

Table 1: External Merchandise Trade Statistics for February 2012

(HK\$ Million)

Merchandise trade values for February 2012				
	Domestic Exports		4,358	
	Re-exports		255,392	
	Total Exports		259,750	
	Imports		305,536	
	Trade balance		-45,786	
			Change	
Current month compared with same month in the preceding year	February 2012	February 2011	Value	%
Domestic Exports	4,358	4,580	-222	-4.9
(% of Total Exports)	(1.7%)	(2.0%)		
Re-exports	255,392	223,262	+32,131	+14.4
Total Exports	259,750	227,842	+31,908	+14.0
Imports	305,536	252,956	+52,580	+20.8
Trade balance	-45,786	-25,114	-20,672	
Current month compared with last month	February 2012	January 2012		
Domestic Exports	4,358	3,692	+666	+18.0
(% of Total Exports)	(1.7%)	(1.4%)		
Re-exports	255,392	255,608	-216	-0.1
Total Exports	259,750	259,300	+450	+0.2
Imports	305,536	268,156	+37,379	+13.9
Trade balance	-45,786	-8,856	-36,930	
Latest 3 months compared with same period 12 months earlier	Dec 2011 to Feb 2012	Dec 2010 to Feb 2011		
Domestic Exports	12,750	17,097	-4,347	-25.4
(% of Total Exports)	(1.6%)	(2.2%)		
Re-exports	777,585	747,101	+30,483	+4.1
Total Exports	790,334	764,198	+26,136	+3.4
Imports	893,876	848,579	+45,297	+5.3
Trade balance	-103,542	-84,381	-19,160	
Calendar year-to-date compared with same period in the preceding year	Jan-Feb 2012	Jan-Feb 2011		
Domestic Exports	8,052	10,707	-2,655	-24.8
(% of Total Exports)	(1.6%)	(2.1%)		
Re-exports	510,865	500,686	+10,179	+2.0
Total Exports	518,917	511,392	+7,524	+1.5
Imports	573,594	552,468	+21,126	+3.8
Trade balance	-54,678	-41,076	-13,602	
Last 12 months compared with same period 12 months earlier	Mar 2011 to Feb 2012	Mar 2010 to Feb 2011		
Domestic Exports	63,007	70,508	-7,501	-10.6
(% of Total Exports)	(1.9%)	(2.2%)		
Re-exports	3,281,771	3,067,241	+214,529	+7.0
Total Exports	3,344,777	3,137,750	+207,028	+6.6
Imports	3,785,722	3,463,478	+322,244	+9.3
Trade balance	-440,945	-325,729	-115,216	

Table 2 : Hong Kong's External Merchandise Trade Statistics from January 2009 to February 2012

(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
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
2012	1	3,691.9	-39.7	255,608.1	-7.9	259,300.0	-8.6	268,156.2	-10.5
	2	4,357.7	-4.9	255,392.2	+14.4	259,749.9	+14.0	305,535.6	+20.8

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 2009 to February 2012

Year	Month	Change of the latest 3-month period over the preceding 3-month period (%)			
		Domestic Exports	Re-exports	Total Exports	Imports
2009	1	-22.9	-11.7	-12.0	-16.7
	2	-25.7	-15.5	-15.8	-18.5
	3	-23.7	-15.9	-16.1	-16.0
	4	-12.9	-9.8	-9.9	-5.9
	5	-5.2	+0.7	+0.5	+1.8
	6	-1.0	+7.8	+7.5	+8.4
	7	-2.1	+8.1	+7.8	+9.2
	8	-5.0	+1.5	+1.3	+7.2
	9	-2.7	-0.1	-0.2	+6.9
	10	+1.4	+3.5	+3.5	+8.2
	11	+8.1	+9.9	+9.9	+10.3
	12	+10.1	+11.0	+11.0	+7.4
2010	1	+12.1	+7.9	+8.0	+5.6
	2	+13.1	+5.5	+5.7	+4.9
	3	+13.7	+4.8	+5.0	+6.6
	4	+8.2	+6.5	+6.5	+7.4
	5	+3.0	+6.2	+6.2	+6.1
	6	-1.5	+6.4	+6.2	+5.3
	7	-1.7	+4.5	+4.4	+3.5
	8	-1.1	+4.7	+4.6	+4.2
	9	-0.7	+3.6	+3.5	+2.9
	10	-0.2	+3.1	+3.0	+2.4
	11	+1.5	+1.0	+1.0	+0.7
	12	+6.6	-0.3	-0.2	+0.5
2011	1	+10.2	+4.2	+4.4	+4.6
	2	+9.0	+7.6	+7.6	+7.0
	3	+4.3	+12.1	+11.9	+9.8
	4	+0.1	+3.1	+3.1	+2.7
	5	-2.5	-2.0	-2.0	+0.1
	6	-8.8	-7.3	-7.3	-3.3
	7	-14.8	-1.5	-1.8	+1.1
	8	-15.3	+1.1	+0.8	+2.8
	9	-13.0	+1.3	+1.0	+2.5
	10	-5.8	-0.8	-0.9	+0.6
	11	-6.6	-2.6	-2.7	-2.2
	12	-2.6	+1.9	+1.8	+0.3
2012	1	-9.0	+1.0	+0.8	-0.3
	2	-2.9	+7.3	+7.2	+4.1

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	Feb 2012 (HKD Mn.)	Feb 2012 over Feb 2011 (% change)	Jan - Feb 2012 (HKD Mn.)	Jan - Feb 2012 over Jan - Feb 2011 (% change)
Total Exports	259,750	+14.0	518,917	+1.5
The mainland of China	148,612	+17.3	278,219	+1.1
United States of America	20,361	+8.3	48,313	+0.8
Japan	10,246	+15.5	21,577	+4.5
India	6,450	-10.4	13,323	-12.6
Germany	5,117	-15.7	11,922	-11.7
Taiwan	6,298	+22.5	11,159	-5.6
Korea	5,016	+13.5	10,030	+3.0
Vietnam	4,700	+94.2	8,764	+42.2
United Kingdom	3,521	-7.2	8,393	-0.9
Singapore	4,190	+4.4	7,918	-12.5

Table 5 : Imports of Goods From Ten Main Suppliers

Supplier	Feb 2012 (HKD Mn.)	Feb 2012 over Feb 2011 (% change)	Jan - Feb 2012 (HKD Mn.)	Jan - Feb 2012 over Jan - Feb 2011 (% change)
Total Imports	305,536	+20.8	573,594	+3.8
The mainland of China	129,481	+28.1	255,720	+5.6
Japan	26,494	+3.7	47,029	-5.6
Singapore	21,115	+9.0	38,964	-1.9
United States of America	19,651	+35.8	33,150	+10.5
Taiwan	17,851	+5.2	33,043	-10.5
Korea	11,817	+10.9	21,947	-5.4
India	8,484	+27.8	13,920	+9.5
Malaysia	7,468	+11.8	13,601	-0.6
Switzerland	6,664	+37.6	12,981	+47.8
Thailand	5,393	-13.0	9,494	-24.8

Table 6 : Total Exports of Ten Principal Commodity Divisions

Commodity division	Feb 2012 (HKD Mn.)	Feb 2012 over Feb 2011 (% change)	Jan - Feb 2012 (HKD Mn.)	Jan - Feb 2012 over Jan - Feb 2011 (% change)
Total Exports	259,750	+14.0	518,917	+1.5
Electrical machinery, apparatus and appliances, and electrical parts thereof	72,618	+4.8	139,416	-2.5
Telecommunications and sound recording and reproducing apparatus and equipment	49,509	+24.5	97,996	+10.5
Office machines and automatic data processing machines	35,390	+23.4	67,240	+5.3
Miscellaneous manufactured articles (mainly baby carriages, toys, games and sporting goods)	15,024	+10.7	33,484	+3.1
Articles of apparel and clothing accessories	7,887	-25.6	26,821	-8.1
Non-metallic mineral manufactures	12,281	+54.2	22,610	+27.7
Photographic apparatus, equipment and supplies, optical goods, watches and clocks	7,924	+27.8	17,388	+13.1
Professional, scientific and controlling instruments and apparatus	6,147	+32.4	12,035	+23.9
Textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles and related products	5,781	+23.4	10,675	-9.8
Plastics in primary forms	5,771	+30.6	9,779	-7.5

Table 7 : Imports of Ten Principal Commodity Divisions

Commodity division	Feb 2012 (HKD Mn.)	Feb 2012 over Feb 2011 (% change)	Jan - Feb 2012 (HKD Mn.)	Jan - Feb 2012 over Jan - Feb 2011 (% change)
Total Imports	305,536	+20.8	573,594	+3.8
Electrical machinery, apparatus and appliances, and electrical parts thereof	79,108	+4.6	140,922	-9.5
Telecommunications and sound recording and reproducing apparatus and equipment	45,626	+35.8	92,407	+20.6
Office machines and automatic data processing machines	31,710	+22.5	61,752	+9.7
Miscellaneous manufactured articles (mainly baby carriages, toys, games and sporting goods)	21,876	+38.3	41,509	+19.8
Non-metallic mineral manufactures	16,365	+35.5	27,981	+18.3
Petroleum, petroleum products and related materials	11,328	+32.5	20,679	+17.0
Photographic apparatus, equipment and supplies, optical goods, watches and clocks	9,875	+27.7	18,709	+21.5
Articles of apparel and clothing accessories	7,003	+19.0	18,283	-6.3
Professional, scientific and controlling instruments and apparatus	6,654	+37.1	12,286	+21.3
Textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles and related products	5,711	+8.5	10,090	-15.9