

Table 1: External Merchandise Trade Figures for September 2006

(HK\$ Million)

Merchandise trade values for September 2006				
	Domestic Exports		10,950	
	Re-exports		209,140	
	Total Exports		220,090	
	Imports		231,839	
	Trade balance		-11,749	
			Change	
Current month compared with same month in the preceding year	September 2006	September 2005	Value	%
Domestic Exports	10,950	14,351	-3,401	-23.7
(% of Total Exports)	(5.0%)	(6.8%)		
Re-exports	209,140	195,814	+13,326	+6.8
Total Exports	220,090	210,165	+9,925	+4.7
Imports	231,839	214,350	+17,489	+8.2
Trade balance	-11,749	-4,185	-7,564	
Current month compared with last month	September 2006	August 2006		
Domestic Exports	10,950	12,951	-2,001	-15.5
(% of Total Exports)	(5.0%)	(5.7%)		
Re-exports	209,140	213,294	-4,154	-1.9
Total Exports	220,090	226,244	-6,155	-2.7
Imports	231,839	235,637	-3,798	-1.6
Trade balance	-11,749	-9,392	-2,357	
Latest 3 months compared with same period 12 months earlier	Jul-Sep 2006	Jul-Sep 2005		
Domestic Exports	37,827	40,301	-2,474	-6.1
(% of Total Exports)	(5.7%)	(6.6%)		
Re-exports	627,545	573,739	+53,806	+9.4
Total Exports	665,372	614,040	+51,332	+8.4
Imports	691,602	624,807	+66,796	+10.7
Trade balance	-26,231	-10,767	-15,464	
Calendar year-to-date compared with same period in the preceding year	Jan-Sep 2006	Jan-Sep 2005		
Domestic Exports	104,771	92,371	+12,400	+13.4
(% of Total Exports)	(5.9%)	(5.6%)		
Re-exports	1,682,720	1,555,720	+127,001	+8.2
Total Exports	1,787,491	1,648,091	+139,401	+8.5
Imports	1,893,866	1,710,247	+183,620	+10.7
Trade balance	-106,375	-62,156	-44,219	
Last 12 months compared with same period 12 months earlier	Oct 2005 to Sep 2006	Oct 2004 to Sep 2005		
Domestic Exports	148,430	127,248	+21,183	+16.6
(% of Total Exports)	(6.2%)	(5.8%)		
Re-exports	2,241,144	2,068,086	+173,058	+8.4
Total Exports	2,389,574	2,195,334	+194,240	+8.8
Imports	2,513,089	2,266,676	+246,412	+10.9
Trade balance	-123,514	-71,342	-52,172	

Table 2 : Hong Kong's External Merchandise Trade Figures from January 2003 to September 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
	8	12,950.5	-8.4	213,293.9	+11.2	226,244.4	+9.9	235,636.8	+12.3
	9	10,949.5	-23.7	209,140.2	+6.8	220,089.7	+4.7	231,838.9	+8.2

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 September 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
	8	-2.8	+6.3	+5.7	+5.6
	9	-8.8	+7.6	+6.6	+5.2

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

Destination	Sep 2006 (HKD Mn.)	Sep 2006 over Sep 2005 (% change)	Jan-Sep 2006 (HKD Mn.)	Jan-Sep 2006 over Jan-Sep 2005 (% change)
Total Re-exports	209,140	+6.8	1,682,720	+8.2
The mainland of China	99,978	+10.9	806,224	+13.9
United States of America	32,412	+3.7	243,104	+1.4
Japan	10,250	-5.5	85,535	+2.0
Germany	5,726	-0.4	50,593	+1.0
United Kingdom	6,414	+10.2	46,468	+0.4
Korea	4,369	+5.0	37,658	+12.0
Taiwan	4,528	+18.8	34,605	+4.2
Singapore	3,849	+8.2	32,292	+2.9
Netherlands	2,581	-19.6	23,063	-17.5
France	2,611	-1.0	22,820	+1.6

Table 5 : Domestic exports of goods to ten main destinations

Destination	Sep 2006 (HKD Mn.)	Sep 2006 over Sep 2005 (% change)	Jan-Sep 2006 (HKD Mn.)	Jan-Sep 2006 over Jan-Sep 2005 (% change)
Total Domestic Exports	10,950	-23.7	104,771	+13.4
The mainland of China	3,497	-25.1	30,636	-3.9
United States of America	2,964	-33.3	26,103	+1.0
Netherlands	560	+49.0	6,684	+141.9
United Kingdom	632	-41.7	6,308	+55.3
Germany	312	-44.0	4,085	+73.3
Japan	326	-2.6	3,852	+29.9
Taiwan	362	-19.3	3,251	-16.3
Singapore	359	+19.6	3,115	+2.5
Australia	158	-18.7	1,909	+44.7
Korea	130	-13.1	1,365	+15.5

Table 6 : Imports of goods from ten main suppliers

Supplier	Sep 2006 (HKD Mn.)	Sep 2006 over Sep 2005 (% change)	Jan-Sep 2006 (HKD Mn.)	Jan-Sep 2006 over Jan-Sep 2005 (% change)
Total Imports	231,839	+8.2	1,893,866	+10.7
The mainland of China	111,559	+11.1	863,878	+12.6
Japan	23,331	+1.9	195,650	+2.8
Taiwan	17,854	+15.9	143,393	+19.4
Singapore	13,865	+5.6	118,998	+21.7
United States of America	9,935	-2.4	89,900	0.0
Korea	10,033	+6.5	83,973	+13.1
Malaysia	5,010	-1.4	44,656	+5.8
Thailand	4,725	-1.4	39,147	+15.8
Germany	3,421	-11.5	33,077	+9.6
Philippines	3,535	+5.1	29,443	+5.6

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

Table 7 : Re-exports of ten principal commodity divisions

Commodity division	Sep 2006 (HKD Mn.)	Sep 2006 over Sep 2005 (% change)	Jan-Sep 2006 (HKD Mn.)	Jan-Sep 2006 over Jan-Sep 2005 (% change)
Total Re-exports	209,140	+6.8	1,682,720	+8.2
Electrical machinery, apparatus and appliances, and electrical parts thereof	50,953	+32.8	391,233	+23.1
Telecommunications and sound recording and reproducing apparatus and equipment	33,152	-3.6	255,827	+10.3
Office machines and automatic data processing machines	24,404	-13.7	205,234	+1.9
Miscellaneous manufactured articles (mainly baby carriages, toys, games and sporting goods)	17,561	-6.9	130,869	-1.9
Articles of apparel and clothing accessories	16,525	+21.7	120,496	-1.3
Textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles and related products	8,376	-2.5	78,012	+0.7
Photographic apparatus, equipment and supplies, optical goods, watches and clocks	7,842	+5.8	59,233	+0.7
Plastics in primary forms	5,293	+5.3	45,134	+6.1
Non-metallic mineral manufactures	4,956	+18.0	39,730	+13.5
Footwear	3,749	+1.4	35,963	-1.4

Table 8 : Domestic exports of ten principal commodity divisions

Commodity division	Sep 2006 (HKD Mn.)	Sep 2006 over Sep 2005 (% change)	Jan-Sep 2006 (HKD Mn.)	Jan-Sep 2006 over Jan-Sep 2005 (% change)
Total Domestic Exports	10,950	-23.7	104,771	+13.4
Articles of apparel and clothing accessories	4,422	-42.1	42,347	+18.4
Office machines and automatic data processing machines	1,316	+9.1	15,595	+79.1
Miscellaneous manufactured articles (mainly jewellery, goldsmiths' and silversmiths' wares)	1,238	-4.9	10,865	-0.8
Electrical machinery, apparatus and appliances, and electrical parts thereof	955	-35.9	10,813	-19.8
Plastics in primary forms	453	+17.9	3,596	+2.9
Textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles and related products	318	-14.7	3,187	-11.1
Metalliferous ores and metal scrap	277	+41.7	2,228	+25.4
Electric current	177	-8.3	1,598	+14.1
Tobacco and tobacco manufactures	172	+37.7	1,266	+9.6
Non-ferrous metals	170	+87.2	1,234	+7.1

Table 9 : Imports of ten principal commodity divisions

Commodity division	Sep 2006 (HKD Mn.)	Sep 2006 over Sep 2005 (% change)	Jan-Sep 2006 (HKD Mn.)	Jan-Sep 2006 over Jan-Sep 2005 (% change)
Total Imports	231,839	+8.2	1,893,866	+10.7
Electrical machinery, apparatus and appliances, and electrical parts thereof	60,170	+26.3	455,394	+19.9
Telecommunications and sound recording and reproducing apparatus and equipment	31,577	+1.1	240,765	+13.7
Office machines and automatic data processing machines	23,412	-7.6	198,446	+8.9
Miscellaneous manufactured articles (mainly baby carriages, toys, games and sporting goods)	14,418	+4.9	110,060	+6.9
Articles of apparel and clothing accessories	14,722	+4.5	108,378	+0.7
Textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles and related products	8,737	+0.9	81,808	+1.1
Non-metallic mineral manufactures	8,640	0.0	67,545	+2.8
Plastics in primary forms	6,324	-1.6	59,737	+9.9
Petroleum, petroleum products and related materials	4,821	-2.2	46,642	+30.0
Photographic apparatus, equipment and supplies, optical goods, watches and clocks	5,909	+9.0	44,766	-4.0

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