

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

(HK\$ Million)

<b>Merchandise trade values for April 2008</b>				
	Domestic Exports		7,753	
	Re-exports		235,647	
	Total Exports		243,401	
	Imports		259,621	
	Trade balance		-16,221	
			<b>Change</b>	
<b>Current month compared with same month in the preceding year</b>	<b>April 2008</b>	<b>April 2007</b>	<b>Value</b>	<b>%</b>
Domestic Exports	7,753	8,611	-858	-10.0
(% of Total Exports)	(3.2%)	(4.1%)		
Re-exports	235,647	203,994	+31,653	+15.5
Total Exports	243,401	212,605	+30,795	+14.5
Imports	259,621	233,203	+26,418	+11.3
Trade balance	-16,221	-20,598	+4,377	
<b>Current month compared with last month</b>	<b>April 2008</b>	<b>March 2008</b>		
Domestic Exports	7,753	7,491	+263	+3.5
(% of Total Exports)	(3.2%)	(3.4%)		
Re-exports	235,647	215,041	+20,607	+9.6
Total Exports	243,401	222,532	+20,869	+9.4
Imports	259,621	250,655	+8,966	+3.6
Trade balance	-16,221	-28,123	+11,903	
<b>Latest 3 months compared with same period 12 months earlier</b>	<b>Feb-Apr 2008</b>	<b>Feb-Apr 2007</b>		
Domestic Exports	21,497	22,369	-872	-3.9
(% of Total Exports)	(3.3%)	(3.8%)		
Re-exports	628,316	568,279	+60,037	+10.6
Total Exports	649,813	590,648	+59,165	+10.0
Imports	710,074	647,087	+62,987	+9.7
Trade balance	-60,261	-56,439	-3,822	
<b>Calendar year-to-date compared with same period in the preceding year</b>	<b>Jan-Apr 2008</b>	<b>Jan-Apr 2007</b>		
Domestic Exports	29,997	30,801	-804	-2.6
(% of Total Exports)	(3.4%)	(3.9%)		
Re-exports	859,912	767,261	+92,651	+12.1
Total Exports	889,909	798,062	+91,847	+11.5
Imports	957,626	858,911	+98,715	+11.5
Trade balance	-67,717	-60,849	-6,868	
<b>Last 12 months compared with same period 12 months earlier</b>	<b>May 2007 to Apr 2008</b>	<b>May 2006 to Apr 2007</b>		
Domestic Exports	108,318	121,745	-13,427	-11.0
(% of Total Exports)	(3.9%)	(4.8%)		
Re-exports	2,671,043	2,411,661	+259,382	+10.8
Total Exports	2,779,361	2,533,405	+245,955	+9.7
Imports	2,966,726	2,681,697	+285,029	+10.6
Trade balance	-187,366	-148,292	-39,074	

**Table 2 : Hong Kong's External Merchandise Trade Statistics from January 2005 to April 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
	4	7,753.3	-10.0	235,647.4	+15.5	243,400.7	+14.5	259,621.4	+11.3

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 2005 to April 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
	4	-1.2	+1.0	+0.9	-2.0

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

Destination	Apr 2008 (HKD Mn.)	Apr 2008 over Apr 2007 (% change)	Jan-Apr 2008 (HKD Mn.)	Jan-Apr 2008 over Jan-Apr 2007 (% change)
Total Exports	243,401	+14.5	889,909	+11.5
The mainland of China	122,233	+17.4	434,653	+12.8
United States of America	28,820	-1.8	106,467	-1.3
Japan	10,101	-2.4	39,201	-2.1
Germany	7,745	+25.7	28,722	+19.8
United Kingdom	6,009	+4.5	22,688	+2.0
Singapore	4,713	+25.4	18,730	+21.6
India	4,860	+92.4	18,337	+106.6
Taiwan	4,858	+16.5	17,685	+6.5
Korea	4,750	+7.8	17,590	+5.6
Netherlands	3,887	+18.7	14,611	+10.8

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

Supplier	Apr 2008 (HKD Mn.)	Apr 2008 over Apr 2007 (% change)	Jan-Apr 2008 (HKD Mn.)	Jan-Apr 2008 over Jan-Apr 2007 (% change)
Total Imports	259,621	+11.3	957,626	+11.5
The mainland of China	118,117	+8.0	429,128	+9.6
Japan	26,665	+11.2	98,092	+9.5
Taiwan	17,745	+9.1	64,102	+9.6
Singapore	16,204	+4.5	63,878	+8.5
United States of America	12,798	+16.8	47,811	+10.0
Korea	10,045	+9.2	37,267	+3.7
India	5,210	+41.5	21,720	+48.2
Malaysia	5,803	+17.1	21,374	+16.3
Thailand	5,159	+11.9	20,806	+23.4
Germany	4,945	+24.9	17,267	+17.6

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

Commodity division	Apr 2008 (HKD Mn.)	Apr 2008 over Apr 2007 (% change)	Jan-Apr 2008 (HKD Mn.)	Jan-Apr 2008 over Jan-Apr 2007 (% change)
Total Exports	243,401	+14.5	889,909	+11.5
Electrical machinery, apparatus and appliances, and electrical parts thereof	59,370	+16.1	215,719	+11.3
Telecommunications and sound recording and reproducing apparatus and equipment	40,228	+18.9	148,363	+20.0
Office machines and automatic data processing machines	24,823	+22.3	91,483	+10.7
Miscellaneous manufactured articles (mainly baby carriages, toys, games and sporting goods)	21,200	+12.6	75,742	+11.7
Articles of apparel and clothing accessories	14,319	-4.4	60,386	-3.0
Non-metallic mineral manufactures	8,538	+65.9	31,499	+57.1
Textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles and related products	9,998	-1.0	31,209	-2.9
Photographic apparatus, equipment and supplies, optical goods, watches and clocks	8,088	+8.4	28,566	+4.5
Plastics in primary forms	6,409	+5.6	22,933	+5.4
Professional, scientific and controlling instruments and apparatus	5,465	+30.8	17,328	+7.8

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

Commodity division	Apr 2008 (HKD Mn.)	Apr 2008 over Apr 2007 (% change)	Jan-Apr 2008 (HKD Mn.)	Jan-Apr 2008 over Jan-Apr 2007 (% change)
Total Imports	259,621	+11.3	957,626	+11.5
Electrical machinery, apparatus and appliances, and electrical parts thereof	64,675	+11.9	238,029	+9.8
Telecommunications and sound recording and reproducing apparatus and equipment	34,034	+6.9	131,493	+16.8
Office machines and automatic data processing machines	23,506	+13.1	86,318	+12.6
Miscellaneous manufactured articles (mainly baby carriages, toys, games and sporting goods)	18,375	+15.9	68,627	+17.3
Non-metallic mineral manufactures	10,328	+31.5	42,150	+32.0
Articles of apparel and clothing accessories	10,447	-1.0	40,585	-2.3
Textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles and related products	10,384	-0.8	31,720	-2.3
Petroleum, petroleum products and related materials	6,606	+6.4	27,371	+20.4
Plastics in primary forms	7,042	+0.4	26,089	+3.0
Photographic apparatus, equipment and supplies, optical goods, watches and clocks	6,707	+13.2	24,180	+15.9