

Table 1: External Merchandise Trade Statistics for February 2008

(HK\$ Million)

Merchandise trade values for February 2008				
	Domestic Exports	6,282		
	Re-exports	178,108		
	Total Exports	184,390		
	Imports	200,213		
	Trade balance	-15,823		
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			Change	
Current month compared with same month in the preceding year	February 2008	February 2007	Value	%
Domestic Exports	6,282	6,216	+66	+1.1
(% of Total Exports)	(3.4%)	(3.6%)		
Re-exports	178,108	165,172	+12,935	+7.8
Total Exports	184,390	171,389	+13,001	+7.6
Imports	200,213	178,935	+21,277	+11.9
Trade balance	-15,823	-7,547	-8,276	
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Current month compared with last month	February 2008	January 2008		
Domestic Exports	6,282	8,500	-2,218	-26.1
(% of Total Exports)	(3.4%)	(3.5%)		
Re-exports	178,108	231,596	-53,488	-23.1
Total Exports	184,390	240,096	-55,707	-23.2
Imports	200,213	247,553	-47,340	-19.1
Trade balance	-15,823	-7,456	-8,366	
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Latest 3 months compared with same period 12 months earlier	Dec 2007 to Feb 2008	Dec 2006 to Feb 2007		
Domestic Exports	23,851	23,115	+737	+3.2
(% of Total Exports)	(3.6%)	(3.9%)		
Re-exports	632,596	570,235	+62,361	+10.9
Total Exports	656,447	593,350	+63,097	+10.6
Imports	707,017	625,832	+81,185	+13.0
Trade balance	-50,570	-32,482	-18,088	
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Calendar year-to-date compared with same period in the preceding year	Jan-Feb 2008	Jan-Feb 2007		
Domestic Exports	14,779	14,652	+127	+0.9
(% of Total Exports)	(3.5%)	(3.9%)		
Re-exports	409,672	364,134	+45,538	+12.5
Total Exports	424,452	378,786	+45,665	+12.1
Imports	447,725	390,703	+57,022	+14.6
Trade balance	-23,273	-11,916	-11,357	
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Last 12 months compared with same period 12 months earlier	Mar 2007 to Feb 2008	Mar 2006 to Feb 2007		
Domestic Exports	109,249	126,529	-17,279	-13.7
(% of Total Exports)	(4.0%)	(5.1%)		
Re-exports	2,623,930	2,369,683	+254,247	+10.7
Total Exports	2,733,179	2,496,212	+236,967	+9.5
Imports	2,925,033	2,628,238	+296,796	+11.3
Trade balance	-191,854	-132,026	-59,829	

Table 2 : Hong Kong's External Merchandise Trade Statistics from January 2005 to February 2008

(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
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
2008	1	8,500.2	+0.8	231,596.1	+16.4	240,096.2	+15.8	247,552.6	+16.9
	2	6,282.0	+1.1	178,107.7	+7.8	184,389.7	+7.6	200,212.6	+11.9

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 2005 to February 2008

Year	Month	Change of the latest 3-month period over the preceding 3-month period (%)			
		Domestic Exports	Re-exports	Total Exports	Imports
2005	1	-1.7	+5.3	+4.9	+3.4
	2	-8.1	+3.8	+3.1	+2.8
	3	-10.4	+0.4	-0.3	+1.3
	4	-9.7	-2.6	-3.1	-2.2
	5	-0.2	+3.8	+3.6	+4.3
	6	+5.3	+8.3	+8.1	+6.9
	7	+10.5	+10.0	+10.0	+9.6
	8	+11.6	+2.8	+3.3	+2.4
	9	+19.7	+0.3	+1.3	+1.4
	10	+25.0	+0.3	+1.6	+1.2
	11	+23.2	+1.5	+2.8	+2.6
	12	+12.2	-0.4	+0.4	+1.1
2006	1	+4.2	-0.4	-0.1	+1.8
	2	-1.4	+0.1	-0.0	+2.6
	3	-3.2	+3.0	+2.5	+3.9
	4	-7.7	+2.7	+1.9	+2.4
	5	-9.9	+2.6	+1.7	+1.7
	6	-10.7	+1.6	+0.8	+1.1
	7	-6.5	+2.2	+1.7	+2.1
	8	-4.5	+4.4	+3.8	+3.9
	9	-6.2	+5.3	+4.7	+4.7
	10	-13.0	+5.1	+4.0	+4.3
	11	-16.3	+3.9	+2.8	+3.2
	12	-18.4	+4.2	+3.0	+3.3
2007	1	-15.5	+3.1	+2.2	+1.0
	2	-11.3	+3.4	+2.7	+0.9
	3	-0.6	+0.9	+0.8	-0.2
	4	+8.3	+3.0	+3.3	+5.0
	5	+11.3	+0.2	+0.7	+3.9
	6	+8.4	+2.7	+3.0	+4.7
	7	+1.0	+1.4	+1.3	+1.3
	8	-5.2	+3.0	+2.7	+2.3
	9	-8.7	+1.3	+0.9	+1.1
	10	-6.8	+1.7	+1.3	+2.2
	11	+1.6	+1.7	+1.7	+2.7
	12	+1.2	+2.9	+2.8	+4.1
2008	1	+2.2	+4.5	+4.4	+5.0
	2	-4.7	+3.9	+3.6	+1.9

Table 4 : Total Exports of Goods to Ten Main Destinations

Destination	Feb 2008 (HKD Mn.)	Feb 2008 over Feb 2007 (% change)	Jan-Feb 2008 (HKD Mn.)	Jan-Feb 2008 over Jan-Feb 2007 (% change)
Total Exports	184,390	+7.6	424,452	+12.1
The mainland of China	86,925	+14.0	204,792	+17.6
United States of America	21,598	-12.5	50,805	-6.1
Japan	8,889	-0.6	19,017	+3.2
Germany	6,285	+10.1	14,127	+13.9
United Kingdom	4,559	-15.9	10,957	-5.7
Singapore	4,384	+34.1	9,064	+16.9
India	3,873	+126.6	8,464	+133.6
Korea	3,853	+5.4	8,406	+10.7
Taiwan	3,504	+4.9	8,184	+2.8
Netherlands	3,235	+6.0	7,426	+11.3

Table 5 : Imports of Goods from Ten Main Suppliers

Supplier	Feb 2008 (HKD Mn.)	Feb 2008 over Feb 2007 (% change)	Jan-Feb 2008 (HKD Mn.)	Jan-Feb 2008 over Jan-Feb 2007 (% change)
Total Imports	200,213	+11.9	447,725	+14.6
The mainland of China	83,393	+5.4	200,185	+12.8
Japan	22,372	+8.3	45,588	+10.7
Singapore	14,431	+14.2	30,825	+14.7
Taiwan	12,400	+4.2	29,763	+15.8
United States of America	10,060	+14.4	22,955	+9.2
Korea	8,491	+2.8	17,105	-0.3
Malaysia	4,935	+20.7	10,367	+24.6
Thailand	4,813	+32.1	10,065	+32.2
India	4,810	+75.8	9,946	+64.8
Philippines	3,623	+11.8	8,016	+25.8

Table 6 : Total Exports of Ten Principal Commodity Divisions

Commodity division	Feb 2008 (HKD Mn.)	Feb 2008 over Feb 2007 (% change)	Jan-Feb 2008 (HKD Mn.)	Jan-Feb 2008 over Jan-Feb 2007 (% change)
Total Exports	184,390	+7.6	424,452	+12.1
Electrical machinery, apparatus and appliances, and electrical parts thereof	44,562	-0.7	102,484	+14.4
Telecommunications and sound recording and reproducing apparatus and equipment	31,041	+19.0	72,220	+37.5
Office machines and automatic data processing machines	21,425	+26.5	45,698	+6.3
Miscellaneous manufactured articles (mainly baby carriages, toys, games and sporting goods)	14,789	+3.4	35,287	+10.2
Articles of apparel and clothing accessories	13,648	-16.4	32,832	-9.9
Photographic apparatus, equipment and supplies, optical goods, watches and clocks	5,730	-4.2	13,781	+1.0
Non-metallic mineral manufactures	5,633	+43.6	13,210	+49.7
Textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles and related products	5,298	+0.9	12,606	-3.5
Plastics in primary forms	3,939	+6.0	10,200	+9.1
Footwear	3,157	-5.3	7,805	-4.0

Table 7 : Imports of Ten Principal Commodity Divisions

Commodity division	Feb 2008 (HKD Mn.)	Feb 2008 over Feb 2007 (% change)	Jan-Feb 2008 (HKD Mn.)	Jan-Feb 2008 over Jan-Feb 2007 (% change)
Total Imports	200,213	+11.9	447,725	+14.6
Electrical machinery, apparatus and appliances, and electrical parts thereof	49,859	-2.4	110,437	+12.4
Telecommunications and sound recording and reproducing apparatus and equipment	27,924	+31.3	63,367	+40.7
Office machines and automatic data processing machines	19,262	+28.1	41,526	+13.7
Miscellaneous manufactured articles (mainly baby carriages, toys, games and sporting goods)	13,643	+16.4	32,072	+20.8
Articles of apparel and clothing accessories	7,537	-19.9	20,670	-6.0
Non-metallic mineral manufactures	10,016	+39.6	19,712	+37.6
Petroleum, petroleum products and related materials	7,067	+37.6	13,396	+20.9
Textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles and related products	5,348	+1.4	12,284	-4.1
Plastics in primary forms	5,475	+15.4	11,850	+5.2
Photographic apparatus, equipment and supplies, optical goods, watches and clocks	5,228	+23.9	11,395	+18.3