

Table 1: External Merchandise Trade Statistics for February 2009

(HK\$ Million)

Merchandise trade values for February 2009				
	Domestic Exports	3,793		
	Re-exports	138,144		
	Total Exports	141,938		
	Imports	165,148		
	Trade balance	-23,211		
			Change	
Current month compared with same month in the preceding year	February 2009	February 2008	Value	%
Domestic Exports	3,793	6,282	-2,489	-39.6
(% of Total Exports)	(2.7%)	(3.4%)		
Re-exports	138,144	178,108	-39,963	-22.4
Total Exports	141,938	184,390	-42,452	-23.0
Imports	165,148	200,213	-35,064	-17.5
Trade balance	-23,211	-15,823	-7,388	
Current month compared with last month	February 2009	January 2009		
Domestic Exports	3,793	4,196	-402	-9.6
(% of Total Exports)	(2.7%)	(2.2%)		
Re-exports	138,144	183,572	-45,428	-24.7
Total Exports	141,938	187,768	-45,830	-24.4
Imports	165,148	180,540	-15,392	-8.5
Trade balance	-23,211	+7,228	-30,438	
Latest 3 months compared with same period 12 months earlier	Dec 2008 to Feb 2009	Dec 2007 to Feb 2008		
Domestic Exports	13,468	23,851	-10,383	-43.5
(% of Total Exports)	(2.5%)	(3.6%)		
Re-exports	521,731	632,596	-110,865	-17.5
Total Exports	535,199	656,447	-121,248	-18.5
Imports	562,780	707,017	-144,237	-20.4
Trade balance	-27,581	-50,570	+22,989	
Calendar year-to-date compared with same period in the preceding year	Jan-Feb 2009	Jan-Feb 2008		
Domestic Exports	7,988	14,779	-6,792	-46.0
(% of Total Exports)	(2.4%)	(3.5%)		
Re-exports	321,561	409,672	-88,111	-21.5
Total Exports	329,549	424,452	-94,903	-22.4
Imports	345,629	447,725	-102,096	-22.8
Trade balance	-16,080	-23,273	+7,194	
Last 12 months compared with same period 12 months earlier	Mar 2008 to Feb 2009	Mar 2007 to Feb 2008		
Domestic Exports	83,966	109,249	-25,283	-23.1
(% of Total Exports)	(3.1%)	(4.0%)		
Re-exports	2,645,283	2,623,930	+21,353	+0.8
Total Exports	2,729,248	2,733,179	-3,931	-0.1
Imports	2,923,192	2,925,033	-1,842	-0.1
Trade balance	-193,944	-191,854	-2,089	

Table 2 : Hong Kong's External Merchandise Trade Statistics from January 2006 to February 2009

(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
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
2009	1	4,195.6	-50.6	183,572.1	-20.7	187,767.8	-21.8	180,540.0	-27.1
	2	3,793.2	-39.6	138,144.5	-22.4	141,937.7	-23.0	165,148.2	-17.5

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 2006 to February 2009

Year	Month	Change of the latest 3-month period over the preceding 3-month period (%)			
		Domestic Exports	Re-exports	Total Exports	Imports
2006	1	+4.4	-0.7	-0.3	+1.5
	2	-1.4	+0.2	+0.1	+2.5
	3	-3.5	+3.2	+2.7	+3.7
	4	-8.8	+3.3	+2.4	+2.4
	5	-11.3	+2.0	+1.1	+1.1
	6	-11.0	+0.9	+0.1	+1.0
	7	-6.0	+1.5	+1.0	+2.3
	8	-3.1	+4.9	+4.4	+4.8
	9	-5.7	+6.0	+5.3	+5.4
	10	-12.5	+5.8	+4.7	+4.9
	11	-16.1	+4.4	+3.2	+3.4
	12	-17.0	+4.3	+3.2	+3.1
2007	1	-14.5	+2.2	+1.4	+0.2
	2	-10.4	+2.8	+2.2	+0.2
	3	-2.4	+1.2	+1.0	-0.4
	4	+5.8	+4.7	+4.7	+5.3
	5	+7.6	+0.0	+0.3	+3.4
	6	+7.3	+1.4	+1.7	+4.1
	7	+0.9	-0.7	-0.6	+0.7
	8	-3.2	+2.9	+2.6	+3.2
	9	-7.9	+1.6	+1.2	+1.7
	10	-5.8	+2.8	+2.5	+3.1
	11	+2.1	+2.9	+2.8	+3.0
	12	+4.0	+4.1	+4.1	+4.8
2008	1	+4.5	+4.4	+4.4	+4.7
	2	-4.3	+3.3	+3.0	+1.3
	3	-4.6	+1.8	+1.5	-0.6
	4	-6.4	+1.4	+1.1	-1.7
	5	-3.8	+2.8	+2.6	+3.8
	6	-7.9	+1.4	+1.0	+3.2
	7	-10.6	-0.7	-1.1	+4.0
	8	-13.9	-3.5	-3.9	-1.9
	9	-11.0	-0.2	-0.5	+0.1
	10	-8.6	+1.3	+0.9	-0.9
	11	-5.8	+1.6	+1.4	-0.6
	12	-11.8	-4.0	-4.2	-6.9
2009	1	-20.5	-12.0	-12.3	-15.8
	2	-25.9	-17.3	-17.6	-20.2

Note : Seasonally adjusted series may be revised as more data become available. For external merchandise trade figures, the seasonally adjusted series for the preceding three years are revised each year when the figures for January become available. The figures shown in Table 3 have already been revised.

'0.0' denotes increase or decrease of less than 0.05%

Table 4 : Total Exports of Goods to Ten Main Destinations

Destination	Feb 2009 (HKD Mn.)	Feb 2009 over Feb 2008 (% change)	Jan-Feb 2009 (HKD Mn.)	Jan-Feb 2009 over Jan-Feb 2008 (% change)
Total Exports	141,938	-23.0	329,549	-22.4
The mainland of China	74,705	-14.1	151,901	-25.8
United States of America	13,679	-36.7	40,823	-19.6
Japan	6,722	-24.4	17,128	-9.9
Germany	4,923	-21.7	13,445	-4.8
United Kingdom	2,985	-34.5	8,996	-17.9
India	3,825	-1.2	7,608	-10.1
Singapore	2,914	-33.5	6,306	-30.4
Korea	2,781	-27.8	5,928	-29.5
Taiwan	2,758	-21.3	5,724	-30.1
Netherlands	2,042	-36.9	5,605	-24.5

Table 5 : Imports of Goods from Ten Main Suppliers

Supplier	Feb 2009 (HKD Mn.)	Feb 2009 over Feb 2008 (% change)	Jan-Feb 2009 (HKD Mn.)	Jan-Feb 2009 over Jan-Feb 2008 (% change)
Total Imports	165,148	-17.5	345,629	-22.8
The mainland of China	73,430	-11.9	163,851	-18.2
Japan	14,323	-36.0	26,865	-41.1
Singapore	11,122	-22.9	21,409	-30.5
United States of America	8,756	-13.0	19,609	-14.6
Taiwan	9,935	-19.9	19,217	-35.4
Korea	6,401	-24.6	11,925	-30.3
Malaysia	4,260	-13.7	9,527	-8.1
India	3,829	-20.4	7,408	-25.5
Switzerland	3,751	+24.0	7,112	+17.3
Germany	2,991	-21.8	6,709	-12.7

Table 6 : Total Exports of Ten Principal Commodity Divisions

Commodity division	Feb 2009 (HKD Mn.)	Feb 2009 over Feb 2008 (% change)	Jan-Feb 2009 (HKD Mn.)	Jan-Feb 2009 over Jan-Feb 2008 (% change)
Total Exports	141,938	-23.0	329,549	-22.4
Electrical machinery, apparatus and appliances, and electrical parts thereof	37,609	-15.6	78,849	-23.1
Telecommunications and sound recording and reproducing apparatus and equipment	24,091	-22.4	56,461	-21.8
Office machines and automatic data processing machines	14,123	-34.1	33,282	-27.2
Miscellaneous manufactured articles (mainly baby carriages, toys, games and sporting goods)	13,607	-8.0	32,173	-8.8
Articles of apparel and clothing accessories	7,521	-44.9	29,272	-10.8
Non-metallic mineral manufactures	5,036	-10.6	10,554	-20.1
Photographic apparatus, equipment and supplies, optical goods, watches and clocks	4,100	-28.4	10,430	-24.3
Textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles and related products	4,691	-11.5	9,331	-26.0
Travel goods, handbags and similar containers	2,104	-30.1	6,970	-0.2
Footwear	2,425	-23.2	6,944	-11.0

Table 7 : Imports of Ten Principal Commodity Divisions

Commodity division	Feb 2009 (HKD Mn.)	Feb 2009 over Feb 2008 (% change)	Jan-Feb 2009 (HKD Mn.)	Jan-Feb 2009 over Jan-Feb 2008 (% change)
Total Imports	165,148	-17.5	345,629	-22.8
Electrical machinery, apparatus and appliances, and electrical parts thereof	41,914	-15.9	82,366	-25.4
Telecommunications and sound recording and reproducing apparatus and equipment	21,932	-21.5	48,411	-23.6
Office machines and automatic data processing machines	15,602	-19.0	32,039	-22.8
Miscellaneous manufactured articles (mainly baby carriages, toys, games and sporting goods)	14,161	+3.8	29,465	-8.1
Articles of apparel and clothing accessories	5,973	-20.8	18,373	-11.1
Non-metallic mineral manufactures	7,529	-24.8	13,874	-29.6
Petroleum, petroleum products and related materials	4,892	-30.8	9,398	-29.8
Textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles and related products	4,697	-12.2	8,837	-28.1
Photographic apparatus, equipment and supplies, optical goods, watches and clocks	4,369	-16.4	8,502	-25.4
Non-ferrous metals	3,456	+5.2	6,944	-8.7