

Table 1: External Merchandise Trade Figures for December 2006

(HK\$ Million)

Merchandise trade values for December 2006				
	Domestic Exports		8,523	
	Re-exports		206,163	
	Total Exports		214,686	
	Imports		235,495	
	Trade balance		-20,809	
			Change	
Current month compared with same month in the preceding year	December 2006	December 2005	Value	%
Domestic Exports	8,523	13,992	-5,469	-39.1
(% of Total Exports)	(4.0%)	(7.4%)		
Re-exports	206,163	174,778	+31,385	+18.0
Total Exports	214,686	188,771	+25,916	+13.7
Imports	235,495	205,628	+29,867	+14.5
Trade balance	-20,809	-16,857	-3,952	
Current month compared with last month	December 2006	November 2006		
Domestic Exports	8,523	9,933	-1,410	-14.2
(% of Total Exports)	(4.0%)	(4.3%)		
Re-exports	206,163	218,944	-12,780	-5.8
Total Exports	214,686	228,876	-14,190	-6.2
Imports	235,495	237,750	-2,255	-0.9
Trade balance	-20,809	-8,874	-11,935	
Latest 3 months compared with same period 12 months earlier	Oct-Dec 2006	Oct-Dec 2005		
Domestic Exports	29,756	43,660	-13,903	-31.8
(% of Total Exports)	(4.4%)	(7.3%)		
Re-exports	643,780	558,423	+85,356	+15.3
Total Exports	673,536	602,083	+71,453	+11.9
Imports	705,938	619,222	+86,715	+14.0
Trade balance	-32,402	-17,139	-15,263	
Last 12 months compared with same period 12 months earlier	Jan 2006 to Dec 2006	Jan 2005 to Dec 2005		
Domestic Exports	134,527	136,030	-1,503	-1.1
(% of Total Exports)	(5.5%)	(6.0%)		
Re-exports	2,326,500	2,114,143	+212,357	+10.0
Total Exports	2,461,027	2,250,174	+210,853	+9.4
Imports	2,599,804	2,329,469	+270,335	+11.6
Trade balance	-138,777	-79,295	-59,482	

Table 2 : Hong Kong's External Merchandise Trade Figures from January 2003 to December 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
	10	11,453.6	-27.0	218,932.2	+10.7	230,385.8	+7.9	233,494.2	+11.2
	11	9,932.6	-29.2	218,943.6	+17.5	228,876.2	+14.2	237,750.4	+16.3
	12	8,522.7	-39.1	206,163.4	+18.0	214,686.1	+13.7	235,495.1	+14.5

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 December 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
	10	-16.5	+7.4	+5.9	+5.2
	11	-20.1	+4.8	+3.4	+3.1
	12	-20.3	+4.4	+3.1	+4.1

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

Destination	Dec 2006 (HKD Mn.)	Dec 2006 over Dec 2005 (% change)	Jan-Dec 2006 (HKD Mn.)	Jan-Dec 2006 over Jan-Dec 2005 (% change)
Total Re-exports	206,163	+18.0	2,326,500	+10.0
The mainland of China	100,066	+20.3	1,115,941	+15.3
United States of America	28,123	+15.3	337,971	+4.7
Japan	9,579	-1.3	115,490	+1.1
Germany	6,501	+13.0	70,753	+3.5
United Kingdom	6,224	+36.8	65,773	+6.2
Korea	3,775	-3.3	50,084	+7.5
Taiwan	4,481	+14.6	47,645	+5.2
Singapore	4,044	+13.7	44,484	+4.8
Netherlands	3,540	+38.5	33,082	-11.2
France	3,008	+12.4	31,841	+4.9

Table 5 : Domestic exports of goods to ten main destinations

Destination	Dec 2006 (HKD Mn.)	Dec 2006 over Dec 2005 (% change)	Jan-Dec 2006 (HKD Mn.)	Jan-Dec 2006 over Jan-Dec 2005 (% change)
Total Domestic Exports	8,523	-39.1	134,527	-1.1
The mainland of China	3,145	-24.3	40,268	-9.8
United States of America	1,651	-48.7	33,159	-12.2
Netherlands	257	-76.1	7,958	+47.7
United Kingdom	429	-59.3	7,859	+7.6
Japan	294	-34.3	4,931	+14.2
Germany	277	-59.1	4,910	+12.8
Taiwan	321	-25.3	4,461	-13.2
Singapore	292	-2.7	4,128	+1.3
Australia	140	-6.6	2,478	+32.6
Korea	143	-6.1	1,789	+8.4

Table 6 : Imports of goods from ten main suppliers

Supplier	Dec 2006 (HKD Mn.)	Dec 2006 over Dec 2005 (% change)	Jan-Dec 2006 (HKD Mn.)	Jan-Dec 2006 over Jan-Dec 2005 (% change)
Total Imports	235,495	+14.5	2,599,804	+11.6
The mainland of China	109,866	+18.4	1,192,952	+13.7
Japan	24,573	+13.2	268,140	+4.5
Taiwan	16,344	+5.1	194,917	+15.9
Singapore	14,309	+10.8	164,837	+21.9
United States of America	11,566	+18.4	123,569	+3.6
Korea	11,705	+26.8	119,647	+16.1
Malaysia	5,436	+3.9	60,339	+5.6
Thailand	4,949	+12.0	53,081	+14.3
Germany	3,887	+5.3	44,428	+8.2
Philippines	3,978	+8.7	40,847	+6.7

Table 7 : Re-exports of ten principal commodity divisions

Commodity division	Dec 2006 (HKD Mn.)	Dec 2006 over Dec 2005 (% change)	Jan-Dec 2006 (HKD Mn.)	Jan-Dec 2006 over Jan-Dec 2005 (% change)
Total Re-exports	206,163	+18.0	2,326,500	+10.0
Electrical machinery, apparatus and appliances, and electrical parts thereof	47,846	+21.6	540,988	+22.3
Telecommunications and sound recording and reproducing apparatus and equipment	32,057	+12.2	358,119	+10.2
Office machines and automatic data processing machines	29,489	+34.6	295,753	+7.6
Miscellaneous manufactured articles (mainly baby carriages, toys, games and sporting goods)	15,669	+16.4	184,301	+1.9
Articles of apparel and clothing accessories	16,230	+49.7	168,296	+7.9
Textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles and related products	8,314	+3.4	103,932	+1.0
Photographic apparatus, equipment and supplies, optical goods, watches and clocks	6,617	-1.5	81,577	+0.9
Plastics in primary forms	5,128	+15.6	61,125	+9.2
Non-metallic mineral manufactures	4,425	+12.9	54,904	+15.3
Footwear	4,003	-4.4	46,737	-2.1

Table 8 : Domestic exports of ten principal commodity divisions

Commodity division	Dec 2006 (HKD Mn.)	Dec 2006 over Dec 2005 (% change)	Jan-Dec 2006 (HKD Mn.)	Jan-Dec 2006 over Jan-Dec 2005 (% change)
Total Domestic Exports	8,523	-39.1	134,527	-1.1
Articles of apparel and clothing accessories	2,723	-57.7	52,233	-7.1
Office machines and automatic data processing machines	771	-58.9	19,482	+42.0
Miscellaneous manufactured articles (mainly jewellery, goldsmiths' and silversmiths' wares)	1,321	+9.7	15,259	+1.5
Electrical machinery, apparatus and appliances, and electrical parts thereof	797	-44.7	13,507	-28.3
Plastics in primary forms	456	+9.6	5,060	+9.0
Textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles and related products	300	-12.1	4,120	-12.3
Metalliferous ores and metal scrap	251	-5.7	3,104	+26.7
Electric current	153	-33.3	1,975	+0.8
Non-ferrous metals	163	+66.9	1,730	+22.6
Tobacco and tobacco manufactures	148	+7.0	1,669	+6.5

Table 9 : Imports of ten principal commodity divisions

Commodity division	Dec 2006 (HKD Mn.)	Dec 2006 over Dec 2005 (% change)	Jan-Dec 2006 (HKD Mn.)	Jan-Dec 2006 over Jan-Dec 2005 (% change)
Total Imports	235,495	+14.5	2,599,804	+11.6
Electrical machinery, apparatus and appliances, and electrical parts thereof	57,537	+15.0	629,143	+18.7
Telecommunications and sound recording and reproducing apparatus and equipment	31,302	+13.0	335,208	+13.4
Office machines and automatic data processing machines	30,923	+41.9	284,995	+13.9
Miscellaneous manufactured articles (mainly baby carriages, toys, games and sporting goods)	13,928	+24.1	155,158	+11.5
Articles of apparel and clothing accessories	13,687	+13.7	146,439	+2.1
Textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles and related products	8,889	+4.8	108,552	+1.2
Non-metallic mineral manufactures	7,362	+2.4	89,694	+3.2
Plastics in primary forms	6,622	+5.7	80,510	+10.5
Petroleum, petroleum products and related materials	3,949	-21.5	62,953	+26.3
Photographic apparatus, equipment and supplies, optical goods, watches and clocks	5,223	-10.0	61,433	-4.1