

Table 1: External Merchandise Trade Statistics for March 2012

(HK\$ Million)

Merchandise trade values for March 2012				
	Domestic Exports	4,912		
	Re-exports	257,514		
	Total Exports	262,425		
	Imports	306,301		
	Trade balance	-43,875		
			Change	
Current month compared with same month in the preceding year	March 2012	March 2011	Value	%
Domestic Exports	4,912	6,377	-1,466	-23.0
(% of Total Exports)	(1.9%)	(2.3%)		
Re-exports	257,514	275,110	-17,596	-6.4
Total Exports	262,425	281,487	-19,062	-6.8
Imports	306,301	321,571	-15,270	-4.7
Trade balance	-43,875	-40,083	-3,792	
Current month compared with last month	March 2012	February 2012		
Domestic Exports	4,912	4,358	+554	+12.7
(% of Total Exports)	(1.9%)	(1.7%)		
Re-exports	257,514	255,392	+2,122	+0.8
Total Exports	262,425	259,750	+2,676	+1.0
Imports	306,301	305,536	+765	+0.3
Trade balance	-43,875	-45,786	+1,910	
Latest 3 months compared with same period 12 months earlier	Jan-Mar 2012	Jan-Mar 2011		
Domestic Exports	12,962	17,084	-4,121	-24.1
(% of Total Exports)	(1.7%)	(2.2%)		
Re-exports	768,233	775,704	-7,470	-1.0
Total Exports	781,196	792,787	-11,592	-1.5
Imports	879,727	873,793	+5,934	+0.7
Trade balance	-98,531	-81,005	-17,526	
Last 12 months compared with same period 12 months earlier	Apr 2011 to Mar 2012	Apr 2010 to Mar 2011		
Domestic Exports	61,540	71,330	-9,790	-13.7
(% of Total Exports)	(1.9%)	(2.2%)		
Re-exports	3,264,121	3,116,362	+147,759	+4.7
Total Exports	3,325,662	3,187,693	+137,969	+4.3
Imports	3,770,530	3,514,319	+256,211	+7.3
Trade balance	-444,869	-326,626	-118,242	

Table 2 : Hong Kong's External Merchandise Trade Statistics from January 2009 to March 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
	3	4,911.8	-23.0	257,513.7	-6.4	262,425.5	-6.8	306,300.8	-4.7

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 March 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
	3	-1.3	+3.4	+3.3	+1.1

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	Mar 2012 (HKD Mn.)	Mar 2012 over Mar 2011 (% change)	Jan - Mar 2012 (HKD Mn.)	Jan - Mar 2012 over Jan - Mar 2011 (% change)
Total Exports	262,425	-6.8	781,196	-1.5
The mainland of China	140,397	-8.1	418,582	-2.1
United States of America	24,305	-2.0	72,569	-0.1
Japan	11,948	+9.3	33,521	+6.2
India	7,039	-22.8	20,359	-16.4
Germany	5,951	-11.4	17,870	-11.9
Taiwan	4,985	-37.6	16,136	-18.5
Korea	4,584	-15.4	14,613	-3.6
Vietnam	4,444	+35.6	13,207	+40.0
United Kingdom	4,553	+7.2	12,936	+1.7
Singapore	4,590	-3.5	12,507	-9.4

Table 5 : Imports of Goods From Ten Main Suppliers

Supplier	Mar 2012 (HKD Mn.)	Mar 2012 over Mar 2011 (% change)	Jan - Mar 2012 (HKD Mn.)	Jan - Mar 2012 over Jan - Mar 2011 (% change)
Total Imports	306,301	-4.7	879,727	+0.7
The mainland of China	140,149	-1.4	395,815	+3.0
Japan	24,626	-8.4	71,651	-6.6
Singapore	19,992	-16.6	58,954	-7.4
Taiwan	19,352	-8.8	52,388	-9.9
United States of America	16,250	-4.5	49,395	+5.1
Korea	10,329	-22.4	32,272	-11.6
India	7,789	-6.2	21,705	+3.3
Malaysia	6,512	-23.7	20,109	-9.5
Switzerland	6,041	+19.0	19,021	+37.2
Thailand	5,901	-23.1	15,395	-24.2

Table 6 : Total Exports of Ten Principal Commodity Divisions

Commodity division	Mar 2012 (HKD Mn.)	Mar 2012 over Mar 2011 (% change)	Jan - Mar 2012 (HKD Mn.)	Jan - Mar 2012 over Jan - Mar 2011 (% change)
Total Exports	262,425	-6.8	781,196	-1.5
Electrical machinery, apparatus and appliances, and electrical parts thereof	69,054	-15.8	208,449	-7.3
Telecommunications and sound recording and reproducing apparatus and equipment	49,218	+13.0	147,172	+11.4
Office machines and automatic data processing machines	28,291	-11.9	95,483	-0.5
Miscellaneous manufactured articles (mainly baby carriages, toys, games and sporting goods)	18,051	-2.5	51,534	+0.9
Articles of apparel and clothing accessories	11,193	-2.0	38,013	-6.4
Non-metallic mineral manufactures	12,518	-19.0	35,131	+6.0
Photographic apparatus, equipment and supplies, optical goods, watches and clocks	8,294	+6.1	25,669	+10.7
Textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles and related products	7,921	-15.9	18,595	-12.5
Professional, scientific and controlling instruments and apparatus	5,412	+11.4	17,440	+19.6
Plastics in primary forms	6,260	-9.3	16,041	-8.2

Table 7 : Imports of Ten Principal Commodity Divisions

Commodity division	Mar 2012 (HKD Mn.)	Mar 2012 over Mar 2011 (% change)	Jan - Mar 2012 (HKD Mn.)	Jan - Mar 2012 over Jan - Mar 2011 (% change)
Total Imports	306,301	-4.7	879,727	+0.7
Electrical machinery, apparatus and appliances, and electrical parts thereof	75,168	-20.7	216,037	-13.8
Telecommunications and sound recording and reproducing apparatus and equipment	50,161	+22.1	142,564	+21.1
Office machines and automatic data processing machines	27,239	-13.5	88,979	+1.4
Miscellaneous manufactured articles (mainly baby carriages, toys, games and sporting goods)	22,029	-2.5	63,515	+11.1
Non-metallic mineral manufactures	14,457	-8.6	42,407	+7.5
Petroleum, petroleum products and related materials	9,694	+1.2	30,373	+11.4
Photographic apparatus, equipment and supplies, optical goods, watches and clocks	9,105	+12.7	27,812	+18.4
Articles of apparel and clothing accessories	8,887	-3.0	27,164	-5.1
Professional, scientific and controlling instruments and apparatus	6,275	+11.0	18,553	+17.6
Textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles and related products	7,867	-14.8	17,953	-15.4