

Table 1: External Merchandise Trade Statistics for August 2009

(HK\$ Million)

Merchandise trade values for August 2009				
	Domestic Exports	5,031		
	Re-exports	208,270		
	Total Exports	213,301		
	Imports	235,150		
	Trade balance	-21,849		
			Change	
Current month compared with same month in the preceding year	August 2009	August 2008	Value	%
Domestic Exports	5,031	8,023	-2,992	-37.3
(% of Total Exports)	(2.4%)	(3.2%)		
Re-exports	208,270	239,850	-31,580	-13.2
Total Exports	213,301	247,873	-34,572	-13.9
Imports	235,150	260,754	-25,604	-9.8
Trade balance	-21,849	-12,881	-8,967	
Current month compared with last month	August 2009	July 2009		
Domestic Exports	5,031	5,139	-107	-2.1
(% of Total Exports)	(2.4%)	(2.4%)		
Re-exports	208,270	207,140	+1,129	+0.5
Total Exports	213,301	212,279	+1,022	+0.5
Imports	235,150	233,947	+1,203	+0.5
Trade balance	-21,849	-21,668	-181	
Latest 3 months compared with same period 12 months earlier	Jun-Aug 2009	Jun-Aug 2008		
Domestic Exports	14,514	24,417	-9,903	-40.6
(% of Total Exports)	(2.3%)	(3.3%)		
Re-exports	621,615	710,981	-89,365	-12.6
Total Exports	636,129	735,398	-99,269	-13.5
Imports	695,861	791,691	-95,830	-12.1
Trade balance	-59,732	-56,294	-3,438	
Calendar year-to-date compared with same period in the preceding year	Jan-Aug 2009	Jan-Aug 2008		
Domestic Exports	36,580	62,539	-25,960	-41.5
(% of Total Exports)	(2.4%)	(3.4%)		
Re-exports	1,507,486	1,801,348	-293,861	-16.3
Total Exports	1,544,066	1,863,887	-319,821	-17.2
Imports	1,665,300	2,015,380	-350,079	-17.4
Trade balance	-121,234	-151,493	+30,258	
Last 12 months compared with same period 12 months earlier	Sep 2008 to Aug 2009	Sep 2007 to Aug 2008		
Domestic Exports	64,797	101,901	-37,104	-36.4
(% of Total Exports)	(2.6%)	(3.6%)		
Re-exports	2,439,532	2,729,085	-289,553	-10.6
Total Exports	2,504,330	2,830,987	-326,657	-11.5
Imports	2,675,209	3,047,171	-371,963	-12.2
Trade balance	-170,879	-216,185	+45,306	

Table 2 : Hong Kong's External Merchandise Trade Statistics from January 2006 to August 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
	6	4,703.8	-38.7	206,432.0	-4.2	211,135.8	-5.4	227,620.2	-7.9
	7	5,138.6	-41.3	207,140.3	-19.2	212,278.9	-19.9	233,947.0	-17.8
	8	5,031.5	-37.3	208,269.5	-13.2	213,301.0	-13.9	235,149.9	-9.8

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 August 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
	6	-1.3	+11.4	+11.0	+11.6
	7	-7.4	+8.4	+8.0	+10.7
	8	-13.0	+3.0	+2.6	+8.3

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	Aug 2009 (HKD Mn.)	Aug 2009 over Aug 2008 (% change)	Jan-Aug 2009 (HKD Mn.)	Jan-Aug 2009 over Jan-Aug 2008 (% change)
Total Exports	213,301	-13.9	1,544,066	-17.2
The mainland of China	107,031	-11.1	782,117	-13.8
United States of America	27,172	-14.6	181,039	-21.5
Japan	9,393	-4.1	68,718	-13.2
Germany	6,554	-22.9	50,644	-17.0
United Kingdom	5,552	-21.8	37,556	-22.3
India	4,344	-6.4	33,070	-8.8
Taiwan	4,758	+1.6	32,310	-11.2
Korea	3,775	-8.9	26,986	-22.5
Singapore	3,662	-14.9	26,882	-28.3
Australia	3,299	+9.7	22,892	-8.6

Table 5 : Imports of Goods from Ten Main Suppliers

Supplier	Aug 2009 (HKD Mn.)	Aug 2009 over Aug 2008 (% change)	Jan-Aug 2009 (HKD Mn.)	Jan-Aug 2009 over Jan-Aug 2008 (% change)
Total Imports	235,150	-9.8	1,665,300	-17.4
The mainland of China	110,445	-12.1	775,517	-15.6
Japan	21,027	-17.9	142,281	-29.6
Singapore	15,326	+6.7	107,228	-17.9
Taiwan	15,695	-9.5	105,474	-20.5
United States of America	11,688	-17.3	91,191	-10.4
Korea	9,314	-13.2	60,915	-26.7
Malaysia	5,949	+10.8	42,898	-1.6
Thailand	5,478	-1.3	35,473	-18.1
India	4,496	-10.0	32,864	-19.5
Germany	4,217	-10.0	29,990	-18.2

Table 6 : Total Exports of Ten Principal Commodity Divisions

Commodity division	Aug 2009 (HKD Mn.)	Aug 2009 over Aug 2008 (% change)	Jan-Aug 2009 (HKD Mn.)	Jan-Aug 2009 over Jan-Aug 2008 (% change)
Total Exports	213,301	-13.9	1,544,066	-17.2
Electrical machinery, apparatus and appliances, and electrical parts thereof	51,476	-15.0	398,329	-11.2
Telecommunications and sound recording and reproducing apparatus and equipment	36,365	-4.1	248,449	-19.8
Office machines and automatic data processing machines	22,497	-10.3	155,973	-11.9
Miscellaneous manufactured articles (mainly baby carriages, toys, games and sporting goods)	19,713	-17.3	139,967	-14.8
Articles of apparel and clothing accessories	17,620	-18.0	118,548	-16.5
Textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles and related products	6,170	-19.2	51,194	-22.8
Non-metallic mineral manufactures	5,456	-25.8	48,192	-22.5
Photographic apparatus, equipment and supplies, optical goods, watches and clocks	6,615	-19.9	46,551	-23.6
Plastics in primary forms	5,635	-18.6	37,708	-25.5
Professional, scientific and controlling instruments and apparatus	4,667	-0.5	32,192	-12.3

Table 7 : Imports of Ten Principal Commodity Divisions

Commodity division	Aug 2009 (HKD Mn.)	Aug 2009 over Aug 2008 (% change)	Jan-Aug 2009 (HKD Mn.)	Jan-Aug 2009 over Jan-Aug 2008 (% change)
Total Imports	235,150	-9.8	1,665,300	-17.4
Electrical machinery, apparatus and appliances, and electrical parts thereof	62,082	-6.7	432,180	-13.4
Telecommunications and sound recording and reproducing apparatus and equipment	33,470	+0.7	221,318	-18.0
Office machines and automatic data processing machines	21,847	-7.1	154,731	-10.4
Miscellaneous manufactured articles (mainly baby carriages, toys, games and sporting goods)	17,471	-16.3	125,748	-14.0
Articles of apparel and clothing accessories	11,095	-20.2	78,735	-16.5
Non-metallic mineral manufactures	7,880	-13.7	62,630	-24.8
Textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles and related products	6,196	-19.0	50,988	-24.2
Petroleum, petroleum products and related materials	6,866	-9.5	42,616	-35.5
Photographic apparatus, equipment and supplies, optical goods, watches and clocks	5,661	-13.4	39,828	-23.5
Plastics in primary forms	5,713	-30.6	39,361	-32.7