

Table 1 : Summary of port cargo statistics

During the third quarter of 2008, the total tonnage of inward and outward port cargo was 67.3 million tonnes, representing a change of +9% over a year earlier.

During the first nine months of 2008, the total tonnage of inward and outward port cargo was 198.1 million tonnes, representing a change of +10% over a year earlier.

During the third quarter of 2008, the total tonnage of inward port cargo was 37.2 million tonnes, representing a change of +7% over a year earlier.

During the first nine months of 2008, the total tonnage of inward port cargo was 111.6 million tonnes, representing a change of +7% over a year earlier.

During the third quarter of 2008, the total tonnage of imports of port cargo was 18.7 million tonnes, representing a change of +2% over a year earlier.

During the first nine months of 2008, the total tonnage of imports of port cargo was 57.7 million tonnes, representing a change of +2% over a year earlier.

During the third quarter of 2008, the total tonnage of inward transshipment of port cargo was 18.6 million tonnes, representing a change of +12% over a year earlier.

During the first nine months of 2008, the total tonnage of inward transshipment of port cargo was 53.9 million tonnes, representing a change of +13% over a year earlier.

During the third quarter of 2008, the total tonnage of outward port cargo was 30.1 million tonnes, representing a change of +12% over a year earlier.

During the first nine months of 2008, the total tonnage of outward port cargo was 86.5 million tonnes, representing a change of +14% over a year earlier.

During the third quarter of 2008, the total tonnage of exports of port cargo was 11.1 million tonnes, representing a change of +20% over a year earlier.

During the first nine months of 2008, the total tonnage of exports of port cargo was 32.3 million tonnes, representing a change of +26% over a year earlier.

During the third quarter of 2008, the total tonnage of outward transshipment of port cargo was 18.9 million tonnes, representing a change of +8% over a year earlier.

During the first nine months of 2008, the total tonnage of outward transshipment of port cargo was 54.2 million tonnes, representing a change of +8% over a year earlier.

During the third quarter of 2008, the total tonnage of inward and outward seaborne cargo was 46.2 million tonnes, representing a change of +3% over a year earlier.

During the first nine months of 2008, the total tonnage of inward and outward seaborne cargo was 138.3 million tonnes,

representing a change of +6% over a year earlier.

During the third quarter of 2008, the total tonnage of inward seaborne cargo was 27.7 million tonnes, representing a change of +3% over a year earlier.

During the first nine months of 2008, the total tonnage of inward seaborne cargo was 84.7 million tonnes, representing a change of +5% over a year earlier.

During the third quarter of 2008, the total tonnage of imports of seaborne cargo was 14.1 million tonnes, representing a change of -3% over a year earlier.

During the first nine months of 2008, the total tonnage of imports of seaborne cargo was 45 million tonnes, representing a change of 0% over a year earlier.

During the third quarter of 2008, the total tonnage of inward transshipment of seaborne cargo was 13.6 million tonnes, representing a change of +9% over a year earlier.

During the first nine months of 2008, the total tonnage of inward transshipment of seaborne cargo was 39.7 million tonnes, representing a change of +10% over a year earlier.

During the third quarter of 2008, the total tonnage of outward seaborne cargo was 18.5 million tonnes, representing a change of +4% over a year earlier.

During the first nine months of 2008, the total tonnage of outward seaborne cargo was 53.6 million tonnes, representing a change of +8% over a year earlier.

During the third quarter of 2008, the total tonnage of exports of seaborne cargo was 5.1 million tonnes, representing a change of -4% over a year earlier.

During the first nine months of 2008, the total tonnage of exports of seaborne cargo was 14.6 million tonnes, representing a change of -3% over a year earlier.

During the third quarter of 2008, the total tonnage of outward transshipment of seaborne cargo was 13.4 million tonnes, representing a change of +7% over a year earlier.

During the first nine months of 2008, the total tonnage of outward transshipment of seaborne cargo was 39 million tonnes, representing a change of +14% over a year earlier.

During the third quarter of 2008, the total tonnage of inward and outward river cargo was 21.1 million tonnes, representing a change of +25% over a year earlier.

During the first nine months of 2008, the total tonnage of inward and outward river cargo was 59.8 million tonnes, representing a change of +20% over a year earlier.

During the third quarter of 2008, the total tonnage of inward river cargo was 9.5 million tonnes, representing a change of +20% over a year earlier.

During the first nine months of 2008, the total tonnage of inward river cargo was 26.9 million tonnes, representing a change of +14% over a year earlier.

During the third quarter of 2008, the total tonnage of imports of river cargo was 4.5 million tonnes, representing a change of +20% over a year earlier.

During the first nine months of 2008, the total tonnage of imports of river cargo was 12.7 million tonnes, representing a change of +7% over a year earlier.

During the third quarter of 2008, the total tonnage of inward transshipment of river cargo was 5 million tonnes, representing a change of +21% over a year earlier.

During the first nine months of 2008, the total tonnage of inward transshipment of river cargo was 14.2 million tonnes, representing a change of +22% over a year earlier.

During the third quarter of 2008, the total tonnage of outward river cargo was 11.6 million tonnes, representing a change of +30% over a year earlier.

During the first nine months of 2008, the total tonnage of outward river cargo was 32.8 million tonnes, representing a change of +25% over a year earlier.

During the third quarter of 2008, the total tonnage of exports of river cargo was 6.1 million tonnes, representing a change of +52% over a year earlier.

During the first nine months of 2008, the total tonnage of exports of river cargo was 17.7 million tonnes, representing a change of +67% over a year earlier.

During the third quarter of 2008, the total tonnage of outward transshipment of river cargo was 5.5 million tonnes, representing a change of +11% over a year earlier.

During the first nine months of 2008, the total tonnage of outward transshipment of river cargo was 15.1 million tonnes, representing a change of -4% over a year earlier.

#### Notes :

(1) Figures may not add up to the respective totals due to rounding.

(2) Exports comprise domestic exports and re-exports.

(3) Seaborne refers to transport by vessels operating beyond the river trade limits, while river refers to transport by vessels operating exclusively within the river trade limits.

The river trade limits mean the waters in the vicinity of Hong Kong which broadly include the Pearl River, Mirs Bay and Macao, and other inland waterways in Guangdong and Guangxi which are accessible from waters in the vicinity of Hong Kong.

(4) '0' denotes increase or decrease of less than 0.5%.

Table 2 : Main countries or territories of loading of inward port cargo

During the third quarter of 2008, the total tonnage of inward port cargo loaded in the mainland of China was 14.363 million tonnes, representing a change of +8% over a year earlier.

During the first nine months of 2008, the total tonnage of inward port cargo loaded in the mainland of China was 41.382 million tonnes, representing a change of +7% over a year earlier.

During the third quarter of 2008, the total tonnage of inward seaborne cargo loaded in the mainland of China was 4.923 million tonnes, representing a change of -9% over a year earlier.

During the first nine months of 2008, the total tonnage of inward seaborne cargo loaded in the mainland of China was 14.642 million tonnes, representing a change of -4% over a year earlier.

During the third quarter of 2008, the total tonnage of inward river cargo loaded in the mainland of China was 9.44 million tonnes, representing a change of +21% over a year earlier.

During the first nine months of 2008, the total tonnage of inward river cargo loaded in the mainland of China was 26.74 million tonnes, representing a change of +15% over a year earlier.

During the third quarter of 2008, the total tonnage of inward port cargo loaded in Indonesia was 2.741 million tonnes, representing a change of +49% over a year earlier.

During the first nine months of 2008, the total tonnage of inward port cargo loaded in Indonesia was 9.294 million tonnes, representing a change of +34% over a year earlier.

During the third quarter of 2008, the total tonnage of inward port cargo loaded in Taiwan was 1.975 million tonnes, representing a change of -28% over a year earlier.

During the first nine months of 2008, the total tonnage of inward port cargo loaded in Taiwan was 7.447 million tonnes, representing a change of -5% over a year earlier.

During the third quarter of 2008, the total tonnage of inward port cargo loaded in the United States of America was 2.682 million tonnes, representing a change of +35% over a year earlier.

During the first nine months of 2008, the total tonnage of inward port cargo loaded in the United States of America was 7.353 million tonnes, representing a change of +23% over a year earlier.

During the third quarter of 2008, the total tonnage of inward port cargo loaded in Japan was 2.439 million tonnes, representing a change of +13% over a year earlier.

During the first nine months of 2008, the total tonnage of inward port cargo loaded in Japan was 7.258 million tonnes, representing a change of +4% over a year earlier.

During the third quarter of 2008, the total tonnage of inward port cargo loaded in Singapore was 1.884 million tonnes, representing a change of -42% over a year earlier.

During the first nine months of 2008, the total tonnage of inward port cargo loaded in Singapore was 6.728 million tonnes, representing a change of -33% over a year earlier.

During the third quarter of 2008, the total tonnage of inward port cargo loaded in Korea was 2.053 million tonnes, representing a change of +8% over a year earlier.

During the first nine months of 2008, the total tonnage of inward port cargo loaded in Korea was 6.094 million tonnes, representing a change of +15% over a year earlier.

During the third quarter of 2008, the total tonnage of inward port cargo loaded in Thailand was 1.326 million tonnes, representing a change of +9% over a year earlier.

During the first nine months of 2008, the total tonnage of inward port cargo loaded in Thailand was 3.943 million tonnes, representing a change of +15% over a year earlier.

During the third quarter of 2008, the total tonnage of inward port cargo loaded in Malaysia was 0.721 million tonnes, representing a change of -14% over a year earlier.

During the first nine months of 2008, the total tonnage of inward port cargo loaded in Malaysia was 2.168 million tonnes, representing a change of -15% over a year earlier.

During the third quarter of 2008, the total tonnage of inward port cargo loaded in Vietnam was 0.649 million tonnes, representing a change of +88% over a year earlier.

During the first nine months of 2008, the total tonnage of inward port cargo loaded in Vietnam was 1.649 million tonnes, representing a change of +59% over a year earlier.

Notes :

(1) Inward port cargo comprises imports and inward transshipment.

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The river trade limits mean the waters in the vicinity of Hong Kong which broadly include the Pearl River, Mirs Bay and Macao, and other inland waterways in Guangdong and Guangxi which are accessible from waters in the vicinity of Hong Kong.

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Table 3 : Main countries or territories of discharge of outward port cargo

During the third quarter of 2008, the total tonnage of outward port cargo for discharge in the mainland of China was 13.72 million tonnes, representing a change of +29% over a year earlier.

During the first nine months of 2008, the total tonnage of outward port cargo for discharge in the mainland of China was 39.058 million tonnes, representing a change of +26% over a year earlier.

During the third quarter of 2008, the total tonnage of outward seaborne cargo for discharge in the mainland of China was 2.425 million tonnes, representing a change of +12% over a year earlier.

During the first nine months of 2008, the total tonnage of outward seaborne cargo for discharge in the mainland of China was 7.282 million tonnes, representing a change of +21% over a year earlier.

During the third quarter of 2008, the total tonnage of outward river cargo for discharge in the mainland of China was 11.295 million tonnes, representing a change of +33% over a year earlier.

During the first nine months of 2008, the total tonnage of outward river cargo for discharge in the mainland of China was 31.776 million tonnes, representing a change of +27% over a year earlier.

During the third quarter of 2008, the total tonnage of outward port cargo for discharge in the United States of America was 2.005 million tonnes, representing a change of -13% over a year earlier.

During the first nine months of 2008, the total tonnage of outward port cargo for discharge in the United States of America was 6.136 million tonnes, representing a change of -4% over a year earlier.

During the third quarter of 2008, the total tonnage of outward port cargo for discharge in Taiwan was 1.349 million tonnes, representing a change of +31% over a year earlier.

During the first nine months of 2008, the total tonnage of outward port cargo for discharge in Taiwan was 4.136 million tonnes, representing a change of +33% over a year earlier.

During the third quarter of 2008, the total tonnage of outward port cargo for discharge in Japan was 1.175 million tonnes, representing a change of +20% over a year earlier.

During the first nine months of 2008, the total tonnage of outward port cargo for discharge in Japan was 3.24 million tonnes, representing a change of +11% over a year earlier.

During the third quarter of 2008, the total tonnage of outward port cargo for discharge in Vietnam was 0.786 million tonnes, representing a change of -4% over a year earlier.

During the first nine months of 2008, the total tonnage of outward port cargo for discharge in Vietnam was 2.828 million tonnes, representing a change of +22% over a year earlier.

During the third quarter of 2008, the total tonnage of outward port cargo for discharge in Malaysia was 0.877 million tonnes, representing a change of +29% over a year earlier.

During the first nine months of 2008, the total tonnage of outward port cargo for discharge in Malaysia was 2.267 million tonnes, representing a change of +39% over a year earlier.

During the third quarter of 2008, the total tonnage of outward port cargo for discharge in Thailand was 0.614 million tonnes, representing a change of +18% over a year earlier.

During the first nine months of 2008, the total tonnage of outward port cargo for discharge in Thailand was 1.927 million tonnes, representing a change of +27% over a year earlier.

During the third quarter of 2008, the total tonnage of outward port cargo for discharge in the Philippines was 0.637 million tonnes, representing a change of +27% over a year earlier.

During the first nine months of 2008, the total tonnage of outward port cargo for discharge in the Philippines was 1.829 million tonnes, representing a change of +18% over a year earlier.

During the third quarter of 2008, the total tonnage of outward port cargo for discharge in Singapore was 0.569 million tonnes, representing a change of +14% over a year earlier.

During the first nine months of 2008, the total tonnage of outward port cargo for discharge in Singapore was 1.562 million tonnes, representing a change of +12% over a year earlier.

During the third quarter of 2008, the total tonnage of outward port cargo for discharge in Korea was 0.593 million tonnes, representing a change of +26% over a year earlier.

During the first nine months of 2008, the total tonnage of outward port cargo for discharge in Korea was 1.513 million tonnes, representing a change of +19% over a year earlier.

Notes :

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Table 4 : Principal commodities of inward port cargo

During the third quarter of 2008, the total tonnage of inward port cargo for petroleum, petroleum products and related materials; and coal, coke and briquettes were 5.536 million tonnes,  
representing a change of -4% over a year earlier.

During the first nine months of 2008, the total tonnage of inward port cargo for petroleum, petroleum products and related materials; and coal, coke and briquettes were 19.469 million tonnes,  
representing a change of +5% over a year earlier.

During the third quarter of 2008, the total tonnage of inward port cargo for stone, sand and gravel; metalliferous ores and metal scrap; and pulp and waste paper were 6.245 million tonnes,  
representing a change of +33% over a year earlier.

During the first nine months of 2008, the total tonnage of inward port cargo for stone, sand and gravel; metalliferous ores and metal scrap; and pulp and waste paper were 17.053 million tonnes,  
representing a change of +16% over a year earlier

During the third quarter of 2008, the total tonnage of inward port cargo for artificial resins and plastic materials was 3.951 million tonnes,  
representing a change of +9% over a year earlier.

During the first nine months of 2008, the total tonnage of inward port cargo for artificial resins and plastic materials was 11.49 million tonnes,  
representing a change of +5% over a year earlier.

During the third quarter of 2008, the total tonnage of inward port cargo for machinery was 2.155 million tonnes,  
representing a change of -5% over a year earlier.

During the first nine months of 2008, the total tonnage of inward port cargo for machinery was 6.654 million tonnes,  
representing a change of -1% over a year earlier.

During the third quarter of 2008, the total tonnage of inward port cargo for iron and steel was 2.064 million tonnes,  
representing a change of -15% over a year earlier.

During the first nine months of 2008, the total tonnage of inward port cargo for iron and steel was 6.416 million tonnes,  
representing a change of -10% over a year earlier.

During the third quarter of 2008, the total tonnage of inward port cargo for bricks, ceramic tile and refractory construction materials was 1.357 million tonnes,  
representing a change of +33% over a year earlier.

During the first nine months of 2008, the total tonnage of inward port cargo for bricks, ceramic tile and refractory construction materials was 3.621 million tonnes,  
representing a change of +29% over a year earlier.

During the third quarter of 2008, the total tonnage of inward port cargo for live animals chiefly for food and edible animal products was 0.976 million tonnes,  
representing a change of +36% over a year earlier.

During the first nine months of 2008, the total tonnage of inward port cargo for live animals chiefly for food and edible animal products was 2.807



million tonnes,  
representing a change of +44% over a year earlier.

During the third quarter of 2008, the total tonnage of inward port cargo for paper and paper products was 0.794 million tonnes,  
representing a change of -8% over a year earlier.

During the first nine months of 2008, the total tonnage of inward port cargo for paper and paper products was 2.505 million tonnes,  
representing a change of -3% over a year earlier.

During the third quarter of 2008, the total tonnage of inward port cargo for vegetables and fruit was 0.689 million tonnes,  
representing a change of +6% over a year earlier.

During the first nine months of 2008, the total tonnage of inward port cargo for vegetables and fruit was 2.166 million tonnes,  
representing a change of +7% over a year earlier.

During the third quarter of 2008, the total tonnage of inward port cargo for textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles and related products was 0.681 million tonnes,  
representing a change of -7% over a year earlier.

During the first nine months of 2008, the total tonnage of inward port cargo for textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles and related products was 1.949 million tonnes,  
representing a change of -8% over a year earlier.

During the third quarter of 2008, the total tonnage of inward seaborne cargo for petroleum, petroleum products and related materials; and coal, coke and briquettes were 5.414 million tonnes,  
representing a change of -3% over a year earlier.

During the first nine months of 2008, the total tonnage of inward seaborne cargo for petroleum, petroleum products and related materials; and coal, coke and briquettes were 18.801 million tonnes,  
representing a change of +5% over a year earlier.

During the third quarter of 2008, the total tonnage of inward seaborne cargo for artificial resins and plastic materials was 3.683 million tonnes,  
representing a change of +9% over a year earlier.

During the first nine months of 2008, the total tonnage of inward seaborne cargo for artificial resins and plastic materials was 10.656 million tonnes,  
representing a change of +4% over a year earlier.

During the third quarter of 2008, the total tonnage of inward seaborne cargo for stone, sand and gravel; metalliferous ores and metal scrap; and pulp and waste paper were 3.689 million tonnes,  
representing a change of +25% over a year earlier.

During the first nine months of 2008, the total tonnage of inward seaborne cargo for stone, sand and gravel; metalliferous ores and metal scrap; and pulp and waste paper were 10.143 million tonnes,  
representing a change of +9% over a year earlier.

During the third quarter of 2008, the total tonnage of inward seaborne cargo for iron and steel was 1.756 million tonnes,  
representing a change of -19% over a year earlier.

During the first nine months of 2008, the total tonnage of inward seaborne cargo for iron and steel was 5.634 million tonnes,

representing a change of -10% over a year earlier.

During the third quarter of 2008, the total tonnage of inward seaborne cargo for machinery was 1.233 million tonnes, representing a change of -7% over a year earlier.

During the first nine months of 2008, the total tonnage of inward seaborne cargo for machinery was 3.816 million tonnes, representing a change of -2% over a year earlier.

During the third quarter of 2008, the total tonnage of inward river cargo for stone, sand and gravel; metalliferous ores and metal scrap; and pulp and waste paper were 2.555 million tonnes, representing a change of +47% over a year earlier.

During the first nine months of 2008, the total tonnage of inward river cargo for stone, sand and gravel; metalliferous ores and metal scrap; and pulp and waste paper were 6.91 million tonnes, representing a change of +26% over a year earlier.

During the third quarter of 2008, the total tonnage of inward river cargo for bricks, ceramic tile and refractory construction materials was 1.169 million tonnes, representing a change of +41% over a year earlier.

During the first nine months of 2008, the total tonnage of inward river cargo for bricks, ceramic tile and refractory construction materials was 3.05 million tonnes, representing a change of +32% over a year earlier.

During the third quarter of 2008, the total tonnage of inward river cargo for machinery was 0.922 million tonnes, representing a change of -1% over a year earlier.

During the first nine months of 2008, the total tonnage of inward river cargo for machinery was 2.838 million tonnes, representing a change of +2% over a year earlier.

During the third quarter of 2008, the total tonnage of inward river cargo for tools, cutlery, metal household ware and manufactures was 0.298 million tonnes, representing a change of -8% over a year earlier.

During the first nine months of 2008, the total tonnage of inward river cargo for tools, cutlery, metal household ware and manufactures was 0.94 million tonnes, representing a change of +6% over a year earlier.

During the third quarter of 2008, the total tonnage of inward river cargo for artificial resins and plastic materials was 0.268 million tonnes, representing a change of +10% over a year earlier.

During the first nine months of 2008, the total tonnage of inward river cargo for artificial resins and plastic materials was 0.834 million tonnes, representing a change of +14% over a year earlier.

Notes :

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Table 5 : Principal commodities of outward port cargo

During the third quarter of 2008, the total tonnage of outward port cargo for stone, sand and gravel; metalliferous ores and metal scrap; and pulp and waste paper were 6.881 million tonnes, representing a change of +79% over a year earlier.

During the first nine months of 2008, the total tonnage of outward port cargo for stone, sand and gravel; metalliferous ores and metal scrap; and pulp and waste paper were 19.93 million tonnes, representing a change of +79% over a year earlier.

During the third quarter of 2008, the total tonnage of outward port cargo for machinery was 2.699 million tonnes, representing a change of -5% over a year earlier.

During the first nine months of 2008, the total tonnage of outward port cargo for machinery was 8.245 million tonnes, representing a change of -1% over a year earlier.

During the third quarter of 2008, the total tonnage of outward port cargo for artificial resins and plastic materials was 2.58 million tonnes, representing a change of +24% over a year earlier.

During the first nine months of 2008, the total tonnage of outward port cargo for artificial resins and plastic materials was 7.373 million tonnes, representing a change of +14% over a year earlier.

During the third quarter of 2008, the total tonnage of outward port cargo for iron and steel was 1.899 million tonnes, representing a change of -1% over a year earlier.

During the first nine months of 2008, the total tonnage of outward port cargo for iron and steel was 5.308 million tonnes, representing a change of -7% over a year earlier.

During the third quarter of 2008, the total tonnage of outward port cargo for bricks, ceramic tile and refractory construction materials was 1.091 million tonnes, representing a change of +14% over a year earlier.

During the first nine months of 2008, the total tonnage of outward port cargo for bricks, ceramic tile and refractory construction materials was 2.895 million tonnes, representing a change of +13% over a year earlier.

During the third quarter of 2008, the total tonnage of outward port cargo for live animals chiefly for food and edible animal products was 0.97 million tonnes, representing a change of +55% over a year earlier.

During the first nine months of 2008, the total tonnage of outward port cargo for live animals chiefly for food and edible animal products was 2.38 million tonnes, representing a change of +65% over a year earlier.

During the third quarter of 2008, the total tonnage of outward port cargo for tools, cutlery, metal household ware and manufactures was 0.692 million tonnes, representing a change of -16% over a year earlier.

During the first nine months of 2008, the total tonnage of outward port cargo for tools, cutlery, metal household ware and manufactures was 2.001 million tonnes,  
representing a change of -8% over a year earlier.

During the third quarter of 2008, the total tonnage of outward port cargo for articles of apparel and clothing accessories was 0.648 million tonnes,  
representing a change of -13% over a year earlier.

During the first nine months of 2008, the total tonnage of outward port cargo for articles of apparel and clothing accessories was 1.717 million tonnes,  
representing a change of -8% over a year earlier.

During the third quarter of 2008, the total tonnage of outward port cargo for textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles and related products was 0.596 million tonnes,  
representing a change of +6% over a year earlier.

During the first nine months of 2008, the total tonnage of outward port cargo for textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles and related products was 1.697 million tonnes,  
representing a change of +3% over a year earlier.

During the third quarter of 2008, the total tonnage of outward port cargo for paper and paper products was 0.557 million tonnes,  
representing a change of -7% over a year earlier.

During the first nine months of 2008, the total tonnage of outward port cargo for paper and paper products was 1.665 million tonnes,  
representing a change of -7% over a year earlier.

During the third quarter of 2008, the total tonnage of outward seaborne cargo for machinery was 2.418 million tonnes,  
representing a change of -5% over a year earlier.

During the first nine months of 2008, the total tonnage of outward seaborne cargo for machinery was 7.45 million tonnes,  
representing a change of -1% over a year earlier.

During the third quarter of 2008, the total tonnage of outward seaborne cargo for stone, sand and gravel; metalliferous ores and metal scrap; and pulp and waste paper were 1.799 million tonnes,  
representing a change of +54% over a year earlier.

During the first nine months of 2008, the total tonnage of outward seaborne cargo for stone, sand and gravel; metalliferous ores and metal scrap; and pulp and waste paper were 4.899 million tonnes,  
representing a change of +60% over a year earlier.

During the third quarter of 2008, the total tonnage of outward seaborne cargo for artificial resins and plastic materials was 0.904 million tonnes,  
representing a change of +8% over a year earlier.

During the first nine months of 2008, the total tonnage of outward seaborne cargo for artificial resins and plastic materials was 2.865 million tonnes,  
representing a change of +22% over a year earlier.

During the third quarter of 2008, the total tonnage of outward seaborne cargo for bricks, ceramic tile and refractory construction materials was 1.026 million tonnes,  
representing a change of +11% over a year earlier.

During the first nine months of 2008, the total tonnage of outward seaborne cargo for bricks, ceramic tile and refractory construction materials was 2.748 million tonnes,  
representing a change of +13% over a year earlier.

During the third quarter of 2008, the total tonnage of outward seaborne cargo for iron and steel was 0.831 million tonnes,  
representing a change of +14% over a year earlier.

During the first nine months of 2008, the total tonnage of outward seaborne cargo for iron and steel was 2.335 million tonnes,  
representing a change of +12% over a year earlier.

During the third quarter of 2008, the total tonnage of outward river cargo for stone, sand and gravel; metalliferous ores and metal scrap; and pulp and waste paper were 5.082 million tonnes,  
representing a change of +91% over a year earlier.

During the first nine months of 2008, the total tonnage of outward river cargo for stone, sand and gravel; metalliferous ores and metal scrap; and pulp and waste paper were 15.031 million tonnes,  
representing a change of +86% over a year earlier.

During the third quarter of 2008, the total tonnage of outward river cargo for artificial resins and plastic materials was 1.676 million tonnes,  
representing a change of +35% over a year earlier.

During the first nine months of 2008, the total tonnage of outward river cargo for artificial resins and plastic materials was 4.508 million tonnes,  
representing a change of +9% over a year earlier.

During the third quarter of 2008, the total tonnage of outward river cargo for iron and steel was 1.067 million tonnes,  
representing a change of -10% over a year earlier.

During the first nine months of 2008, the total tonnage of outward river cargo for iron and steel was 2.973 million tonnes,  
representing a change of -18% over a year earlier.

During the third quarter of 2008, the total tonnage of outward river cargo for live animals chiefly for food and edible animal products was 0.455 million tonnes,  
representing a change of +78% over a year earlier.

During the first nine months of 2008, the total tonnage of outward river cargo for live animals chiefly for food and edible animal products was 1.044 million tonnes,  
representing a change of +91% over a year earlier.

During the third quarter of 2008, the total tonnage of outward river cargo for machinery was 0.28 million tonnes,  
representing a change of -4% over a year earlier.

During the first nine months of 2008, the total tonnage of outward river cargo for machinery was 0.796 million tonnes,  
representing a change of -8% over a year earlier.

Notes :

(1) Outward port cargo comprises domestic exports, re-exports and outward transshipment.

(2) Seaborne refers to transport by vessels operating beyond the river trade limits, while river refers to transport by vessels operating exclusively within the river trade limits.

The river trade limits mean the waters in the vicinity of Hong Kong which broadly include the Pearl River, Mirs Bay and Macao, and other inland waterways in Guangdong and Guangxi which are accessible from waters in the vicinity of Hong Kong.

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Table 6 : Summary of container statistics

During the third quarter of 2008, the total number of inward and outward containers was 6.684 million TEUs, representing a change of +7% over a year earlier.

During the first nine months of 2008, the total number of inward and outward containers was 18.7 million TEUs, representing a change of +5% over a year earlier.

During the third quarter of 2008, the total number of inward and outward laden containers was 5.51 million TEUs, representing a change of +7% over a year earlier.

During the first nine months of 2008, the total number of inward and outward laden containers was 15.565 million TEUs, representing a change of +6% over a year earlier.

During the third quarter of 2008, the total number of inward laden containers was 2.656 million TEUs, representing a change of +9% over a year earlier.

During the first nine months of 2008, the total number of inward laden containers was 7.579 million TEUs, representing a change of +8% over a year earlier.

During the third quarter of 2008, the total number of imports of laden containers was 0.966 million TEUs, representing a change of +8% over a year earlier.

During the first nine months of 2008, the total number of imports of laden containers was 2.719 million TEUs, representing a change of +1% over a year earlier.

During the third quarter of 2008, the total number of inward transshipment of laden containers was 1.69 million TEUs, representing a change of +10% over a year earlier.

During the first nine months of 2008, the total number of inward transshipment of laden containers was 4.86 million TEUs, representing a change of +12% over a year earlier.

During the third quarter of 2008, the total number of outward laden containers was 2.854 million TEUs, representing a change of +5% over a year earlier.

During the first nine months of 2008, the total number of outward laden containers was 7.986 million TEUs, representing a change of +4% over a year earlier.

During the third quarter of 2008, the total number of exports of laden containers was 1.111 million TEUs, representing a change of +1% over a year earlier.

During the first nine months of 2008, the total number of exports of laden containers was 3.01 million TEUs, representing a change of -1% over a year earlier.

During the third quarter of 2008, the total number of outward transshipment of laden containers was 1.742 million TEUs, representing a change of +8% over a year earlier.

During the first nine months of 2008, the total number of outward transshipment of laden containers was 4.976 million TEUs, representing a change of +8% over a year earlier.



During the third quarter of 2008, the total number of inward and outward empty containers was 1.175 million TEUs, representing a change of +9% over a year earlier.

During the first nine months of 2008, the total number of inward and outward empty containers was 3.136 million TEUs, representing a change of +3% over a year earlier.

During the third quarter of 2008, the total number of inward empty containers was 0.723 million TEUs, representing a change of +4% over a year earlier.

During the first nine months of 2008, the total number of inward empty containers was 1.879 million TEUs, representing a change of +1% over a year earlier.

During the third quarter of 2008, the total number of outward empty containers was 0.452 million TEUs, representing a change of +17% over a year earlier.

During the first nine months of 2008, the total number of outward empty containers was 1.257 million TEUs, representing a change of +7% over a year earlier.

During the third quarter of 2008, the total number of inward and outward seaborne containers was 4.577 million TEUs, representing a change of +3% over a year earlier.

During the first nine months of 2008, the total number of inward and outward seaborne containers was 12.921 million TEUs, representing a change of +4% over a year earlier.

During the third quarter of 2008, the total number of inward and outward seaborne laden containers was 4.039 million TEUs, representing a change of +4% over a year earlier.

During the first nine months of 2008, the total number of inward and outward seaborne laden containers was 11.496 million TEUs, representing a change of +5% over a year earlier.

During the third quarter of 2008, the total number of inward seaborne laden containers was 1.87 million TEUs, representing a change of +8% over a year earlier.

During the first nine months of 2008, the total number of inward seaborne laden containers was 5.348 million TEUs, representing a change of +6% over a year earlier.

During the third quarter of 2008, the total number of imports of seaborne laden containers was 0.717 million TEUs, representing a change of +7% over a year earlier.

During the first nine months of 2008, the total number of imports of seaborne laden containers was 2.028 million TEUs, representing a change of +1% over a year earlier.

During the third quarter of 2008, the total number of inward transshipment of seaborne laden containers was 1.153 million TEUs, representing a change of +8% over a year earlier.

During the first nine months of 2008, the total number of inward transshipment of seaborne laden containers was 3.32 million TEUs, representing a change of +9% over a year earlier.

During the third quarter of 2008, the total number of outward seaborne laden containers was 2.169 million TEUs,

representing a change of +2% over a year earlier.

During the first nine months of 2008, the total number of outward seaborne laden containers was 6.148 million TEUs, representing a change of +4% over a year earlier.

During the third quarter of 2008, the total number of exports of seaborne laden containers was 0.819 million TEUs, representing a change of -5% over a year earlier.

During the first nine months of 2008, the total number of exports of seaborne laden containers was 2.247 million TEUs, representing a change of -6% over a year earlier.

During the third quarter of 2008, the total number of outward transshipment of seaborne laden containers was 1.35 million TEUs, representing a change of +6% over a year earlier.

During the first nine months of 2008, the total number of outward transshipment of seaborne laden containers was 3.901 million TEUs, representing a change of +11% over a year earlier.

During the third quarter of 2008, the total number of inward and outward seaborne empty containers was 0.538 million TEUs, representing a change of -6% over a year earlier.

During the first nine months of 2008, the total number of inward and outward seaborne empty containers was 1.426 million TEUs, representing a change of -5% over a year earlier.

During the third quarter of 2008, the total number of inward seaborne empty containers was 0.459 million TEUs, representing a change of -5% over a year earlier.

During the first nine months of 2008, the total number of inward seaborne empty containers was 1.185 million TEUs, representing a change of -4% over a year earlier.

During the third quarter of 2008, the total number of outward seaborne empty containers was 0.079 million TEUs, representing a change of -11% over a year earlier.

During the first nine months of 2008, the total number of outward seaborne empty containers was 0.241 million TEUs, representing a change of -13% over a year earlier.

During the third quarter of 2008, the total number of inward and outward river containers was 2.107 million TEUs, representing a change of +18% over a year earlier.

During the first nine months of 2008, the total number of inward and outward river containers was 5.779 million TEUs, representing a change of +9% over a year earlier.

During the third quarter of 2008, the total number of inward and outward river laden containers was 1.47 million TEUs, representing a change of +15% over a year earlier.

During the first nine months of 2008, the total number of inward and outward river laden containers was 4.069 million TEUs, representing a change of +8% over a year earlier.

During the third quarter of 2008, the total number of inward river laden containers was 0.786 million TEUs, representing a change of +14% over a year earlier.

During the first nine months of 2008, the total number of inward river laden containers was 2.231 million TEUs,

representing a change of +12% over a year earlier.

During the third quarter of 2008, the total number of imports of river laden containers was 0.249 million TEUs, representing a change of +9% over a year earlier.

During the first nine months of 2008, the total number of imports of river laden containers was 0.691 million TEUs, representing a change of +1% over a year earlier.

During the third quarter of 2008, the total number of inward transshipment of river laden containers was 0.537 million TEUs, representing a change of +16% over a year earlier.

During the first nine months of 2008, the total number of inward transshipment of river laden containers was 1.541 million TEUs, representing a change of +18% over a year earlier.

During the third quarter of 2008, the total number of outward river laden containers was 0.685 million TEUs, representing a change of +18% over a year earlier.

During the first nine months of 2008, the total number of outward river laden containers was 1.838 million TEUs, representing a change of +4% over a year earlier.

During the third quarter of 2008, the total number of exports of river laden containers was 0.292 million TEUs, representing a change of +25% over a year earlier.

During the first nine months of 2008, the total number of exports of river laden containers was 0.763 million TEUs, representing a change of +14% over a year earlier.

During the third quarter of 2008, the total number of outward transshipment of river laden containers was 0.393 million TEUs, representing a change of +13% over a year earlier.

During the first nine months of 2008, the total number of outward transshipment of river laden containers was 1.075 million TEUs, representing a change of -3% over a year earlier.

During the third quarter of 2008, the total number of inward and outward river empty containers was 0.637 million TEUs, representing a change of +25% over a year earlier.

During the first nine months of 2008, the total number of inward and outward river empty containers was 1.71 million TEUs, representing a change of +12% over a year earlier.

During the third quarter of 2008, the total number of inward river empty containers was 0.264 million TEUs, representing a change of +22% over a year earlier.

During the first nine months of 2008, the total number of inward river empty containers was 0.694 million TEUs, representing a change of +11% over a year earlier.

During the third quarter of 2008, the total number of outward river empty containers was 0.372 million TEUs, representing a change of +26% over a year earlier.

During the first nine months of 2008, the total number of outward river empty containers was 1.016 million TEUs, representing a change of +13% over a year earlier.

Notes :

(1) Figures may not add up to the respective totals due to rounding.

(2) Exports comprise domestic exports and re-exports.

(3) Seaborne refers to transport by vessels operating beyond the river trade limits, while river refers to transport by vessels operating exclusively within the river trade limits.

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(4) TEU stands for twenty-foot equivalent unit which is a unit measure in capacity terms for different sizes of containers for moving the cargo. One TEU is equivalent to the capacity of one 20 feet times 8 feet times 8 feet container.

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Table 7 : Summary of vessel arrivals

During the third quarter of 2008, the total number of incoming ocean vessels was 8830, representing a change of -3% over a year earlier.

During the first nine months of 2008, the total number of incoming ocean vessels was 27230, representing a change of -2% over a year earlier.

During the third quarter of 2008, the total capacity of incoming ocean vessels was 93.5 million NRT, representing a change of -1% over a year earlier.

During the first nine months of 2008, the total capacity of incoming ocean vessels was 288.6 million NRT, representing a change of +5% over a year earlier.

During the third quarter of 2008, the total number of incoming river vessels was 45630, representing a change of -5% over a year earlier.

During the first nine months of 2008, the total number of incoming river vessels was 137560, representing a change of -3% over a year earlier.

During the third quarter of 2008, the total capacity of incoming river vessels was 24.7 million NRT, representing a change of -1% over a year earlier.

During the first nine months of 2008, the total capacity of incoming river vessels was 74.1 million NRT, representing a change of -5% over a year earlier.

Notes :

(1) The number of vessels is rounded to the nearest 10.

(2) NRT stands for net registered ton which is a unit measure in volume terms of the space of a vessel available for carrying passengers or goods. One NRT is equivalent to 100 cubic feet.

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