

Table 1: External Merchandise Trade Statistics for December 2011

(HK\$ Million)

Merchandise trade values for December 2011				
	Domestic Exports	4,704		
	Re-exports	267,079		
	Total Exports	271,783		
	Imports	320,693		
	Trade balance	-48,910		
			Change	
Current month compared with same month in the preceding year	December 2011	December 2010	Value	%
Domestic Exports	4,704	6,399	-1,695	-26.5
(% of Total Exports)	(1.7%)	(2.5%)		
Re-exports	267,079	246,604	+20,475	+8.3
Total Exports	271,783	253,003	+18,780	+7.4
Imports	320,693	296,546	+24,147	+8.1
Trade balance	-48,910	-43,543	-5,367	
Current month compared with last month	December 2011	November 2011		
Domestic Exports	4,704	5,147	-443	-8.6
(% of Total Exports)	(1.7%)	(1.8%)		
Re-exports	267,079	273,416	-6,336	-2.3
Total Exports	271,783	278,563	-6,780	-2.4
Imports	320,693	322,667	-1,974	-0.6
Trade balance	-48,910	-44,105	-4,805	
Latest 3 months compared with same period 12 months earlier	Oct-Dec 2011	Oct-Dec 2010		
Domestic Exports	15,093	18,742	-3,649	-19.5
(% of Total Exports)	(1.8%)	(2.3%)		
Re-exports	839,966	781,039	+58,926	+7.5
Total Exports	855,058	799,781	+55,277	+6.9
Imports	971,255	888,643	+82,612	+9.3
Trade balance	-116,197	-88,861	-27,335	
Last 12 months compared with same period 12 months earlier	Jan 2011 to Dec 2011	Jan 2010 to Dec 2010		
Domestic Exports	65,662	69,512	-3,851	-5.5
(% of Total Exports)	(2.0%)	(2.3%)		
Re-exports	3,271,592	2,961,507	+310,085	+10.5
Total Exports	3,337,253	3,031,019	+306,234	+10.1
Imports	3,764,596	3,364,840	+399,756	+11.9
Trade balance	-427,343	-333,821	-93,522	

Table 2 : Hong Kong's External Merchandise Trade Statistics from January 2008 to December 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
	9	4,867.7	-18.6	266,931.6	-2.7	271,799.4	-3.0	311,760.5	+2.3
	10	5,260.2	-12.5	300,425.0	+12.0	305,685.1	+11.5	328,823.5	+10.9
	11	5,146.7	-19.0	273,415.8	+2.5	278,562.5	+2.0	322,667.3	+8.8
	12	4,703.6	-26.5	267,079.4	+8.3	271,783.0	+7.4	320,693.1	+8.1

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 December 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
	9	-16.6	+1.2	+0.9	+1.1
	10	-8.1	-0.8	-0.9	-0.7
	11	-10.1	-6.0	-6.1	-4.8
	12	-2.5	+0.1	+0.1	-0.7

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	Dec 2011 (HKD Mn.)	Dec 2011 over Dec 2010 (% change)	Jan - Dec 2011 (HKD Mn.)	Jan - Dec 2011 over Jan - Dec 2010 (% change)
Total Exports	271,783	+7.4	3,337,253	+10.1
The mainland of China	143,645	+13.8	1,747,355	+9.3
United States of America	26,049	-0.7	330,771	-0.4
Japan	12,334	+9.0	135,155	+5.9
India	6,667	-5.5	93,518	+25.6
Germany	6,764	-0.1	89,264	+10.7
Taiwan	6,886	+1.0	85,270	+24.3
Korea	5,005	-5.9	61,274	+14.2
United Kingdom	4,182	-26.7	58,688	-3.4
Singapore	4,556	+1.6	56,244	+10.3
Vietnam	5,097	+40.7	46,127	+37.3

Table 5 : Imports of Goods From Ten Main Suppliers

Supplier	Dec 2011 (HKD Mn.)	Dec 2011 over Dec 2010 (% change)	Jan - Dec 2011 (HKD Mn.)	Jan - Dec 2011 over Jan - Dec 2010 (% change)
Total Imports	320,693	+8.1	3,764,596	+11.9
The mainland of China	149,214	+9.3	1,696,807	+10.9
Japan	25,427	-4.6	318,601	+3.4
Singapore	20,786	+10.4	254,556	+7.2
Taiwan	20,308	+11.2	240,916	+7.2
United States of America	18,853	+15.2	211,368	+18.0
Korea	12,192	+8.8	149,969	+12.2
Malaysia	7,535	+6.1	89,015	+5.1
India	6,365	-4.7	86,603	+20.6
Switzerland	6,768	+30.3	79,081	+51.7
Thailand	4,810	-30.8	76,537	+0.3

Table 6 : Total Exports of Ten Principal Commodity Divisions

Commodity division	Dec 2011 (HKD Mn.)	Dec 2011 over Dec 2010 (% change)	Jan - Dec 2011 (HKD Mn.)	Jan - Dec 2011 over Jan - Dec 2010 (% change)
Total Exports	271,783	+7.4	3,337,253	+10.1
Electrical machinery, apparatus and appliances, and electrical parts thereof	76,581	+34.5	899,977	+6.7
Telecommunications and sound recording and reproducing apparatus and equipment	41,379	-9.1	562,107	+10.0
Office machines and automatic data processing machines	34,627	+13.3	379,386	+14.0
Miscellaneous manufactured articles (mainly baby carriages, toys, games and sporting goods)	20,645	+13.3	244,547	+10.6
Articles of apparel and clothing accessories	15,577	+1.4	190,591	+2.0
Non-metallic mineral manufactures	11,893	+14.5	140,088	+34.3
Photographic apparatus, equipment and supplies, optical goods, watches and clocks	8,721	-1.7	107,793	+10.9
Textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles and related products	6,089	-16.2	87,791	-0.1
Professional, scientific and controlling instruments and apparatus	5,113	-17.2	73,959	+13.4
Plastics in primary forms	5,251	-15.4	70,595	-1.8

Table 7 : Imports of Ten Principal Commodity Divisions

Commodity division	Dec 2011 (HKD Mn.)	Dec 2011 over Dec 2010 (% change)	Jan - Dec 2011 (HKD Mn.)	Jan - Dec 2011 over Jan - Dec 2010 (% change)
Total Imports	320,693	+8.1	3,764,596	+11.9
Electrical machinery, apparatus and appliances, and electrical parts thereof	86,571	+20.4	1,013,350	+5.9
Telecommunications and sound recording and reproducing apparatus and equipment	45,175	+4.4	527,241	+15.3
Office machines and automatic data processing machines	32,453	+9.7	356,601	+10.5
Miscellaneous manufactured articles (mainly baby carriages, toys, games and sporting goods)	22,414	+13.7	264,283	+22.3
Non-metallic mineral manufactures	13,348	+3.1	177,481	+29.2
Articles of apparel and clothing accessories	11,798	+2.4	134,089	+3.7
Petroleum, petroleum products and related materials	10,614	+14.6	123,566	+24.4
Photographic apparatus, equipment and supplies, optical goods, watches and clocks	9,768	+0.6	112,415	+20.3
Textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles and related products	6,068	-15.4	85,958	-1.8
Professional, scientific and controlling instruments and apparatus	6,116	-7.2	77,784	+14.5