

Table 1: External Merchandise Trade Statistics for December 2008

(HK\$ Million)

Merchandise trade values for December 2008				
	Domestic Exports		5,540	
	Re-exports		200,276	
	Total Exports		205,816	
	Imports		217,580	
	Trade balance		-11,764	
			Change	
Current month compared with same month in the preceding year	December 2008	December 2007	Value	%
Domestic Exports	5,540	9,075	-3,536	-39.0
(% of Total Exports)	(2.7%)	(3.9%)		
Re-exports	200,276	223,180	-22,904	-10.3
Total Exports	205,816	232,256	-26,440	-11.4
Imports	217,580	259,652	-42,073	-16.2
Trade balance	-11,764	-27,396	+15,632	
Current month compared with last month	December 2008	November 2008		
Domestic Exports	5,540	6,853	-1,313	-19.2
(% of Total Exports)	(2.7%)	(3.0%)		
Re-exports	200,276	224,300	-24,024	-10.7
Total Exports	205,816	231,153	-25,338	-11.0
Imports	217,580	239,305	-21,725	-9.1
Trade balance	-11,764	-8,151	-3,613	
Latest 3 months compared with same period 12 months earlier	Oct-Dec 2008	Oct-Dec 2007		
Domestic Exports	20,369	29,543	-9,174	-31.1
(% of Total Exports)	(2.9%)	(4.1%)		
Re-exports	692,919	699,012	-6,093	-0.9
Total Exports	713,288	728,555	-15,267	-2.1
Imports	747,155	779,745	-32,590	-4.2
Trade balance	-33,866	-51,190	+17,323	
Last 12 months compared with same period 12 months earlier	Jan 2008 to Dec 2008	Jan 2007 to Dec 2007		
Domestic Exports	90,757	109,122	-18,364	-16.8
(% of Total Exports)	(3.2%)	(4.1%)		
Re-exports	2,733,394	2,578,392	+155,002	+6.0
Total Exports	2,824,151	2,687,513	+136,637	+5.1
Imports	3,025,288	2,868,011	+157,277	+5.5
Trade balance	-201,137	-180,497	-20,640	

Table 2 : Hong Kong's External Merchandise Trade Statistics from January 2005 to December 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
	11	6,853.0	-31.5	224,300.3	-4.1	231,153.3	-5.3	239,304.6	-7.9
	12	5,539.6	-39.0	200,276.1	-10.3	205,815.7	-11.4	217,579.7	-16.2

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 December 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
	11	-6.7	+0.3	+0.1	-1.1
	12	-13.8	-4.5	-4.8	-6.8

Table 4 : Total Exports of Goods to Ten Main Destinations

Destination	Dec 2008 (HKD Mn.)	Dec 2008 over Dec 2007 (% change)	Jan-Dec 2008 (HKD Mn.)	Jan-Dec 2008 over Jan-Dec 2007 (% change)
Total Exports	205,816	-11.4	2,824,151	+5.1
The mainland of China	98,333	-12.1	1,370,445	+4.7
United States of America	25,640	-14.8	359,255	-2.4
Japan	9,589	-6.1	120,952	+1.2
Germany	7,675	+8.6	93,942	+15.8
United Kingdom	5,933	-10.0	75,388	+0.7
Singapore	3,877	-9.7	55,315	+9.6
Taiwan	4,142	-9.0	54,943	+3.8
India	3,251	-22.2	52,201	+50.0
Korea	2,966	-32.4	49,564	-6.4
Netherlands	3,652	-13.8	45,328	+2.0

Table 5 : Imports of Goods from Ten Main Suppliers

Supplier	Dec 2008 (HKD Mn.)	Dec 2008 over Dec 2007 (% change)	Jan-Dec 2008 (HKD Mn.)	Jan-Dec 2008 over Jan-Dec 2007 (% change)
Total Imports	217,580	-16.2	3,025,288	+5.5
The mainland of China	108,703	-9.7	1,410,735	+6.1
Japan	20,149	-22.9	297,552	+3.6
Singapore	12,476	-29.4	194,951	+0.1
Taiwan	10,944	-38.8	192,041	-6.4
United States of America	10,888	-20.6	150,738	+8.6
Korea	6,449	-36.9	118,084	-1.1
Malaysia	5,909	+6.7	66,137	+5.3
Thailand	4,491	-13.8	63,756	+11.1
India	3,235	-14.4	58,015	+21.5
Germany	4,092	-7.5	53,438	+11.2

Table 6 : Total Exports of Ten Principal Commodity Divisions

Commodity division	Dec 2008 (HKD Mn.)	Dec 2008 over Dec 2007 (% change)	Jan-Dec 2008 (HKD Mn.)	Jan-Dec 2008 over Jan-Dec 2007 (% change)
Total Exports	205,816	-11.4	2,824,151	+5.1
Electrical machinery, apparatus and appliances, and electrical parts thereof	48,847	-10.2	691,867	+6.4
Telecommunications and sound recording and reproducing apparatus and equipment	32,564	-21.8	467,734	+7.3
Office machines and automatic data processing machines	24,083	+7.8	279,780	+6.9
Miscellaneous manufactured articles (mainly baby carriages, toys, games and sporting goods)	18,872	-4.6	255,995	+4.9
Articles of apparel and clothing accessories	17,063	-11.6	217,311	-3.2
Textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles and related products	6,187	-24.6	95,435	-8.8
Photographic apparatus, equipment and supplies, optical goods, watches and clocks	6,475	-17.8	92,202	+3.7
Non-metallic mineral manufactures	5,508	-18.1	90,750	+33.1
Plastics in primary forms	4,181	-26.8	71,487	-0.6
Professional, scientific and controlling instruments and apparatus	4,164	-14.0	54,501	+7.6

Table 7 : Imports of Ten Principal Commodity Divisions

Commodity division	Dec 2008 (HKD Mn.)	Dec 2008 over Dec 2007 (% change)	Jan-Dec 2008 (HKD Mn.)	Jan-Dec 2008 over Jan-Dec 2007 (% change)
Total Imports	217,580	-16.2	3,025,288	+5.5
Electrical machinery, apparatus and appliances, and electrical parts thereof	53,709	-18.4	764,417	+3.3
Telecommunications and sound recording and reproducing apparatus and equipment	29,541	-21.1	407,160	+5.6
Office machines and automatic data processing machines	21,699	-0.8	265,633	+6.5
Miscellaneous manufactured articles (mainly baby carriages, toys, games and sporting goods)	18,321	+1.1	227,478	+10.8
Articles of apparel and clothing accessories	11,901	-8.8	144,412	-3.3
Non-metallic mineral manufactures	6,674	-21.9	118,465	+16.3
Textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles and related products	6,134	-26.8	95,880	-9.4
Petroleum, petroleum products and related materials	4,597	-46.3	93,635	+26.8
Plastics in primary forms	3,889	-41.3	80,836	-0.6
Photographic apparatus, equipment and supplies, optical goods, watches and clocks	5,417	-19.5	78,806	+9.5