

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

(HK\$ Million)

<b>Merchandise trade values for July 2006</b>				
	Domestic Exports		13,949	
	Re-exports		205,622	
	Total Exports		219,571	
	Imports		224,725	
	Trade balance		-5,154	
			<b>Change</b>	
<b>Current month compared with same month in the preceding year</b>	<b>July 2006</b>	<b>July 2005</b>	<b>Value</b>	<b>%</b>
Domestic Exports	13,949	11,801	+2,148	+18.2
(% of Total Exports)	(6.4%)	(5.9%)		
Re-exports	205,622	186,635	+18,987	+10.2
Total Exports	219,571	198,436	+21,135	+10.7
Imports	224,725	201,647	+23,079	+11.4
Trade balance	-5,154	-3,210	-1,944	
<b>Current month compared with last month</b>	<b>July 2006</b>	<b>June 2006</b>		
Domestic Exports	13,949	11,793	+2,156	+18.3
(% of Total Exports)	(6.4%)	(5.8%)		
Re-exports	205,622	190,384	+15,238	+8.0
Total Exports	219,571	202,177	+17,394	+8.6
Imports	224,725	215,985	+8,740	+4.0
Trade balance	-5,154	-13,808	+8,654	
<b>Latest 3 months compared with same period 12 months earlier</b>	<b>May-Jul 2006</b>	<b>May-Jul 2005</b>		
Domestic Exports	37,305	31,790	+5,515	+17.3
(% of Total Exports)	(6.1%)	(5.5%)		
Re-exports	578,534	549,206	+29,328	+5.3
Total Exports	615,839	580,996	+34,843	+6.0
Imports	649,745	599,774	+49,971	+8.3
Trade balance	-33,905	-18,778	-15,128	
<b>Calendar year-to-date compared with same period in the preceding year</b>	<b>Jan-Jul 2006</b>	<b>Jan-Jul 2005</b>		
Domestic Exports	80,889	63,873	+17,016	+26.6
(% of Total Exports)	(6.0%)	(5.2%)		
Re-exports	1,260,634	1,168,495	+92,138	+7.9
Total Exports	1,341,523	1,232,369	+109,154	+8.9
Imports	1,426,762	1,286,447	+140,315	+10.9
Trade balance	-85,239	-54,079	-31,161	
<b>Last 12 months compared with same period 12 months earlier</b>	<b>Aug 2005 to Jul 2006</b>	<b>Aug 2004 to Jul 2005</b>		
Domestic Exports	153,046	122,372	+30,674	+25.1
(% of Total Exports)	(6.5%)	(5.7%)		
Re-exports	2,206,282	2,019,351	+186,931	+9.3
Total Exports	2,359,328	2,141,723	+217,605	+10.2
Imports	2,469,784	2,214,146	+255,638	+11.5
Trade balance	-110,456	-72,423	-38,033	

**Table 2 : Hong Kong's External Merchandise Trade Figures from January 2003 to July 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
	6	11,793.4	+16.5	190,383.7	+6.2	202,177.1	+6.7	215,985.2	+9.9
	7	13,949.2	+18.2	205,621.8	+10.2	219,571.0	+10.7	224,725.3	+11.4

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 July 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
	6	-7.8	-0.6	-1.0	-0.3
	7	-5.0	-0.3	-0.6	+0.6

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

Destination	Jul 2006 (HKD Mn.)	Jul 2006 over Jul 2005 (% change)	Jan-Jul 2006 (HKD Mn.)	Jan-Jul 2006 over Jan-Jul 2005 (% change)
Total Re-exports	205,622	+10.2	1,260,634	+7.9
The mainland of China	96,670	+16.4	602,365	+13.7
United States of America	32,108	+7.6	179,609	+1.1
Japan	9,683	-0.8	65,459	+2.8
Germany	5,670	-5.8	38,589	0.0
United Kingdom	6,085	+1.2	33,552	-3.7
Korea	4,180	+15.4	28,940	+13.3
Taiwan	4,135	+9.8	25,852	+2.2
Singapore	3,745	+11.4	24,343	-0.3
Netherlands	2,666	-29.1	17,497	-18.2
France	2,723	-3.3	17,381	+1.1

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

Table 5 : Domestic exports of goods to ten main destinations

Destination	Jul 2006 (HKD Mn.)	Jul 2006 over Jul 2005 (% change)	Jan-Jul 2006 (HKD Mn.)	Jan-Jul 2006 over Jan-Jul 2005 (% change)
Total Domestic Exports	13,949	+18.2	80,889	+26.6
The mainland of China	3,835	-2.9	23,320	+3.7
United States of America	3,553	-6.9	20,000	+16.4
Netherlands	1,042	+129.8	5,212	+176.0
United Kingdom	784	+122.6	4,844	+127.4
Germany	534	+132.0	3,343	+168.2
Japan	612	+32.3	3,028	+35.0
Taiwan	367	+3.5	2,504	-17.1
Singapore	415	+7.2	2,356	-2.5
Australia	267	+73.8	1,477	+52.6
Italy	198	+264.3	1,098	+238.9

Table 6 : Imports of goods from ten main suppliers

Supplier	Jul 2006 (HKD Mn.)	Jul 2006 over Jul 2005 (% change)	Jan-Jul 2006 (HKD Mn.)	Jan-Jul 2006 over Jan-Jul 2005 (% change)
Total Imports	224,725	+11.4	1,426,762	+10.9
The mainland of China	103,125	+12.1	643,304	+13.5
Japan	23,735	+7.6	149,291	+2.5
Taiwan	16,740	+26.3	107,403	+20.1
Singapore	13,554	+21.1	89,531	+24.0
United States of America	11,349	+9.7	69,200	-0.7
Korea	9,084	+4.9	64,156	+14.4
Malaysia	4,878	+0.1	33,627	+3.9
Thailand	4,782	+20.7	29,312	+18.3
Germany	4,123	+5.6	25,579	+12.8
Philippines	3,440	+4.6	21,255	0.0

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

Table 7 : Re-exports of ten principal commodity divisions

Commodity division	Jul 2006 (HKD Mn.)	Jul 2006 over Jul 2005 (% change)	Jan-Jul 2006 (HKD Mn.)	Jan-Jul 2006 over Jan-Jul 2005 (% change)
Total Re-exports	205,622	+10.2	1,260,634	+7.9
Electrical machinery, apparatus and appliances, and electrical parts thereof	44,168	+26.8	290,320	+22.3
Telecommunications and sound recording and reproducing apparatus and equipment	29,470	+3.3	194,316	+16.3
Office machines and automatic data processing machines	25,379	+11.7	151,439	-0.1
Miscellaneous manufactured articles (mainly baby carriages, toys, games and sporting goods)	16,380	-1.1	94,753	-2.3
Articles of apparel and clothing accessories	18,165	+5.2	86,469	-7.6
Textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles and related products	9,145	-0.9	60,748	+1.1
Photographic apparatus, equipment and supplies, optical goods, watches and clocks	7,261	+2.5	44,508	+0.3
Plastics in primary forms	5,795	+12.6	33,868	+5.2
Non-metallic mineral manufactures	4,947	+11.1	30,701	+13.4
Footwear	4,857	-4.2	27,806	-1.0

Table 8 : Domestic exports of ten principal commodity divisions

Commodity division	Jul 2006 (HKD Mn.)	Jul 2006 over Jul 2005 (% change)	Jan-Jul 2006 (HKD Mn.)	Jan-Jul 2006 over Jan-Jul 2005 (% change)
Total Domestic Exports	13,949	+18.2	80,889	+26.6
Articles of apparel and clothing accessories	5,848	+19.8	32,988	+59.2
Office machines and automatic data processing machines	2,319	+82.5	12,052	+85.1
Electrical machinery, apparatus and appliances, and electrical parts thereof	1,397	-15.4	8,534	-16.2
Miscellaneous manufactured articles (mainly jewellery, goldsmiths' and silversmiths' wares)	1,276	-1.1	8,454	+1.2
Plastics in primary forms	541	+18.8	2,610	-2.5
Textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles and related products	310	-18.4	2,529	-10.5
Metalliferous ores and metal scrap	275	+31.6	1,643	+17.6
Electric current	251	+97.1	1,178	+7.9
Metalworking machinery	149	+44.2	964	+31.8
Tobacco and tobacco manufactures	140	+4.3	953	+4.5



Table 9 : Imports of ten principal commodity divisions

Commodity division	Jul 2006 (HKD Mn.)	Jul 2006 over Jul 2005 (% change)	Jan-Jul 2006 (HKD Mn.)	Jan-Jul 2006 over Jan-Jul 2005 (% change)
Total Imports	224,725	+11.4	1,426,762	+10.9
Electrical machinery, apparatus and appliances, and electrical parts thereof	50,006	+18.9	338,437	+20.2
Telecommunications and sound recording and reproducing apparatus and equipment	26,646	+6.6	181,610	+19.5
Office machines and automatic data processing machines	24,781	+19.3	147,361	+7.1
Miscellaneous manufactured articles (mainly baby carriages, toys, games and sporting goods)	13,470	+10.1	80,417	+5.6
Articles of apparel and clothing accessories	14,728	+0.9	78,504	-0.5
Textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles and related products	9,671	+1.4	64,042	+1.0
Non-metallic mineral manufactures	7,453	-2.8	52,100	+4.1
Plastics in primary forms	8,421	+31.0	45,804	+11.3
Petroleum, petroleum products and related materials	5,111	+19.2	35,416	+35.1
Photographic apparatus, equipment and supplies, optical goods, watches and clocks	5,720	-3.0	33,967	-4.5