

Table 1: External Merchandise Trade Statistics for October 2008

(HK\$ Million)

Merchandise trade values for October 2008				
	Domestic Exports	8,060		
	Re-exports	268,853		
	Total Exports	276,913		
	Imports	291,204		
	Trade balance	-14,291		
			Change	
Current month compared with same month in the preceding year	October 2008	October 2007	Value	%
Domestic Exports	8,060	10,483	-2,423	-23.1
(% of Total Exports)	(2.9%)	(4.1%)		
Re-exports	268,853	242,535	+26,318	+10.9
Total Exports	276,913	253,018	+23,896	+9.4
Imports	291,204	261,673	+29,531	+11.3
Trade balance	-14,291	-8,656	-5,635	
Current month compared with last month	October 2008	September 2008		
Domestic Exports	8,060	7,853	+207	+2.6
(% of Total Exports)	(2.9%)	(3.2%)		
Re-exports	268,853	239,355	+29,498	+12.3
Total Exports	276,913	247,209	+29,705	+12.0
Imports	291,204	263,235	+27,969	+10.6
Trade balance	-14,291	-16,027	+1,736	
Latest 3 months compared with same period 12 months earlier	Aug-Oct 2008	Aug-Oct 2007		
Domestic Exports	23,918	29,952	-6,035	-20.1
(% of Total Exports)	(3.1%)	(4.1%)		
Re-exports	747,430	704,429	+43,001	+6.1
Total Exports	771,347	734,382	+36,966	+5.0
Imports	814,262	769,278	+44,985	+5.8
Trade balance	-42,915	-34,896	-8,019	
Calendar year-to-date compared with same period in the preceding year	Jan-Oct 2008	Jan-Oct 2007		
Domestic Exports	78,449	90,050	-11,601	-12.9
(% of Total Exports)	(3.3%)	(4.1%)		
Re-exports	2,309,145	2,121,672	+187,473	+8.8
Total Exports	2,387,594	2,211,722	+175,872	+8.0
Imports	2,569,171	2,349,305	+219,866	+9.4
Trade balance	-181,577	-137,583	-43,994	
Last 12 months compared with same period 12 months earlier	Nov 2007 to Oct 2008	Nov 2006 to Oct 2007		
Domestic Exports	97,521	108,415	-10,894	-10.0
(% of Total Exports)	(3.4%)	(4.1%)		
Re-exports	2,765,865	2,546,681	+219,183	+8.6
Total Exports	2,863,386	2,655,096	+208,289	+7.8
Imports	3,087,877	2,822,026	+265,851	+9.4
Trade balance	-224,491	-166,930	-57,561	

Table 2 : Hong Kong's External Merchandise Trade Statistics from January 2005 to October 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
	6	7,679.0	-20.2	215,544.4	+0.2	223,223.4	-0.6	247,196.0	+1.3
	7	8,752.3	-16.3	256,351.6	+12.4	265,103.9	+11.1	284,583.9	+15.4
	8	8,023.0	-17.1	239,849.8	+2.7	247,872.8	+1.9	260,754.3	+1.5
	9	7,853.5	-20.0	239,355.1	+4.6	247,208.6	+3.6	263,235.2	+3.9
	10	8,060.3	-23.1	268,853.0	+10.9	276,913.3	+9.4	291,204.2	+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 October 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
	6	-6.4	+2.5	+2.1	+3.8
	7	-11.3	+0.5	+0.0	+4.9
	8	-16.1	-3.5	-4.0	-2.8
	9	-12.7	-0.9	-1.3	-1.1
	10	-10.4	-0.0	-0.4	-2.2

Table 4 : Total Exports of Goods to Ten Main Destinations

Destination	Oct 2008 (HKD Mn.)	Oct 2008 over Oct 2007 (% change)	Jan-Oct 2008 (HKD Mn.)	Jan-Oct 2008 over Jan-Oct 2007 (% change)
Total Exports	276,913	+9.4	2,387,594	+8.0
The mainland of China	139,407	+14.0	1,162,269	+8.0
United States of America	36,043	-2.9	303,729	-0.9
Japan	11,625	+17.1	100,635	+2.0
Germany	8,988	+18.1	78,554	+18.4
United Kingdom	7,339	-0.2	62,814	+2.9
Singapore	5,222	+12.0	47,250	+14.3
Taiwan	5,133	+12.3	46,034	+5.8
India	4,114	+11.8	44,757	+61.4
Korea	4,431	-6.0	43,261	-1.4
Netherlands	4,306	+14.6	37,823	+4.6

Table 5 : Imports of Goods from Ten Main Suppliers

Supplier	Oct 2008 (HKD Mn.)	Oct 2008 over Oct 2007 (% change)	Jan-Oct 2008 (HKD Mn.)	Jan-Oct 2008 over Jan-Oct 2007 (% change)
Total Imports	291,204	+11.3	2,569,171	+9.4
The mainland of China	139,774	+16.0	1,186,716	+9.3
Japan	28,761	+10.2	255,165	+7.9
Taiwan	19,168	-0.5	167,697	-0.6
Singapore	19,887	+8.4	166,791	+4.2
United States of America	13,025	+12.1	128,144	+13.9
Korea	10,325	-16.5	103,012	+5.1
Thailand	6,030	+19.6	54,875	+16.8
Malaysia	5,780	-0.6	54,477	+6.1
India	5,074	+0.9	51,642	+27.7
Germany	4,473	+2.3	45,116	+14.7

Table 6 : Total Exports of Ten Principal Commodity Divisions

Commodity division	Oct 2008 (HKD Mn.)	Oct 2008 over Oct 2007 (% change)	Jan-Oct 2008 (HKD Mn.)	Jan-Oct 2008 over Jan-Oct 2007 (% change)
Total Exports	276,913	+9.4	2,387,594	+8.0
Electrical machinery, apparatus and appliances, and electrical parts thereof	73,599	+22.1	583,707	+9.2
Telecommunications and sound recording and reproducing apparatus and equipment	49,525	+8.2	396,767	+13.6
Office machines and automatic data processing machines	30,316	+22.6	229,151	+5.7
Miscellaneous manufactured articles (mainly baby carriages, toys, games and sporting goods)	25,424	+1.3	215,552	+7.2
Articles of apparel and clothing accessories	19,673	-5.2	183,416	-2.1
Textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles and related products	8,032	-7.9	82,072	-6.4
Non-metallic mineral manufactures	7,534	-8.9	78,611	+41.1
Photographic apparatus, equipment and supplies, optical goods, watches and clocks	8,528	+3.8	77,745	+7.0
Plastics in primary forms	5,818	-5.2	62,818	+4.9
Professional, scientific and controlling instruments and apparatus	4,517	+5.0	46,221	+12.2

Table 7 : Imports of Ten Principal Commodity Divisions

Commodity division	Oct 2008 (HKD Mn.)	Oct 2008 over Oct 2007 (% change)	Jan-Oct 2008 (HKD Mn.)	Jan-Oct 2008 over Jan-Oct 2007 (% change)
Total Imports	291,204	+11.3	2,569,171	+9.4
Electrical machinery, apparatus and appliances, and electrical parts thereof	80,394	+16.9	646,862	+6.7
Telecommunications and sound recording and reproducing apparatus and equipment	42,312	+6.3	345,798	+12.1
Office machines and automatic data processing machines	27,477	+20.3	221,175	+7.2
Miscellaneous manufactured articles (mainly baby carriages, toys, games and sporting goods)	22,142	+12.0	190,054	+12.6
Articles of apparel and clothing accessories	12,555	-3.6	121,240	-2.5
Non-metallic mineral manufactures	9,324	+2.9	104,838	+23.7
Textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles and related products	7,731	-11.9	82,738	-6.6
Petroleum, petroleum products and related materials	8,153	+1.2	82,347	+40.6
Plastics in primary forms	6,551	-8.5	72,101	+6.5
Photographic apparatus, equipment and supplies, optical goods, watches and clocks	7,380	+12.8	66,754	+14.5