

Table 1: External Merchandise Trade Statistics for August 2017

(HK\$ Million)

Merchandise trade values for August 2017				
	Domestic Exports		3,909	
	Re-exports		328,754	
	Total Exports		332,663	
	Imports		368,190	
	Trade Balance		-35,527	
			Change	
Current month compared with same month in the preceding year	August 2017	August 2016	Value	%
Domestic Exports	3,909	4,019	-110	-2.7
(% of Total Exports)	(1.2%)	(1.3%)		
Re-exports	328,754	305,651	+23,103	+7.6
Total Exports	332,663	309,670	+22,993	+7.4
Imports	368,190	341,766	+26,424	+7.7
Trade Balance	-35,527	-32,096	-3,431	
Current month compared with last month	August 2017	July 2017		
Domestic Exports	3,909	3,699	+211	+5.7
(% of Total Exports)	(1.2%)	(1.1%)		
Re-exports	328,754	322,891	+5,864	+1.8
Total Exports	332,663	326,589	+6,074	+1.9
Imports	368,190	356,190	+12,000	+3.4
Trade Balance	-35,527	-29,601	-5,926	
Latest 3 months compared with same period 12 months earlier	Jun-Aug 2017	Jun-Aug 2016		
Domestic Exports	11,195	11,549	-354	-3.1
(% of Total Exports)	(1.1%)	(1.3%)		
Re-exports	976,586	898,562	+78,024	+8.7
Total Exports	987,781	910,111	+77,669	+8.5
Imports	1,100,430	1,020,722	+79,708	+7.8
Trade Balance	-112,649	-110,610	-2,039	
Calendar year-to-date compared with same period in the preceding year	Jan-Aug 2017	Jan-Aug 2016		
Domestic Exports	28,328	28,124	+204	+0.7
(% of Total Exports)	(1.2%)	(1.2%)		
Re-exports	2,427,114	2,237,855	+189,259	+8.5
Total Exports	2,455,443	2,265,979	+189,463	+8.4
Imports	2,748,547	2,530,804	+217,743	+8.6
Trade Balance	-293,104	-264,825	-28,280	
Last 12 months compared with same period 12 months earlier	Sep 2016 to Aug 2017	Sep 2015 to Aug 2016		
Domestic Exports	43,079	42,672	+407	+1.0
(% of Total Exports)	(1.1%)	(1.2%)		
Re-exports	3,734,631	3,482,382	+252,249	+7.2
Total Exports	3,777,710	3,525,054	+252,656	+7.2
Imports	4,226,127	3,935,206	+290,921	+7.4
Trade Balance	-448,417	-410,152	-38,265	

Table 2 : Hong Kong's External Merchandise Trade Statistics from January 2014 to August 2017

(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
2014	1	4,299.1	-4.3	299,157.3	-0.4	303,456.4	-0.4	323,435.6	-2.7
	2	3,275.6	-0.3	209,638.0	-1.3	212,913.6	-1.3	266,586.9	+6.8
	3	5,120.3	+0.9	296,403.1	+3.4	301,523.5	+3.4	351,888.7	+3.2
	4	4,866.5	+8.1	280,815.7	-1.7	285,682.2	-1.6	340,971.7	+2.4
	5	5,299.3	+10.0	300,673.2	+4.9	305,972.5	+4.9	348,322.9	+3.7
	6	4,801.9	+7.3	304,408.7	+11.4	309,210.6	+11.4	352,315.7	+7.6
	7	5,119.9	+7.0	321,040.5	+6.8	326,160.3	+6.8	368,292.7	+7.5
	8	5,288.7	+7.2	321,936.8	+6.4	327,225.5	+6.4	358,750.3	+3.4
	9	4,152.9	-5.5	327,833.0	+4.6	331,985.8	+4.5	382,354.9	+6.3
	10	4,391.5	-1.5	327,335.0	+2.7	331,726.5	+2.7	381,568.9	+5.6
	11	4,701.3	+2.5	322,081.9	+0.4	326,783.2	+0.4	378,946.3	+2.4
	12	4,050.1	-11.9	308,704.6	+0.8	312,754.7	+0.6	372,007.3	+1.9
2015	1	4,468.4	+3.9	307,403.0	+2.8	311,871.4	+2.8	348,886.1	+7.9
	2	2,918.8	-10.9	225,417.7	+7.5	228,336.5	+7.2	264,220.1	-0.9
	3	4,012.6	-21.6	292,100.1	-1.5	296,112.7	-1.8	342,318.8	-2.7
	4	4,201.8	-13.7	287,741.9	+2.5	291,943.8	+2.2	331,108.3	-2.9
	5	4,258.4	-19.6	287,571.5	-4.4	291,829.8	-4.6	331,940.1	-4.7
	6	4,158.0	-13.4	295,360.5	-3.0	299,518.5	-3.1	345,301.7	-2.0
	7	4,146.1	-19.0	316,724.9	-1.3	320,870.9	-1.6	349,304.6	-5.2
	8	4,162.0	-21.3	303,091.1	-5.9	307,253.1	-6.1	332,326.9	-7.4
	9	3,581.5	-13.8	313,150.7	-4.5	316,732.2	-4.6	353,113.6	-7.6
	10	3,591.2	-18.2	316,000.6	-3.5	319,591.8	-3.7	349,241.6	-8.5
	11	3,686.9	-21.6	311,617.0	-3.2	315,303.9	-3.5	348,396.6	-8.1
	12	3,720.7	-8.1	305,457.9	-1.1	309,178.5	-1.1	354,884.7	-4.6
2016	1	3,424.8	-23.4	296,446.7	-3.6	299,871.5	-3.8	317,354.0	-9.0
	2	2,673.5	-8.4	201,810.8	-10.5	204,484.3	-10.4	237,632.8	-10.1
	3	3,582.5	-10.7	271,777.9	-7.0	275,360.4	-7.0	322,388.1	-5.8
	4	3,404.1	-19.0	281,870.1	-2.0	285,274.2	-2.3	316,301.2	-4.5
	5	3,493.9	-18.0	288,006.1	+0.2	291,500.1	-0.1	317,728.0	-4.3
	6	3,621.5	-12.9	292,897.6	-0.8	296,519.1	-1.0	342,114.0	-0.9
	7	3,907.2	-5.8	300,558.2	-5.1	304,465.5	-5.1	337,772.8	-3.3
	8	4,019.1	-3.4	305,651.1	+0.8	309,670.1	+0.8	341,765.8	+2.8
	9	3,686.4	+2.9	324,332.9	+3.6	328,019.3	+3.6	367,724.2	+4.1
	10	3,631.8	+1.1	310,094.4	-1.9	313,726.2	-1.8	350,949.3	+0.5
	11	3,824.5	+3.7	337,110.1	+8.2	340,934.6	+8.1	374,987.3	+7.6
	12	3,614.4	-2.9	336,725.5	+10.2	340,339.9	+10.1	385,817.4	+8.7
2017	1	3,244.8	-5.3	293,054.2	-1.1	296,298.9	-1.2	308,643.4	-2.7
	2	2,774.0	+3.8	238,933.1	+18.4	241,707.1	+18.2	297,978.3	+25.4
	3	4,184.7	+16.8	317,710.7	+16.9	321,895.4	+16.9	364,163.0	+13.0
	4	3,332.0	-2.1	302,056.7	+7.2	305,388.7	+7.1	339,519.6	+7.3
	5	3,656.0	+4.6	299,449.1	+4.0	303,105.1	+4.0	338,752.6	+6.6
	6	3,706.9	+2.4	325,699.4	+11.2	329,406.3	+11.1	377,684.4	+10.4
	7	3,698.6	-5.3	322,890.5	+7.4	326,589.1	+7.3	356,190.0	+5.5
	8	3,909.2	-2.7	328,754.1	+7.6	332,663.3	+7.4	368,189.8	+7.7

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 2014 to August 2017

Year	Month	Change of the latest 3-month period over the preceding 3-month period (%)			
		Domestic Exports	Re-exports	Total Exports	Imports
2014	1	+3.5	+3.8	+3.8	+3.5
	2	+2.1	-3.0	-2.9	-0.1
	3	+2.9	-3.2	-3.1	-1.1
	4	+0.5	-4.8	-4.8	-2.7
	5	+7.2	+3.3	+3.4	+1.0
	6	+4.8	+3.4	+3.4	+1.1
	7	+4.0	+6.0	+5.9	+3.2
	8	-2.6	+2.4	+2.4	+1.6
	9	-5.3	+2.3	+2.2	+2.5
	10	-6.6	+1.1	+0.9	+1.9
	11	-7.4	-0.9	-1.0	+1.4
	12	-7.0	-2.5	-2.5	-0.9
2015	1	-6.1	-3.8	-3.8	-3.4
	2	-4.7	-1.7	-1.7	-1.9
	3	-2.1	+0.3	+0.3	-0.7
	4	-2.7	+1.4	+1.3	-0.2
	5	-4.7	-0.7	-0.7	-3.8
	6	-2.4	-1.9	-1.9	-4.1
	7	-3.0	-1.1	-1.1	-1.8
	8	-2.6	-0.1	-0.1	-0.4
	9	-9.7	-1.3	-1.4	-2.5
	10	-8.9	-2.7	-2.8	-4.2
	11	-7.6	-2.3	-2.4	-3.0
	12	-2.4	+0.2	+0.1	+0.0
2016	1	-2.0	+0.5	+0.5	+0.8
	2	-1.1	-2.9	-2.9	-1.8
	3	-2.5	-5.1	-5.1	-3.2
	4	-2.7	-3.8	-3.8	-3.8
	5	-4.1	+3.2	+3.1	+1.3
	6	-2.4	+6.3	+6.2	+3.2
	7	+0.5	+3.8	+3.7	+4.4
	8	+4.5	-0.4	-0.3	+2.4
	9	+7.5	+0.4	+0.5	+3.1
	10	+5.9	+1.7	+1.8	+2.6
	11	+4.0	+3.6	+3.6	+2.6
	12	-1.9	+4.3	+4.2	+2.6
2017	1	-1.2	+5.2	+5.2	+3.6
	2	-3.2	+4.1	+4.0	+5.3
	3	+3.8	+1.1	+1.1	+3.4
	4	-1.5	+2.3	+2.3	+2.2
	5	+0.1	+0.7	+0.7	-2.5
	6	-7.1	+1.2	+1.1	-1.4
	7	-2.1	-1.8	-1.8	-1.0
	8	-1.8	+0.3	+0.3	+2.7

Notes : 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.

'0.0' denotes increase or decrease of less than 0.05%.

Table 4 : Total Exports of Goods to 10 Main Destinations

Destination	Aug 2017 (HKD Mn.)	Aug 2017 over Aug 2016 (% change)	Jan - Aug 2017 (HKD Mn.)	Jan - Aug 2017 over Jan - Aug 2016 (% change)
Total Exports	332,663	+7.4	2,455,443	+8.4
The mainland of China	187,580	+10.8	1,323,240	+9.5
United States of America	27,671	-5.5	210,445	-0.1
India	10,692	+5.1	103,416	+35.4
Japan	10,214	+11.4	81,522	+7.7
Taiwan	8,141	+23.6	59,145	+31.7
Vietnam	6,257	+5.7	50,468	+10.7
Germany	6,102	+6.5	46,133	+3.4
Netherlands	5,509	+10.3	40,664	+16.2
Singapore	5,211	+4.1	39,660	+0.9
Korea	4,477	-8.3	36,577	+4.0

Table 5 : Imports of Goods from 10 Main Suppliers

Supplier	Aug 2017 (HKD Mn.)	Aug 2017 over Aug 2016 (% change)	Jan - Aug 2017 (HKD Mn.)	Jan - Aug 2017 over Jan - Aug 2016 (% change)
Total Imports	368,190	+7.7	2,748,547	+8.6
The mainland of China	174,977	+3.9	1,272,863	+5.8
Taiwan	28,049	+6.1	203,137	+10.9
Singapore	28,416	+30.2	190,854	+15.6
Japan	21,547	+6.3	162,490	+3.8
Korea	20,730	+30.9	154,145	+32.1
United States of America	17,026	+0.4	135,681	+3.9
India	6,809	-7.8	72,683	+19.6
Malaysia	9,121	+15.4	65,789	+13.2
Thailand	7,419	+12.9	57,302	+8.4
Philippines	7,117	+35.7	48,972	+30.6

Table 6 : Total Exports of 10 Principal Commodity Divisions

Commodity division	Aug 2017 (HKD Mn.)	Aug 2017 over Aug 2016 (% change)	Jan - Aug 2017 (HKD Mn.)	Jan - Aug 2017 over Jan - Aug 2016 (% change)
Total Exports	332,663	+7.4	2,455,443	+8.4
Electrical machinery, apparatus and appliances, and electrical parts thereof	122,840	+11.0	871,974	+13.8
Telecommunications and sound recording and reproducing apparatus and equipment	65,089	+3.0	473,132	+4.3
Office machines and automatic data processing machines	35,749	+18.9	251,316	+10.6
Miscellaneous manufactured articles (mainly jewellery, goldsmiths' and silversmiths' wares)	16,222	+5.9	129,941	+7.6
Non-metallic mineral manufactures	12,979	-3.4	129,827	+7.8
Articles of apparel and clothing accessories	10,248	-13.1	72,987	-9.9
Photographic apparatus, equipment and supplies, optical goods, watches and clocks	8,668	-6.8	66,108	-3.1
Professional, scientific and controlling instruments and apparatus	7,745	+16.0	58,562	+16.5
Textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles and related products	4,845	-3.5	39,609	-4.0
Power generating machinery and equipment	4,608	+17.8	32,477	-2.4

Table 7 : Imports of 10 Principal Commodity Divisions

Commodity division	Aug 2017 (HKD Mn.)	Aug 2017 over Aug 2016 (% change)	Jan - Aug 2017 (HKD Mn.)	Jan - Aug 2017 over Jan - Aug 2016 (% change)
Total Imports	368,190	+7.7	2,748,547	+8.6
Electrical machinery, apparatus and appliances, and electrical parts thereof	137,910	+13.1	993,463	+15.4
Telecommunications and sound recording and reproducing apparatus and equipment	61,351	+1.9	453,410	+2.3
Office machines and automatic data processing machines	30,811	+15.4	217,233	+7.9
Miscellaneous manufactured articles (mainly jewellery, goldsmiths' and silversmiths' wares)	19,610	+3.5	163,802	+10.8
Non-metallic mineral manufactures	13,879	-3.4	125,286	+2.4
Photographic apparatus, equipment and supplies, optical goods, watches and clocks	8,339	+1.4	64,218	-0.1
Articles of apparel and clothing accessories	8,920	-7.6	62,546	-6.7
Professional, scientific and controlling instruments and apparatus	7,752	+15.4	57,565	+11.4
Petroleum, petroleum products and related materials	5,790	+62.6	45,633	+41.7
Power generating machinery and equipment	5,371	+6.7	39,549	-0.5