

**Table 1: External Merchandise Trade Statistics for March 2009**

(HK\$ Million)

<b>Merchandise trade values for March 2009</b>				
	Domestic Exports		4,415	
	Re-exports		171,057	
	Total Exports		175,472	
	Imports		193,656	
	Trade balance		-18,184	
			<b>Change</b>	
<b>Current month compared with same month in the preceding year</b>	<b>March 2009</b>	<b>March 2008</b>	<b>Value</b>	<b>%</b>
Domestic Exports	4,415	7,491	-3,076	-41.1
(% of Total Exports)	(2.5%)	(3.4%)		
Re-exports	171,057	215,041	-43,984	-20.5
Total Exports	175,472	222,532	-47,060	-21.1
Imports	193,656	250,655	-56,999	-22.7
Trade balance	-18,184	-28,123	+9,939	
<b>Current month compared with last month</b>	<b>March 2009</b>	<b>February 2009</b>		
Domestic Exports	4,415	3,793	+622	+16.4
(% of Total Exports)	(2.5%)	(2.7%)		
Re-exports	171,057	138,144	+32,912	+23.8
Total Exports	175,472	141,938	+33,534	+23.6
Imports	193,656	165,148	+28,508	+17.3
Trade balance	-18,184	-23,211	+5,026	
<b>Latest 3 months compared with same period 12 months earlier</b>	<b>Jan-Mar 2009</b>	<b>Jan-Mar 2008</b>		
Domestic Exports	12,400	22,266	-9,866	-44.3
(% of Total Exports)	(2.5%)	(3.4%)		
Re-exports	492,498	624,489	-131,992	-21.1
Total Exports	504,898	646,755	-141,857	-21.9
Imports	539,175	698,235	-159,060	-22.8
Trade balance	-34,277	-51,480	+17,202	
<b>Last 12 months compared with same period 12 months earlier</b>	<b>Apr 2008 to Mar 2009</b>	<b>Apr 2007 to Mar 2008</b>		
Domestic Exports	80,892	109,190	-28,298	-25.9
(% of Total Exports)	(3.0%)	(4.0%)		
Re-exports	2,601,402	2,639,536	-38,134	-1.4
Total Exports	2,682,293	2,748,726	-66,432	-2.4
Imports	2,866,228	2,940,431	-74,203	-2.5
Trade balance	-183,935	-191,705	+7,770	

**Table 2 : Hong Kong's External Merchandise Trade Statistics from January 2006 to March 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
	3	4,414.9	-41.1	171,056.8	-20.5	175,471.8	-21.1	193,656.2	-22.7

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 March 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
	3	-20.7	-17.8	-17.9	-18.3

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	Mar 2009 (HKD Mn.)	Mar 2009 over Mar 2008 (% change)	Jan-Mar 2009 (HKD Mn.)	Jan-Mar 2009 over Jan-Mar 2008 (% change)
Total Exports	175,472	-21.1	504,898	-21.9
The mainland of China	87,116	-19.2	239,004	-23.5
United States of America	20,668	-23.3	61,445	-20.9
Japan	8,130	-19.5	25,233	-13.3
Germany	6,008	-11.9	19,442	-7.2
United Kingdom	4,155	-27.5	13,152	-21.2
India	4,375	-12.7	11,978	-11.1
Taiwan	3,752	-19.8	9,480	-26.2
Singapore	3,122	-37.5	9,427	-32.9
Korea	3,058	-31.2	8,983	-30.1
Netherlands	2,293	-31.7	7,901	-26.7

**Table 5 : Imports of Goods from Ten Main Suppliers**

Supplier	Mar 2009 (HKD Mn.)	Mar 2009 over Mar 2008 (% change)	Jan-Mar 2009 (HKD Mn.)	Jan-Mar 2009 over Jan-Mar 2008 (% change)
Total Imports	193,656	-22.7	539,175	-22.8
The mainland of China	88,162	-20.6	251,978	-19.0
Japan	15,418	-40.4	42,274	-40.8
Singapore	13,258	-21.4	34,660	-27.3
Taiwan	12,384	-25.4	31,595	-31.8
United States of America	11,971	-0.8	31,565	-9.8
Korea	6,714	-33.7	18,636	-31.6
Malaysia	4,751	-8.9	14,263	-8.5
India	4,807	-27.0	12,208	-26.1
Thailand	4,018	-28.2	10,572	-32.5
Germany	3,721	-19.8	10,428	-15.3

**Table 6 : Total Exports of Ten Principal Commodity Divisions**

Commodity division	Mar 2009 (HKD Mn.)	Mar 2009 over Mar 2008 (% change)	Jan-Mar 2009 (HKD Mn.)	Jan-Mar 2009 over Jan-Mar 2008 (% change)
Total Exports	175,472	-21.1	504,898	-21.9
Electrical machinery, apparatus and appliances, and electrical parts thereof	47,118	-12.7	125,975	-19.5
Telecommunications and sound recording and reproducing apparatus and equipment	25,450	-29.3	81,858	-24.3
Miscellaneous manufactured articles (mainly baby carriages, toys, games and sporting goods)	17,409	-9.8	49,572	-9.1
Office machines and automatic data processing machines	15,472	-26.6	48,738	-26.9
Articles of apparel and clothing accessories	12,485	-5.8	41,751	-9.4
Non-metallic mineral manufactures	7,126	-26.8	17,678	-23.0
Textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles and related products	6,701	-22.3	16,030	-24.4
Photographic apparatus, equipment and supplies, optical goods, watches and clocks	5,517	-17.8	15,945	-22.2
Plastics in primary forms	4,545	-28.2	11,178	-32.4
Travel goods, handbags and similar containers	2,877	-8.8	9,847	-2.9

**Table 7 : Imports of Ten Principal Commodity Divisions**

Commodity division	Mar 2009 (HKD Mn.)	Mar 2009 over Mar 2008 (% change)	Jan-Mar 2009 (HKD Mn.)	Jan-Mar 2009 over Jan-Mar 2008 (% change)
Total Imports	193,656	-22.7	539,175	-22.8
Electrical machinery, apparatus and appliances, and electrical parts thereof	50,006	-20.7	132,347	-23.7
Telecommunications and sound recording and reproducing apparatus and equipment	23,828	-30.2	72,215	-25.9
Office machines and automatic data processing machines	17,056	-20.0	49,072	-21.9
Miscellaneous manufactured articles (mainly baby carriages, toys, games and sporting goods)	15,385	-15.5	44,825	-10.8
Articles of apparel and clothing accessories	8,348	-11.9	26,719	-11.4
Non-metallic mineral manufactures	8,330	-31.5	22,195	-30.3
Textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles and related products	6,884	-24.1	15,719	-26.4
Petroleum, petroleum products and related materials	4,726	-35.9	14,124	-32.0
Photographic apparatus, equipment and supplies, optical goods, watches and clocks	4,560	-25.1	13,060	-25.3
Non-ferrous metals	4,309	-16.4	11,257	-11.8