

Table 1: External Merchandise Trade Statistics for May 2008

(HK\$ Million)

Merchandise trade values for May 2008				
	Domestic Exports	8,129		
	Re-exports	230,813		
	Total Exports	238,942		
	Imports	266,397		
	Trade balance	-27,455		
			Change	
Current month compared with same month in the preceding year	May 2008	May 2007	Value	%
Domestic Exports	8,129	9,242	-1,113	-12.0
(% of Total Exports)	(3.4%)	(4.3%)		
Re-exports	230,813	207,349	+23,464	+11.3
Total Exports	238,942	216,591	+22,351	+10.3
Imports	266,397	230,868	+35,528	+15.4
Trade balance	-27,455	-14,277	-13,178	
Current month compared with last month	May 2008	April 2008		
Domestic Exports	8,129	7,753	+375	+4.8
(% of Total Exports)	(3.4%)	(3.2%)		
Re-exports	230,813	235,647	-4,834	-2.1
Total Exports	238,942	243,401	-4,459	-1.8
Imports	266,397	259,621	+6,775	+2.6
Trade balance	-27,455	-16,221	-11,234	
Latest 3 months compared with same period 12 months earlier	Mar-May 2008	Mar-May 2007		
Domestic Exports	23,343	25,372	-2,029	-8.0
(% of Total Exports)	(3.3%)	(4.0%)		
Re-exports	680,694	610,337	+70,358	+11.5
Total Exports	704,038	635,709	+68,329	+10.7
Imports	775,963	698,926	+77,037	+11.0
Trade balance	-71,926	-63,218	-8,708	
Calendar year-to-date compared with same period in the preceding year	Jan-May 2008	Jan-May 2007		
Domestic Exports	38,123	40,024	-1,901	-4.8
(% of Total Exports)	(3.4%)	(3.9%)		
Re-exports	1,090,367	974,471	+115,896	+11.9
Total Exports	1,128,490	1,014,495	+113,995	+11.2
Imports	1,223,688	1,089,629	+134,060	+12.3
Trade balance	-95,199	-75,134	-20,065	
Last 12 months compared with same period 12 months earlier	Jun 2007 to May 2008	Jun 2006 to May 2007		
Domestic Exports	107,221	119,385	-12,164	-10.2
(% of Total Exports)	(3.8%)	(4.7%)		
Re-exports	2,694,288	2,436,156	+258,132	+10.6
Total Exports	2,801,508	2,555,540	+245,968	+9.6
Imports	3,002,070	2,702,948	+299,122	+11.1
Trade balance	-200,562	-147,408	-53,154	

Table 2 : Hong Kong's External Merchandise Trade Statistics from January 2005 to May 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
	5	8,128.5	-12.0	230,813.0	+11.3	238,941.6	+10.3	266,396.5	+15.4

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 May 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
	5	+0.8	+3.0	+2.9	+4.3

Table 4 : Total Exports of Goods to Ten Main Destinations

Destination	May 2008 (HKD Mn.)	May 2008 over May 2007 (% change)	Jan-May 2008 (HKD Mn.)	Jan-May 2008 over Jan-May 2007 (% change)
Total Exports	238,942	+10.3	1,128,490	+11.2
The mainland of China	119,859	+12.7	554,434	+12.8
United States of America	28,205	-2.3	134,630	-1.5
Japan	10,072	+6.5	49,246	-0.4
Germany	7,624	+14.1	36,331	+18.6
United Kingdom	5,687	+4.9	28,365	+2.6
Singapore	4,729	+19.9	23,454	+21.3
India	4,327	+75.3	22,656	+99.7
Taiwan	4,533	-1.8	22,205	+4.6
Korea	4,280	-4.9	21,853	+3.3
Netherlands	3,419	-7.7	18,013	+6.7

Table 5 : Imports of Goods from Ten Main Suppliers

Supplier	May 2008 (HKD Mn.)	May 2008 over May 2007 (% change)	Jan-May 2008 (HKD Mn.)	Jan-May 2008 over Jan-May 2007 (% change)
Total Imports	266,397	+15.4	1,223,688	+12.3
The mainland of China	118,283	+11.0	547,291	+9.9
Japan	25,422	+10.9	123,492	+9.8
Singapore	18,913	+20.5	82,758	+11.0
Taiwan	17,740	+0.8	81,823	+7.6
United States of America	14,237	+31.6	62,017	+14.3
Korea	11,809	+30.9	49,055	+9.1
Malaysia	5,969	+17.0	27,321	+16.4
Thailand	5,930	+19.6	26,728	+22.6
India	4,642	+34.6	26,346	+45.5
Germany	5,113	+30.4	22,376	+20.3

Table 6 : Total Exports of Ten Principal Commodity Divisions

Commodity division	May 2008 (HKD Mn.)	May 2008 over May 2007 (% change)	Jan-May 2008 (HKD Mn.)	Jan-May 2008 over Jan-May 2007 (% change)
Total Exports	238,942	+10.3	1,128,490	+11.2
Electrical machinery, apparatus and appliances, and electrical parts thereof	61,775	+17.2	277,433	+12.5
Telecommunications and sound recording and reproducing apparatus and equipment	39,380	+15.2	187,642	+19.0
Office machines and automatic data processing machines	19,467	+2.0	110,912	+9.0
Miscellaneous manufactured articles (mainly baby carriages, toys, games and sporting goods)	21,026	+9.8	96,751	+11.3
Articles of apparel and clothing accessories	15,231	-7.2	75,607	-3.9
Textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles and related products	9,852	-3.9	41,058	-3.2
Non-metallic mineral manufactures	7,064	+40.9	38,535	+53.8
Photographic apparatus, equipment and supplies, optical goods, watches and clocks	8,433	+19.3	36,980	+7.4
Plastics in primary forms	6,491	+8.9	29,422	+6.2
Professional, scientific and controlling instruments and apparatus	5,325	+23.5	22,591	+10.8

Table 7 : Imports of Ten Principal Commodity Divisions

Commodity division	May 2008 (HKD Mn.)	May 2008 over May 2007 (% change)	Jan-May 2008 (HKD Mn.)	Jan-May 2008 over Jan-May 2007 (% change)
Total Imports	266,397	+15.4	1,223,688	+12.3
Electrical machinery, apparatus and appliances, and electrical parts thereof	68,736	+14.3	306,653	+10.7
Telecommunications and sound recording and reproducing apparatus and equipment	33,609	+15.1	165,079	+16.5
Office machines and automatic data processing machines	20,218	+4.6	106,485	+10.9
Miscellaneous manufactured articles (mainly baby carriages, toys, games and sporting goods)	18,469	+13.5	87,070	+16.5
Non-metallic mineral manufactures	10,217	+25.6	52,342	+30.6
Articles of apparel and clothing accessories	11,267	+0.2	51,847	-1.7
Textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles and related products	9,788	-6.8	41,504	-3.4
Petroleum, petroleum products and related materials	10,588	+104.8	37,959	+36.0
Plastics in primary forms	7,691	+10.4	33,774	+4.6
Photographic apparatus, equipment and supplies, optical goods, watches and clocks	7,378	+31.1	31,548	+19.1