197.7
United Kingdom	639	+140.2	3,351	+115.5
Germany	461	+142.4	2,317	+175.4
Japan	397	+10.9	2,115	+45.1
Taiwan	314	-43.1	1,808	-17.9
Singapore	382	-13.1	1,611	-4.3
Australia	206	+29.1	965	+56.0
Korea	142	+10.3	752	+32.7

Table 6 : Imports of goods from ten main suppliers

Supplier	May 2006 (HKD Mn.)	May 2006 over May 2005 (% change)	Jan-May 2006 (HKD Mn.)	Jan-May 2006 over Jan-May 2005 (% change)
Total Imports	207,816	+2.5	986,485	+10.9
The mainland of China	92,163	+6.9	441,137	+14.3
Japan	20,690	-9.9	103,214	+1.5
Taiwan	16,248	+9.7	75,046	+20.1
Singapore	13,407	+14.6	63,062	+25.8
United States of America	10,104	-9.0	47,564	-4.1
Korea	10,020	+10.9	45,624	+17.2
Malaysia	5,164	-5.2	23,433	+5.9
Thailand	4,473	+13.1	20,104	+20.2
Germany	3,899	+4.0	17,931	+18.1
India	2,891	-2.9	15,278	-1.6

Table 7 : Re-exports of ten principal commodity divisions

Commodity division	May 2006 (HKD Mn.)	May 2006 over May 2005 (% change)	Jan-May 2006 (HKD Mn.)	Jan-May 2006 over Jan-May 2005 (% change)
Total Re-exports	181,705	-1.0	864,815	+7.7
Electrical machinery, apparatus and appliances, and electrical parts thereof	42,517	+7.2	202,296	+22.2
Telecommunications and sound recording and reproducing apparatus and equipment	27,026	+4.9	135,389	+22.3
Office machines and automatic data processing machines	20,598	-16.9	105,345	-1.6
Miscellaneous manufactured articles (mainly baby carriages, toys, games and sporting goods)	13,544	-9.2	64,010	-2.7
Articles of apparel and clothing accessories	11,740	-10.9	54,106	-11.4
Textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles and related products	9,967	-1.5	41,870	+1.2
Photographic apparatus, equipment and supplies, optical goods, watches and clocks	6,533	-1.1	31,416	+1.2
Plastics in primary forms	5,154	+12.3	22,656	+1.8
Non-metallic mineral manufactures	4,411	+11.8	20,837	+11.1
Footwear	3,560	-5.0	18,723	+0.0

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

Table 8 : Domestic exports of ten principal commodity divisions

Commodity division	May 2006 (HKD Mn.)	May 2006 over May 2005 (% change)	Jan-May 2006 (HKD Mn.)	Jan-May 2006 over Jan-May 2005 (% change)
Total Domestic Exports	11,541	+17.0	55,166	+31.5
Articles of apparel and clothing accessories	4,694	+72.6	21,841	+75.7
Office machines and automatic data processing machines	1,635	+50.9	8,320	+89.9
Electrical machinery, apparatus and appliances, and electrical parts thereof	1,202	-36.6	5,997	-10.8
Miscellaneous manufactured articles (mainly jewellery, goldsmiths' and silversmiths' wares)	1,292	-1.4	5,984	+3.1
Textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles and related products	405	-13.7	1,845	-8.7
Plastics in primary forms	381	-5.5	1,714	-1.7
Metalliferous ores and metal scrap	257	+35.5	1,120	+11.4
Electric current	137	-15.3	800	-11.0
Tobacco and tobacco manufactures	139	+1.9	656	+0.7
Metalworking machinery	163	+49.0	647	+25.8

Table 9 : Imports of ten principal commodity divisions

Commodity division	May 2006 (HKD Mn.)	May 2006 over May 2005 (% change)	Jan-May 2006 (HKD Mn.)	Jan-May 2006 over Jan-May 2005 (% change)
Total Imports	207,816	+2.5	986,485	+10.9
Electrical machinery, apparatus and appliances, and electrical parts thereof	49,961	+4.7	235,998	+21.1
Telecommunications and sound recording and reproducing apparatus and equipment	25,774	+10.7	128,278	+26.1
Office machines and automatic data processing machines	19,980	-8.7	101,731	+6.0
Miscellaneous manufactured articles (mainly baby carriages, toys, games and sporting goods)	11,175	-1.3	54,685	+3.9
Articles of apparel and clothing accessories	10,849	-2.1	50,497	-2.1
Textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles and related products	10,406	-5.7	44,234	+0.8
Non-metallic mineral manufactures	7,249	+5.9	36,164	+2.4
Plastics in primary forms	7,166	+18.0	30,005	+5.8
Petroleum, petroleum products and related materials	6,014	+51.0	26,222	+41.1
Photographic apparatus, equipment and supplies, optical goods, watches and clocks	4,814	-10.8	23,997	-2.7