

Table 1: External Merchandise Trade Statistics for August 2011

(HK\$ Million)

Merchandise trade values for August 2011				
	Domestic Exports		5,935	
	Re-exports		303,953	
	Total Exports		309,888	
	Imports		344,664	
	Trade balance		-34,776	
			Change	
Current month compared with same month in the preceding year	August 2011	August 2010	Value	%
Domestic Exports	5,935	6,199	-264	-4.3
(% of Total Exports)	(1.9%)	(2.1%)		
Re-exports	303,953	283,922	+20,031	+7.1
Total Exports	309,888	290,121	+19,767	+6.8
Imports	344,664	302,040	+42,624	+14.1
Trade balance	-34,776	-11,918	-22,857	
Current month compared with last month	August 2011	July 2011		
Domestic Exports	5,935	5,111	+824	+16.1
(% of Total Exports)	(1.9%)	(1.8%)		
Re-exports	303,953	281,041	+22,912	+8.2
Total Exports	309,888	286,152	+23,736	+8.3
Imports	344,664	322,077	+22,587	+7.0
Trade balance	-34,776	-35,925	+1,150	
Latest 3 months compared with same period 12 months earlier	Jun-Aug 2011	Jun-Aug 2010		
Domestic Exports	16,543	18,045	-1,502	-8.3
(% of Total Exports)	(1.9%)	(2.2%)		
Re-exports	870,013	800,973	+69,040	+8.6
Total Exports	886,557	819,018	+67,539	+8.2
Imports	998,416	891,032	+107,384	+12.1
Trade balance	-111,860	-72,014	-39,845	
Calendar year-to-date compared with same period in the preceding year	Jan-Aug 2011	Jan-Aug 2010		
Domestic Exports	45,708	44,805	+903	+2.0
(% of Total Exports)	(2.1%)	(2.3%)		
Re-exports	2,164,977	1,906,322	+258,655	+13.6
Total Exports	2,210,685	1,951,127	+259,558	+13.3
Imports	2,481,808	2,171,692	+310,115	+14.3
Trade balance	-271,123	-220,565	-50,558	
Last 12 months compared with same period 12 months earlier	Sep 2010 to Aug 2011	Sep 2009 to Aug 2010		
Domestic Exports	70,415	65,967	+4,447	+6.7
(% of Total Exports)	(2.1%)	(2.3%)		
Re-exports	3,220,162	2,810,182	+409,980	+14.6
Total Exports	3,290,577	2,876,149	+414,427	+14.4
Imports	3,674,955	3,198,748	+476,208	+14.9
Trade balance	-384,379	-322,598	-61,780	

Table 2 : Hong Kong's External Merchandise Trade Statistics from January 2008 to August 2011

(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
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
	9	5,108.1	-35.0	220,789.9	-7.8	225,898.1	-8.6	255,039.5	-3.1
	10	5,405.1	-32.9	235,350.0	-12.5	240,755.2	-13.1	259,944.9	-10.7
	11	5,520.7	-19.4	228,573.9	+1.9	234,094.6	+1.3	254,820.6	+6.5
	12	5,152.2	-7.0	219,669.8	+9.7	224,822.0	+9.2	258,266.9	+18.7
2010	1	5,618.7	+33.9	216,659.8	+18.0	222,278.5	+18.4	251,787.4	+39.5
	2	4,106.7	+8.3	178,348.4	+29.1	182,455.0	+28.5	202,105.2	+22.4
	3	5,712.3	+29.4	226,042.7	+32.1	231,755.0	+32.1	270,641.0	+39.8
	4	5,545.6	+19.7	236,685.6	+21.7	242,231.1	+21.7	277,465.7	+28.8
	5	5,978.2	+17.6	248,256.3	+24.6	254,234.5	+24.4	279,321.3	+29.7
	6	5,894.6	+25.3	261,666.2	+26.8	267,560.9	+26.7	298,161.2	+31.0
	7	5,980.2	+16.4	255,818.2	+23.5	261,798.3	+23.3	292,305.3	+24.9
	8	6,199.2	+23.2	283,922.2	+36.3	290,121.4	+36.0	302,039.6	+28.4
	9	5,980.2	+17.1	274,249.5	+24.2	280,229.8	+24.1	304,678.2	+19.5
	10	6,008.8	+11.2	268,159.7	+13.9	274,168.5	+13.9	296,436.0	+14.0
	11	6,355.3	+15.1	266,687.4	+16.7	273,042.7	+16.6	296,551.2	+16.4
	12	6,398.8	+24.2	246,604.3	+12.3	253,003.1	+12.5	296,545.9	+14.8
2011	1	6,127.5	+9.1	277,555.1	+28.1	283,682.7	+27.6	299,645.8	+19.0
	2	4,580.1	+11.5	223,261.5	+25.2	227,841.6	+24.9	252,955.7	+25.2
	3	6,377.3	+11.6	275,110.0	+21.7	281,487.4	+21.5	321,570.6	+18.8
	4	5,972.7	+7.7	246,069.7	+4.0	252,042.4	+4.1	294,479.6	+6.1
	5	6,123.5	+2.4	273,820.6	+10.3	279,944.2	+10.1	315,636.9	+13.0
	6	5,552.1	-5.8	286,664.3	+9.6	292,216.4	+9.2	332,477.7	+11.5
	7	5,110.8	-14.5	281,041.1	+9.9	286,151.9	+9.3	322,077.1	+10.2
	8	5,935.2	-4.3	303,952.8	+7.1	309,888.0	+6.8	344,663.7	+14.1

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 2008 to August 2011

Year	Month	Change of the latest 3-month period over the preceding 3-month period (%)			
		Domestic Exports	Re-exports	Total Exports	Imports
2008	1	+4.8	+6.1	+6.0	+6.6
	2	-0.7	+6.1	+5.8	+5.0
	3	-3.7	+4.3	+4.0	+1.8
	4	-7.6	+1.2	+0.9	-0.3
	5	-6.5	+1.8	+1.5	+2.6
	6	-8.2	-1.4	-1.6	+1.2
	7	-7.9	-1.4	-1.6	+2.6
	8	-10.1	-3.7	-3.9	-2.7
	9	-7.4	+1.5	+1.2	+0.7
	10	-7.7	+1.3	+1.0	-0.9
	11	-8.5	+0.4	+0.1	-1.3
	12	-14.6	-5.1	-5.4	-8.2
2009	1	-22.6	-11.4	-11.7	-16.4
	2	-25.1	-14.9	-15.2	-17.9
	3	-22.6	-15.3	-15.5	-15.4
	4	-11.6	-9.5	-9.5	-5.8
	5	-4.6	-0.1	-0.2	+1.4
	6	-1.5	+7.1	+6.9	+8.3
	7	-4.0	+7.3	+7.0	+8.9
	8	-6.5	+2.8	+2.5	+7.4
	9	-4.5	+0.1	+0.0	+6.0
	10	-0.2	+3.5	+3.4	+7.3
	11	+5.8	+7.1	+7.1	+8.6
	12	+9.7	+9.3	+9.3	+6.8
2010	1	+14.0	+7.5	+7.7	+5.8
	2	+17.1	+7.8	+8.0	+6.6
	3	+18.1	+7.6	+7.8	+8.7
	4	+11.2	+8.1	+8.2	+9.0
	5	+4.6	+6.0	+5.9	+6.6
	6	-2.5	+5.0	+4.9	+4.9
	7	-4.8	+3.7	+3.5	+3.2
	8	-4.4	+5.2	+5.0	+3.6
	9	-3.8	+3.8	+3.6	+1.8
	10	-2.6	+2.5	+2.4	+0.6
	11	-1.4	-1.9	-1.9	-1.2
	12	+6.5	-2.5	-2.3	-0.7
2011	1	+14.1	+4.5	+4.7	+5.6
	2	+16.0	+11.5	+11.5	+9.9
	3	+11.3	+17.3	+17.2	+13.6
	4	+4.3	+5.0	+5.0	+4.3
	5	-0.7	-2.8	-2.8	+0.1
	6	-10.4	-9.4	-9.4	-4.2
	7	-18.6	-3.0	-3.4	+0.2
	8	-18.8	+1.9	+1.5	+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.

Table 4 : Total Exports of Goods to Ten Main Destinations

Destination	Aug 2011 (HKD Mn.)	Aug 2011 over Aug 2010 (% change)	Jan - Aug 2011 (HKD Mn.)	Jan - Aug 2011 over Jan - Aug 2010 (% change)
Total Exports	309,888	+6.8	2,210,685	+13.3
The mainland of China	160,049	+3.4	1,161,771	+11.7
United States of America	32,675	-3.9	214,207	+1.6
Japan	12,142	+12.3	86,938	+7.2
India	6,708	+10.3	64,315	+34.9
Germany	8,750	+13.4	59,092	+16.1
Taiwan	8,522	+41.0	56,663	+27.1
Korea	5,632	+18.6	41,316	+19.4
United Kingdom	6,193	+1.2	39,425	+2.5
Singapore	5,262	+7.2	37,966	+15.6
Thailand	4,345	+31.4	30,815	+42.8

Table 5 : Imports of Goods From Ten Main Suppliers

Supplier	Aug 2011 (HKD Mn.)	Aug 2011 over Aug 2010 (% change)	Jan - Aug 2011 (HKD Mn.)	Jan - Aug 2011 over Jan - Aug 2010 (% change)
Total Imports	344,664	+14.1	2,481,808	+14.3
The mainland of China	158,555	+11.3	1,112,455	+14.1
Japan	29,983	+5.7	210,045	+4.6
Singapore	22,641	+7.0	168,465	+7.4
Taiwan	22,261	+13.3	159,298	+5.7
United States of America	19,562	+23.8	137,210	+18.5
Korea	12,411	+11.5	100,937	+14.6
Malaysia	7,478	-6.7	60,344	+9.1
India	7,575	+28.4	58,682	+26.6
Thailand	7,926	+17.5	54,242	+9.7
Switzerland	6,859	+63.9	50,040	+56.4

Table 6 : Total Exports of Ten Principal Commodity Divisions

Commodity division	Aug 2011 (HKD Mn.)	Aug 2011 over Aug 2010 (% change)	Jan - Aug 2011 (HKD Mn.)	Jan - Aug 2011 over Jan - Aug 2010 (% change)
Total Exports	309,888	+6.8	2,210,685	+13.3
Electrical machinery, apparatus and appliances, and electrical parts thereof	77,679	-2.0	591,900	+5.9
Telecommunications and sound recording and reproducing apparatus and equipment	58,262	+14.7	370,624	+15.6
Office machines and automatic data processing machines	37,013	+9.6	257,223	+22.1
Miscellaneous manufactured articles (mainly baby carriages, toys, games and sporting goods)	22,475	+10.0	152,006	+8.8
Articles of apparel and clothing accessories	20,317	-3.5	125,440	+5.3
Non-metallic mineral manufactures	10,699	+28.1	92,042	+43.9
Photographic apparatus, equipment and supplies, optical goods, watches and clocks	9,978	+10.7	69,618	+16.6
Textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles and related products	6,923	-4.5	60,571	+3.0
Non-ferrous metals	7,040	+54.8	49,833	+50.4
Plastics in primary forms	5,995	-8.3	48,140	+0.9

Table 7 : Imports of Ten Principal Commodity Divisions

Commodity division	Aug 2011 (HKD Mn.)	Aug 2011 over Aug 2010 (% change)	Jan - Aug 2011 (HKD Mn.)	Jan - Aug 2011 over Jan - Aug 2010 (% change)
Total Imports	344,664	+14.1	2,481,808	+14.3
Electrical machinery, apparatus and appliances, and electrical parts thereof	88,330	+2.0	673,863	+6.7
Telecommunications and sound recording and reproducing apparatus and equipment	52,026	+23.0	337,791	+18.0
Office machines and automatic data processing machines	33,789	+8.5	239,208	+15.7
Miscellaneous manufactured articles (mainly baby carriages, toys, games and sporting goods)	23,827	+26.6	168,222	+23.8
Non-metallic mineral manufactures	14,818	+32.8	118,580	+36.4
Articles of apparel and clothing accessories	13,734	+1.7	88,076	+7.3
Petroleum, petroleum products and related materials	11,954	+38.0	81,494	+26.0
Photographic apparatus, equipment and supplies, optical goods, watches and clocks	9,835	+26.1	70,776	+25.6
Textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles and related products	6,774	-2.8	59,491	+1.3
Plastics in primary forms	6,275	-11.8	52,972	+0.2