

Table 1: External Merchandise Trade Statistics for December 2007

(HK\$ Million)

Merchandise trade values for December 2007				
	Domestic Exports	9,075		
	Re-exports	223,180		
	Total Exports	232,256		
	Imports	259,652		
	Trade balance	-27,396		
			Change	
Current month compared with same month in the preceding year	December 2007	December 2006	Value	%
Domestic Exports	9,075	8,523	+553	+6.5
(% of Total Exports)	(3.9%)	(4.0%)		
Re-exports	223,180	206,163	+17,017	+8.3
Total Exports	232,256	214,686	+17,570	+8.2
Imports	259,652	235,495	+24,157	+10.3
Trade balance	-27,396	-20,809	-6,588	
Current month compared with last month	December 2007	November 2007		
Domestic Exports	9,075	10,008	-932	-9.3
(% of Total Exports)	(3.9%)	(4.1%)		
Re-exports	223,180	233,997	-10,817	-4.6
Total Exports	232,256	244,005	-11,749	-4.8
Imports	259,652	259,956	-304	-0.1
Trade balance	-27,396	-15,951	-11,445	
Latest 3 months compared with same period 12 months earlier	Oct-Dec 2007	Oct-Dec 2006		
Domestic Exports	29,543	29,756	-213	-0.7
(% of Total Exports)	(4.1%)	(4.4%)		
Re-exports	699,012	643,780	+55,233	+8.6
Total Exports	728,555	673,536	+55,020	+8.2
Imports	779,745	705,938	+73,807	+10.5
Trade balance	-51,190	-32,402	-18,787	
Last 12 months compared with same period 12 months earlier	Jan 2007 to Dec 2007	Jan 2006 to Dec 2006		
Domestic Exports	109,122	134,527	-25,405	-18.9
(% of Total Exports)	(4.1%)	(5.5%)		
Re-exports	2,578,392	2,326,500	+251,892	+10.8
Total Exports	2,687,513	2,461,027	+226,486	+9.2
Imports	2,868,011	2,599,804	+268,207	+10.3
Trade balance	-180,497	-138,777	-41,720	

Table 2 : Hong Kong's External Merchandise Trade Statistics from January 2004 to December 2007

(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
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
2007	1	8,432.5	-35.8	198,981.6	+12.5	207,414.0	+9.2	211,823.9	+14.1
	2	6,216.4	-34.7	165,172.4	+14.6	171,388.7	+11.6	178,935.3	+1.3
	3	7,569.9	-29.1	199,265.7	+9.0	206,835.5	+6.9	235,156.4	+11.1
	4	8,611.4	-16.1	203,994.0	+14.3	212,605.4	+12.6	233,203.4	+14.7
	5	9,241.8	-19.9	207,349.2	+14.1	216,591.0	+12.1	230,868.5	+11.1
	6	9,625.3	-18.4	215,046.5	+13.0	224,671.8	+11.1	244,100.7	+13.0
	7	10,453.6	-25.1	228,071.9	+10.9	238,525.6	+8.6	246,710.9	+9.8
	8	9,674.7	-25.3	233,477.4	+9.5	243,152.0	+7.5	256,828.2	+9.0
	9	9,818.7	-10.3	228,872.5	+9.4	238,691.2	+8.5	253,452.3	+9.3
	10	10,482.8	-8.5	242,534.7	+10.8	253,017.5	+9.8	261,673.2	+12.1
	11	10,007.7	+0.8	233,997.4	+6.9	244,005.1	+6.6	259,956.3	+9.3
	12	9,075.5	+6.5	223,180.4	+8.3	232,255.9	+8.2	259,652.4	+10.3

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 Statistics from January 2004 to December 2007

Year	Month	Change of the latest 3-month period over the preceding 3-month period (%)			
		Domestic Exports	Re-exports	Total Exports	Imports
2004	1	-3.0	+5.2	+4.6	+6.8
	2	-0.5	+5.0	+4.7	+5.2
	3	+0.4	+4.2	+3.9	+4.9
	4	+8.5	+8.5	+8.5	+7.7
	5	+7.9	+7.0	+7.1	+7.0
	6	+6.3	+6.5	+6.5	+5.4
	7	-0.6	+3.0	+2.8	+1.8
	8	-1.0	+2.5	+2.3	+1.0
	9	-2.4	+0.6	+0.4	-0.2
	10	+0.6	+0.6	+0.6	+0.2
	11	+1.8	+0.7	+0.8	-0.1
	12	+2.1	+3.8	+3.7	+1.8
2005	1	-2.3	+5.1	+4.7	+2.9
	2	-8.6	+4.2	+3.4	+2.9
	3	-10.8	+1.3	+0.6	+1.3
	4	-8.8	-1.8	-2.2	-1.3
	5	+1.3	+3.4	+3.2	+3.9
	6	+7.3	+6.3	+6.4	+6.7
	7	+10.3	+8.8	+8.9	+8.8
	8	+9.9	+2.6	+3.0	+2.4
	9	+17.7	+0.8	+1.7	+1.3
	10	+25.5	+0.4	+1.8	+1.3
	11	+24.6	+1.6	+3.0	+2.9
	12	+11.9	+0.2	+0.9	+1.7
2006	1	+2.3	+0.1	+0.2	+1.9
	2	-3.1	+0.9	+0.6	+3.1
	3	-3.8	+2.8	+2.3	+3.8
	4	-6.4	+2.7	+2.1	+2.9
	5	-8.0	+1.7	+1.0	+0.7
	6	-7.5	+1.5	+0.9	+0.8
	7	-5.6	+1.6	+1.2	+1.3
	8	-4.7	+4.4	+3.9	+4.1
	9	-8.7	+4.9	+4.1	+4.3
	10	-13.9	+5.1	+4.0	+4.4
	11	-16.6	+4.1	+2.9	+3.4
	12	-18.7	+4.8	+3.6	+4.3
2007	1	-17.5	+3.2	+2.2	+0.8
	2	-13.8	+4.3	+3.5	+1.4
	3	-0.8	+1.0	+0.9	-0.2
	4	+13.1	+4.3	+4.7	+7.0
	5	+17.5	-0.9	-0.2	+3.1
	6	+13.1	+2.3	+2.8	+4.2
	7	+0.6	-0.1	-0.1	-0.6
	8	-7.6	+3.5	+3.0	+2.4
	9	-11.7	+0.8	+0.2	+0.7
	10	-8.9	+1.9	+1.4	+2.4
	11	+1.8	+1.7	+1.7	+3.1
	12	+0.7	+3.9	+3.8	+5.3

Table 4 : Total Exports of Goods to Ten Main Destinations

Destination	Dec 2007 (HKD Mn.)	Dec 2007 over Dec 2006 (% change)	Jan-Dec 2007 (HKD Mn.)	Jan-Dec 2007 over Jan-Dec 2006 (% change)
Total Exports	232,256	+8.2	2,687,513	+9.2
The mainland of China	111,909	+8.4	1,308,332	+13.2
United States of America	30,105	+1.1	368,202	-0.8
Japan	10,216	+3.5	119,568	-0.7
Germany	7,070	+4.3	81,119	+7.2
United Kingdom	6,592	-0.9	74,862	+1.7
Taiwan	4,554	-5.2	52,934	+1.6
Korea	4,384	+11.9	52,930	+2.0
Singapore	4,292	-1.0	50,450	+3.8
Netherlands	4,238	+11.6	44,420	+8.2
France	3,452	+10.5	35,573	+6.7

Table 5 : Imports of Goods from Ten Main Suppliers

Supplier	Dec 2007 (HKD Mn.)	Dec 2007 over Dec 2006 (% change)	Jan-Dec 2007 (HKD Mn.)	Jan-Dec 2007 over Jan-Dec 2006 (% change)
Total Imports	259,652	+10.3	2,868,011	+10.3
The mainland of China	120,359	+9.6	1,329,652	+11.5
Japan	26,136	+6.4	287,329	+7.2
Taiwan	17,878	+9.4	205,102	+5.2
Singapore	17,668	+23.5	194,775	+18.2
United States of America	13,712	+18.6	138,768	+12.3
Korea	10,226	-12.6	119,393	-0.2
Malaysia	5,539	+1.9	62,818	+4.1
Thailand	5,208	+5.2	57,373	+8.1
Germany	4,422	+13.8	48,048	+8.1
Philippines	4,254	+7.0	47,788	+17.0

Table 6 : Total Exports of Ten Principal Commodity Divisions

Commodity division	Dec 2007 (HKD Mn.)	Dec 2007 over Dec 2006 (% change)	Jan-Dec 2007 (HKD Mn.)	Jan-Dec 2007 over Jan-Dec 2006 (% change)
Total Exports	232,256	+8.2	2,687,513	+9.2
Electrical machinery, apparatus and appliances, and electrical parts thereof	54,408	+12.2	650,489	+17.6
Telecommunications and sound recording and reproducing apparatus and equipment	41,658	+27.9	436,004	+20.2
Office machines and automatic data processing machines	22,336	-25.4	261,760	-16.2
Miscellaneous manufactured articles (mainly baby carriages, toys, games and sporting goods)	19,785	+15.5	244,094	+21.4
Articles of apparel and clothing accessories	19,294	+1.8	224,403	+1.8
Textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles and related products	8,208	-4.7	104,674	-3.1
Photographic apparatus, equipment and supplies, optical goods, watches and clocks	7,875	+17.9	88,894	+8.0
Plastics in primary forms	5,704	+2.1	71,893	+8.6
Non-metallic mineral manufactures	6,723	+50.8	68,181	+23.0
Professional, scientific and controlling instruments and apparatus	4,844	+41.4	50,653	+20.1

Table 7 : Imports of Ten Principal Commodity Divisions

Commodity division	Dec 2007 (HKD Mn.)	Dec 2007 over Dec 2006 (% change)	Jan-Dec 2007 (HKD Mn.)	Jan-Dec 2007 over Jan-Dec 2006 (% change)
Total Imports	259,652	+10.3	2,868,011	+10.3
Electrical machinery, apparatus and appliances, and electrical parts thereof	65,831	+14.7	740,115	+17.8
Telecommunications and sound recording and reproducing apparatus and equipment	37,463	+18.1	385,444	+13.5
Office machines and automatic data processing machines	21,874	-28.5	249,433	-11.4
Miscellaneous manufactured articles (mainly baby carriages, toys, games and sporting goods)	18,114	+28.9	205,240	+31.4
Articles of apparel and clothing accessories	13,046	-4.7	149,387	+2.0
Textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles and related products	8,378	-5.8	105,775	-2.6
Non-metallic mineral manufactures	8,543	+16.1	101,903	+13.6
Plastics in primary forms	6,624	+0.0	81,318	+1.0
Petroleum, petroleum products and related materials	8,559	+116.8	73,859	+17.3
Photographic apparatus, equipment and supplies, optical goods, watches and clocks	6,733	+29.0	71,966	+17.4

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