

Table 1: External Merchandise Trade Statistics for December 2012

(HK\$ Million)

Merchandise trade values for December 2012				
	Domestic Exports	4,989		
	Re-exports	305,974		
	Total Exports	310,964		
	Imports	358,914		
	Trade balance	-47,951		
			Change	
Current month compared with same month in the preceding year	December 2012	December 2011	Value	%
Domestic Exports	4,989	4,704	+286	+6.1
(% of Total Exports)	(1.6%)	(1.7%)		
Re-exports	305,974	267,079	+38,895	+14.6
Total Exports	310,964	271,783	+39,181	+14.4
Imports	358,914	320,693	+38,221	+11.9
Trade balance	-47,951	-48,910	+959	
Current month compared with last month	December 2012	November 2012		
Domestic Exports	4,989	5,118	-129	-2.5
(% of Total Exports)	(1.6%)	(1.7%)		
Re-exports	305,974	302,649	+3,325	+1.1
Total Exports	310,964	307,767	+3,196	+1.0
Imports	358,914	351,838	+7,077	+2.0
Trade balance	-47,951	-44,070	-3,880	
Latest 3 months compared with same period 12 months earlier	Oct-Dec 2012	Oct-Dec 2011		
Domestic Exports	14,905	15,093	-188	-1.2
(% of Total Exports)	(1.6%)	(1.8%)		
Re-exports	899,844	839,966	+59,878	+7.1
Total Exports	914,749	855,058	+59,690	+7.0
Imports	1,049,668	971,255	+78,413	+8.1
Trade balance	-134,919	-116,197	-18,723	
Last 12 months compared with same period 12 months earlier	Jan 2012 to Dec 2012	Jan 2011 to Dec 2011		
Domestic Exports	58,830	65,662	-6,832	-10.4
(% of Total Exports)	(1.7%)	(2.0%)		
Re-exports	3,375,516	3,271,592	+103,925	+3.2
Total Exports	3,434,346	3,337,253	+97,093	+2.9
Imports	3,912,163	3,764,596	+147,567	+3.9
Trade balance	-477,817	-427,343	-50,475	

Table 2 : Hong Kong's External Merchandise Trade Statistics from January 2009 to December 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
	4	4,725.4	-20.9	261,527.4	+6.3	266,252.8	+5.6	309,125.9	+5.0
	5	5,296.1	-13.5	289,209.4	+5.6	294,505.5	+5.2	330,071.8	+4.6
	6	4,978.4	-10.3	273,249.2	-4.7	278,227.6	-4.8	322,932.3	-2.9
	7	5,127.9	+0.3	271,079.9	-3.5	276,207.8	-3.5	316,338.2	-1.8
	8	5,506.8	-7.2	306,150.5	+0.7	311,657.3	+0.6	347,689.0	+0.9
	9	5,361.9	+10.2	307,798.7	+15.3	313,160.6	+15.2	358,312.2	+14.9
	10	4,829.4	-8.2	292,198.1	-2.7	297,027.4	-2.8	339,699.4	+3.3
	11	5,117.8	-0.6	302,649.4	+10.7	307,767.1	+10.5	351,837.5	+9.0
	12	4,989.2	+6.1	305,974.4	+14.6	310,963.6	+14.4	358,914.4	+11.9

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 December 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
	4	+10.6	+3.7	+3.8	+1.7
	5	+5.4	-4.1	-4.0	-3.5
	6	+2.2	-3.8	-3.7	-1.5
	7	-1.8	-3.8	-3.7	-1.4
	8	+0.5	-1.5	-1.5	+1.5
	9	+3.7	+2.5	+2.5	+4.2
	10	+0.7	+3.6	+3.6	+6.1
	11	-0.8	+6.9	+6.7	+7.4
	12	-5.0	+5.7	+5.5	+4.7

Note : Seasonally adjusted series may be revised as more data become available. For external merchandise trade figures, the seasonally adjusted series for the preceding 3 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 10 Main Destinations

Destination	Dec 2012 (HKD Mn.)	Dec 2012 over Dec 2011 (% change)	Jan - Dec 2012 (HKD Mn.)	Jan - Dec 2012 over Jan - Dec 2011 (% change)
Total Exports	310,964	+14.4	3,434,346	+2.9
The mainland of China	168,710	+17.4	1,857,759	+6.3
United States of America	29,388	+12.8	338,505	+2.3
Japan	13,509	+9.5	143,970	+6.5
Taiwan	9,181	+33.3	80,842	-5.2
Germany	7,190	+6.3	77,812	-12.8
India	6,066	-9.0	77,181	-17.5
Korea	5,146	+2.8	58,853	-4.0
Singapore	4,577	+0.5	55,950	-0.5
United Kingdom	4,881	+16.7	55,164	-6.0
Vietnam	5,156	+1.1	50,702	+9.9

Table 5 : Imports of Goods from 10 Main Suppliers

Supplier	Dec 2012 (HKD Mn.)	Dec 2012 over Dec 2011 (% change)	Jan - Dec 2012 (HKD Mn.)	Jan - Dec 2012 over Jan - Dec 2011 (% change)
Total Imports	358,914	+11.9	3,912,163	+3.9
The mainland of China	179,495	+20.3	1,840,862	+8.5
Japan	26,658	+4.8	311,605	-2.2
Singapore	20,984	+1.0	246,346	-3.2
Taiwan	20,986	+3.3	244,889	+1.6
United States of America	18,795	-0.3	204,459	-3.3
Korea	14,075	+15.4	153,527	+2.4
Malaysia	6,448	-14.4	83,649	-6.0
India	5,385	-15.4	81,831	-5.5
Switzerland	6,160	-9.0	78,546	-0.7
Thailand	6,995	+45.4	72,873	-4.8

Table 6 : Total Exports of 10 Principal Commodity Divisions

Commodity division	Dec 2012 (HKD Mn.)	Dec 2012 over Dec 2011 (% change)	Jan - Dec 2012 (HKD Mn.)	Jan - Dec 2012 over Jan - Dec 2011 (% change)
Total Exports	310,964	+14.4	3,434,346	+2.9
Electrical machinery, apparatus and appliances, and electrical parts thereof	83,721	+9.3	917,410	+1.9
Telecommunications and sound recording and reproducing apparatus and equipment	58,596	+41.6	628,940	+11.9
Office machines and automatic data processing machines	37,625	+8.7	426,837	+12.5
Miscellaneous manufactured articles (mainly baby carriages, toys, games and sporting goods)	24,028	+16.4	248,942	+1.8
Articles of apparel and clothing accessories	15,495	-0.5	175,085	-8.1
Non-metallic mineral manufactures	12,331	+3.7	133,351	-4.8
Photographic apparatus, equipment and supplies, optical goods, watches and clocks	9,208	+5.6	114,116	+5.9
Professional, scientific and controlling instruments and apparatus	7,698	+50.6	83,184	+12.5
Textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles and related products	6,480	+6.4	81,798	-6.8
Plastics in primary forms	5,320	+1.3	67,621	-4.2

Table 7 : Imports of 10 Principal Commodity Divisions

Commodity division	Dec 2012 (HKD Mn.)	Dec 2012 over Dec 2011 (% change)	Jan - Dec 2012 (HKD Mn.)	Jan - Dec 2012 over Jan - Dec 2011 (% change)
Total Imports	358,914	+11.9	3,912,163	+3.9
Electrical machinery, apparatus and appliances, and electrical parts thereof	95,094	+9.8	1,016,002	+0.3
Telecommunications and sound recording and reproducing apparatus and equipment	61,636	+36.4	626,689	+18.9
Office machines and automatic data processing machines	39,142	+20.6	409,428	+14.8
Miscellaneous manufactured articles (mainly baby carriages, toys, games and sporting goods)	25,853	+15.3	275,248	+4.1
Non-metallic mineral manufactures	15,925	+19.3	174,091	-1.9
Articles of apparel and clothing accessories	11,573	-1.9	126,724	-5.5
Photographic apparatus, equipment and supplies, optical goods, watches and clocks	10,263	+5.1	121,298	+7.9
Petroleum, petroleum products and related materials	9,347	-11.9	119,683	-3.1
Professional, scientific and controlling instruments and apparatus	8,143	+33.1	88,194	+13.4
Textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles and related products	6,652	+9.6	80,384	-6.5