

**Table 1: External Merchandise Trade Statistics for March 2008**

(HK\$ Million)

<b>Merchandise trade values for March 2008</b>				
	Domestic Exports		7,491	
	Re-exports		215,041	
	Total Exports		222,532	
	Imports		250,655	
	Trade balance		-28,123	
			<b>Change</b>	
<b>Current month compared with same month in the preceding year</b>	<b>March 2008</b>	<b>March 2007</b>	<b>Value</b>	<b>%</b>
Domestic Exports	7,491	7,570	-79	-1.0
(% of Total Exports)	(3.4%)	(3.7%)		
Re-exports	215,041	199,266	+15,775	+7.9
Total Exports	222,532	206,836	+15,696	+7.6
Imports	250,655	235,156	+15,499	+6.6
Trade balance	-28,123	-28,321	+197	
<b>Current month compared with last month</b>	<b>March 2008</b>	<b>February 2008</b>		
Domestic Exports	7,491	6,282	+1,209	+19.2
(% of Total Exports)	(3.4%)	(3.4%)		
Re-exports	215,041	178,108	+36,933	+20.7
Total Exports	222,532	184,390	+38,142	+20.7
Imports	250,655	200,213	+50,443	+25.2
Trade balance	-28,123	-15,823	-12,301	
<b>Latest 3 months compared with same period 12 months earlier</b>	<b>Jan-Mar 2008</b>	<b>Jan-Mar 2007</b>		
Domestic Exports	22,266	22,198	+68	+0.3
(% of Total Exports)	(3.4%)	(3.8%)		
Re-exports	624,489	563,345	+61,144	+10.9
Total Exports	646,755	585,543	+61,212	+10.5
Imports	698,235	625,815	+72,420	+11.6
Trade balance	-51,480	-40,272	-11,208	
<b>Last 12 months compared with same period 12 months earlier</b>	<b>Apr 2007 to Mar 2008</b>	<b>Apr 2006 to Mar 2007</b>		
Domestic Exports	109,190	123,405	-14,216	-11.5
(% of Total Exports)	(4.0%)	(4.9%)		
Re-exports	2,639,536	2,386,178	+253,358	+10.6
Total Exports	2,748,726	2,509,583	+239,143	+9.5
Imports	2,940,431	2,651,722	+288,709	+10.9
Trade balance	-191,705	-142,139	-49,566	

**Table 2 : Hong Kong's External Merchandise Trade Statistics from January 2005 to March 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
	3	7,490.8	-1.0	215,040.9	+7.9	222,531.6	+7.6	250,655.1	+6.6

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 March 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
	3	-0.6	+2.1	+2.0	+0.0

**Table 4 : Total Exports of Goods to Ten Main Destinations**

Destination	Mar 2008 (HKD Mn.)	Mar 2008 over Mar 2007 (% change)	Jan-Mar 2008 (HKD Mn.)	Jan-Mar 2008 over Jan-Mar 2007 (% change)
Total Exports	222,532	+7.6	646,755	+10.5
The mainland of China	107,766	+0.6	312,485	+11.1
United States of America	26,941	+10.5	77,692	-1.0
Japan	10,106	-10.2	29,114	-1.9
Germany	6,819	+25.9	20,940	+17.5
United Kingdom	5,730	+17.7	16,684	+1.2
Singapore	4,997	+28.5	14,052	+20.7
India	5,012	+83.7	13,474	+112.2
Korea	4,445	-4.8	12,848	+4.8
Taiwan	4,676	+4.4	12,839	+3.2
Netherlands	3,356	+3.8	10,780	+8.8

**Table 5 : Imports of Goods from Ten Main Suppliers**

Supplier	Mar 2008 (HKD Mn.)	Mar 2008 over Mar 2007 (% change)	Jan-Mar 2008 (HKD Mn.)	Jan-Mar 2008 over Jan-Mar 2007 (% change)
Total Imports	250,655	+6.6	698,235	+11.6
The mainland of China	110,980	+5.8	311,109	+10.2
Japan	25,888	+6.0	71,455	+8.9
Singapore	16,862	+2.2	47,680	+10.0
Taiwan	16,602	+0.6	46,348	+9.8
United States of America	12,070	+5.1	35,013	+7.7
Korea	10,134	+5.8	27,234	+1.9
India	6,588	+33.2	16,530	+50.6
Thailand	5,599	+20.8	15,658	+27.8
Malaysia	5,215	+2.0	15,581	+16.1
Philippines	4,392	-0.6	12,406	+15.0

**Table 6 : Total Exports of Ten Principal Commodity Divisions**

Commodity division	Mar 2008 (HKD Mn.)	Mar 2008 over Mar 2007 (% change)	Jan-Mar 2008 (HKD Mn.)	Jan-Mar 2008 over Jan-Mar 2007 (% change)
Total Exports	222,532	+7.6	646,755	+10.5
Electrical machinery, apparatus and appliances, and electrical parts thereof	53,979	+1.5	156,427	+9.6
Telecommunications and sound recording and reproducing apparatus and equipment	36,008	-3.3	108,185	+20.5
Office machines and automatic data processing machines	21,078	+8.9	66,703	+7.0
Miscellaneous manufactured articles (mainly baby carriages, toys, games and sporting goods)	19,292	+13.5	54,561	+11.3
Articles of apparel and clothing accessories	13,260	+21.6	46,080	-2.6
Non-metallic mineral manufactures	9,734	+60.2	22,946	+54.0
Textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles and related products	8,622	-4.1	21,215	-3.8
Photographic apparatus, equipment and supplies, optical goods, watches and clocks	6,709	+7.5	20,487	+3.0
Plastics in primary forms	6,331	-0.1	16,528	+5.4
Power generating machinery and equipment	4,858	+82.4	12,333	+42.7

**Table 7 : Imports of Ten Principal Commodity Divisions**

Commodity division	Mar 2008 (HKD Mn.)	Mar 2008 over Mar 2007 (% change)	Jan-Mar 2008 (HKD Mn.)	Jan-Mar 2008 over Jan-Mar 2007 (% change)
Total Imports	250,655	+6.6	698,235	+11.6
Electrical machinery, apparatus and appliances, and electrical parts thereof	63,026	+3.6	173,420	+9.0
Telecommunications and sound recording and reproducing apparatus and equipment	34,126	-4.3	97,478	+20.8
Office machines and automatic data processing machines	21,327	+10.0	62,831	+12.4
Miscellaneous manufactured articles (mainly baby carriages, toys, games and sporting goods)	18,197	+12.7	50,262	+17.8
Non-metallic mineral manufactures	12,158	+24.6	31,862	+32.3
Articles of apparel and clothing accessories	9,479	+5.6	30,144	-2.7
Textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles and related products	9,070	-1.3	21,343	-2.9
Petroleum, petroleum products and related materials	7,369	+35.3	20,765	+25.7
Plastics in primary forms	7,203	+2.0	19,050	+4.0
Photographic apparatus, equipment and supplies, optical goods, watches and clocks	6,086	+14.7	17,477	+17.0