

Table 1: External Merchandise Trade Statistics for May 2009

(HK\$ Million)

Merchandise trade values for May 2009				
	Domestic Exports	5,085		
	Re-exports	199,290		
	Total Exports	204,375		
	Imports	215,361		
	Trade balance	-10,986		
			Change	
Current month compared with same month in the preceding year			Value	%
	May 2009	May 2008		
Domestic Exports	5,085	8,129	-3,043	-37.4
(% of Total Exports)	(2.5%)	(3.4%)		
Re-exports	199,290	230,813	-31,523	-13.7
Total Exports	204,375	238,942	-34,567	-14.5
Imports	215,361	266,397	-51,036	-19.2
Trade balance	-10,986	-27,455	+16,469	
Current month compared with last month				
	May 2009	April 2009		
Domestic Exports	5,085	4,633	+452	+9.8
(% of Total Exports)	(2.5%)	(2.3%)		
Re-exports	199,290	194,410	+4,880	+2.5
Total Exports	204,375	199,043	+5,332	+2.7
Imports	215,361	215,398	-37	-0.0
Trade balance	-10,986	-16,355	+5,369	
Latest 3 months compared with same period 12 months earlier				
	Mar-May 2009	Mar-May 2008		
Domestic Exports	14,078	23,343	-9,265	-39.7
(% of Total Exports)	(2.4%)	(3.3%)		
Re-exports	564,310	680,694	-116,385	-17.1
Total Exports	578,388	704,038	-125,650	-17.8
Imports	623,811	775,963	-152,153	-19.6
Trade balance	-45,423	-71,926	+26,503	
Calendar year-to-date compared with same period in the preceding year				
	Jan-May 2009	Jan-May 2008		
Domestic Exports	22,066	38,123	-16,057	-42.1
(% of Total Exports)	(2.4%)	(3.4%)		
Re-exports	885,871	1,090,367	-204,496	-18.8
Total Exports	907,937	1,128,490	-220,552	-19.5
Imports	969,440	1,223,688	-254,249	-20.8
Trade balance	-61,502	-95,199	+33,696	
Last 12 months compared with same period 12 months earlier				
	Jun 2008 to May 2009	Jun 2007 to May 2008		
Domestic Exports	74,701	107,221	-32,520	-30.3
(% of Total Exports)	(2.9%)	(3.8%)		
Re-exports	2,528,898	2,694,288	-165,390	-6.1
Total Exports	2,603,598	2,801,508	-197,910	-7.1
Imports	2,771,039	3,002,070	-231,031	-7.7
Trade balance	-167,441	-200,562	+33,121	

Table 2 : Hong Kong's External Merchandise Trade Statistics from January 2006 to May 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
	4	4,633.3	-40.2	194,409.7	-17.5	199,043.0	-18.2	215,397.7	-17.0
	5	5,085.3	-37.4	199,289.7	-13.7	204,374.9	-14.5	215,360.6	-19.2

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 2006 to May 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
	4	-8.4	-10.0	-9.9	-8.4
	5	+0.5	+1.3	+1.3	+2.5

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	May 2009 (HKD Mn.)	May 2009 over May 2008 (% change)	Jan-May 2009 (HKD Mn.)	Jan-May 2009 over Jan-May 2008 (% change)
Total Exports	204,375	-14.5	907,937	-19.5
The mainland of China	106,940	-10.8	452,904	-18.3
United States of America	23,779	-15.7	106,803	-20.7
Japan	7,971	-20.9	41,349	-16.0
Germany	5,952	-21.9	31,472	-13.4
United Kingdom	4,811	-15.4	22,316	-21.3
India	4,339	+0.3	20,221	-10.8
Taiwan	4,601	+1.5	18,229	-17.9
Singapore	3,355	-29.0	15,972	-31.9
Korea	3,356	-21.6	15,770	-27.8
Australia	3,053	-4.2	13,864	-7.9

Table 5 : Imports of Goods from Ten Main Suppliers

Supplier	May 2009 (HKD Mn.)	May 2009 over May 2008 (% change)	Jan-May 2009 (HKD Mn.)	Jan-May 2009 over Jan-May 2008 (% change)
Total Imports	215,361	-19.2	969,440	-20.8
The mainland of China	98,988	-16.3	449,593	-17.9
Japan	17,862	-29.7	79,218	-35.9
Singapore	13,706	-27.5	62,661	-24.3
Taiwan	14,306	-19.4	60,165	-26.5
United States of America	11,930	-16.2	55,629	-10.3
Korea	8,033	-32.0	34,045	-30.6
Malaysia	5,580	-6.5	25,580	-6.4
India	3,864	-16.7	19,713	-25.2
Thailand	4,879	-17.7	19,660	-26.4
Germany	3,718	-27.3	17,890	-20.0

Table 6 : Total Exports of Ten Principal Commodity Divisions

Commodity division	May 2009 (HKD Mn.)	May 2009 over May 2008 (% change)	Jan-May 2009 (HKD Mn.)	Jan-May 2009 over Jan-May 2008 (% change)
Total Exports	204,375	-14.5	907,937	-19.5
Electrical machinery, apparatus and appliances, and electrical parts thereof	54,342	-12.0	235,090	-15.3
Telecommunications and sound recording and reproducing apparatus and equipment	36,243	-8.0	150,290	-19.9
Office machines and automatic data processing machines	19,607	+0.7	89,504	-19.3
Miscellaneous manufactured articles (mainly baby carriages, toys, games and sporting goods)	17,680	-15.9	85,161	-12.0
Articles of apparel and clothing accessories	13,241	-13.1	65,854	-12.9
Textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles and related products	7,077	-28.2	30,734	-25.1
Non-metallic mineral manufactures	6,918	-2.1	29,625	-23.1
Photographic apparatus, equipment and supplies, optical goods, watches and clocks	5,905	-30.0	27,593	-25.4
Plastics in primary forms	4,703	-27.5	20,972	-28.7
Professional, scientific and controlling instruments and apparatus	3,987	-25.1	17,916	-20.7

Table 7 : Imports of Ten Principal Commodity Divisions

Commodity division	May 2009 (HKD Mn.)	May 2009 over May 2008 (% change)	Jan-May 2009 (HKD Mn.)	Jan-May 2009 over Jan-May 2008 (% change)
Total Imports	215,361	-19.2	969,440	-20.8
Electrical machinery, apparatus and appliances, and electrical parts thereof	57,237	-16.7	247,949	-19.1
Telecommunications and sound recording and reproducing apparatus and equipment	30,037	-10.6	129,433	-21.6
Office machines and automatic data processing machines	19,430	-3.9	88,932	-16.5
Miscellaneous manufactured articles (mainly baby carriages, toys, games and sporting goods)	15,095	-18.3	76,326	-12.3
Articles of apparel and clothing accessories	8,896	-21.0	43,781	-15.6
Non-metallic mineral manufactures	8,095	-20.8	37,719	-27.9
Textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles and related products	7,338	-25.0	30,591	-26.3
Petroleum, petroleum products and related materials	5,074	-52.1	23,848	-37.2
Photographic apparatus, equipment and supplies, optical goods, watches and clocks	5,071	-31.3	23,112	-26.7
Plastics in primary forms	5,509	-28.4	22,048	-34.7