

Table 1: External Merchandise Trade Statistics for March 2018

(HK\$ Million)

Merchandise trade values for March 2018				
	Total Exports	347,732		
	Imports	403,236		
	Trade Balance	-55,505		
			Change	
Current month compared with same month in the preceding year	March 2018	March 2017	Value	%
Total Exports	347,732	321,895	+25,836	+8.0
Imports	403,236	364,163	+39,073	+10.7
Trade Balance	-55,505	-42,268	-13,237	
Current month compared with last month	March 2018	February 2018		
Total Exports	347,732	245,744	+101,987	+41.5
Imports	403,236	288,476	+114,760	+39.8
Trade Balance	-55,505	-42,732	-12,772	
Latest 3 months compared with same period 12 months earlier	Jan-Mar 2018	Jan-Mar 2017		
Total Exports	942,972	859,566	+83,407	+9.7
Imports	1,073,005	970,462	+102,544	+10.6
Trade Balance	-130,033	-110,896	-19,137	
Last 12 months compared with same period 12 months earlier	Apr 2017 to Mar 2018	Apr 2016 to Mar 2017		
Total Exports	3,959,305	3,668,437	+290,867	+7.9
Imports	4,459,547	4,101,963	+357,584	+8.7
Trade Balance	-500,242	-433,526	-66,716	

Table 2 : Hong Kong's External Merchandise Trade Statistics from January 2015 to March 2018

(HK\$ Million)

Year	Month	Total Exports	Year-on-year % Change	Imports	Year-on-year % Change
2015	1	311,871.4	+2.8	348,886.1	+7.9
	2	228,336.5	+7.2	264,220.1	-0.9
	3	296,112.7	-1.8	342,318.8	-2.7
	4	291,943.8	+2.2	331,108.3	-2.9
	5	291,829.8	-4.6	331,940.1	-4.7
	6	299,518.5	-3.1	345,301.7	-2.0
	7	320,870.9	-1.6	349,304.6	-5.2
	8	307,253.1	-6.1	332,326.9	-7.4
	9	316,732.2	-4.6	353,113.6	-7.6
	10	319,591.8	-3.7	349,241.6	-8.5
	11	315,303.9	-3.5	348,396.6	-8.1
	12	309,178.5	-1.1	354,884.7	-4.6
2016	1	299,871.5	-3.8	317,354.0	-9.0
	2	204,484.3	-10.4	237,632.8	-10.1
	3	275,360.4	-7.0	322,388.1	-5.8
	4	285,274.2	-2.3	316,301.2	-4.5
	5	291,500.1	-0.1	317,728.0	-4.3
	6	296,519.1	-1.0	342,114.0	-0.9
	7	304,465.5	-5.1	337,772.8	-3.3
	8	309,670.1	+0.8	341,765.8	+2.8
	9	328,019.3	+3.6	367,724.2	+4.1
	10	313,726.2	-1.8	350,949.3	+0.5
	11	340,934.6	+8.1	374,987.3	+7.6
	12	340,339.9	+10.1	385,817.4	+8.7
2017	1	296,298.9	-1.2	308,643.4	-2.7
	2	241,707.1	+18.2	297,978.3	+25.4
	3	321,895.4	+16.9	364,163.0	+13.0
	4	305,388.7	+7.1	339,519.6	+7.3
	5	303,105.1	+4.0	338,752.6	+6.6
	6	329,406.3	+11.1	377,684.4	+10.4
	7	326,589.1	+7.3	356,190.0	+5.5
	8	332,663.3	+7.4	368,189.8	+7.7
	9	358,705.3	+9.4	403,412.7	+9.7
	10	334,735.3	+6.7	378,694.3	+7.9
	11	367,423.2	+7.8	407,129.4	+8.6
	12	360,688.5	+6.0	420,586.4	+9.0
2018	1	350,046.5	+18.1	381,970.6	+23.8
	2	245,744.1	+1.7	288,476.3	-3.2
	3	347,731.5	+8.0	403,236.1	+10.7

Table 3 : Seasonally Adjusted Series of Hong Kong's External Merchandise Trade Statistics from January 2015 to March 2018

Year	Month	Change of the latest 3-month period over the preceding 3-month period (%)	
		Total Exports	Imports
2015	1	-4.2	-3.9
	2	-1.3	-2.3
	3	+0.2	-1.3
	4	+1.7	+0.8
	5	-1.5	-3.0
	6	-1.9	-2.8
	7	-1.0	-1.8
	8	+0.6	-0.4
	9	-1.0	-2.8
	10	-2.4	-4.2
	11	-2.3	-3.4
	12	-0.5	-0.7
2016	1	-0.2	+0.1
	2	-3.2	-2.8
	3	-5.0	-3.6
	4	-4.5	-3.7
	5	+2.8	+2.8
	6	+6.4	+5.0
	7	+5.4	+5.6
	8	+0.5	+2.5
	9	+1.0	+2.5
	10	+1.7	+2.0
	11	+3.4	+1.9
	12	+3.4	+2.0
2017	1	+4.6	+3.2
	2	+3.5	+4.0
	3	+1.0	+2.5
	4	+0.7	+1.4
	5	+0.2	-0.8
	6	+1.3	+0.5
	7	+0.2	+0.6
	8	+1.5	+2.7
	9	+0.8	+1.1
	10	+1.7	+2.1
	11	+2.0	+2.0
	12	+3.3	+4.0
2018	1	+4.1	+3.3
	2	+3.7	+4.2
	3	+3.0	+3.5

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 : Value of Total Exports of Goods to 10 Main Destinations

Destination	Mar 2018 (HKD Mn.)	Mar 2018 over Mar 2017 (% change)	Jan - Mar 2018 (HKD Mn.)	Jan - Mar 2018 over Jan - Mar 2017 (% change)
Total Exports	347,732	+8.0	942,972	+9.7
The mainland of China	199,363	+17.3	514,832	+12.6
United States of America	25,808	-0.8	77,749	+7.4
India	12,143	-35.3	35,353	-6.3
Japan	10,841	-0.5	31,538	+7.0
Taiwan	6,808	-7.4	23,482	+11.9
Vietnam	6,910	-1.0	18,775	+0.1
Germany	5,794	+5.8	17,624	+12.4
Singapore	5,243	+4.7	15,464	+8.9
Netherlands	4,891	-8.1	14,207	+0.1
Korea	4,720	+2.8	13,683	-1.8

Table 5 : Value of Imports of Goods from 10 Main Suppliers

Supplier	Mar 2018 (HKD Mn.)	Mar 2018 over Mar 2017 (% change)	Jan - Mar 2018 (HKD Mn.)	Jan - Mar 2018 over Jan - Mar 2017 (% change)
Total Imports	403,236	+10.7	1,073,005	+10.6
The mainland of China	174,471	+2.7	474,367	+7.8
Taiwan	38,081	+34.9	85,374	+15.1
Singapore	26,529	+22.1	68,824	+8.8
Korea	24,080	+15.9	64,830	+13.3
Japan	21,726	+0.9	58,089	+0.5
United States of America	20,343	+11.5	53,149	+6.2
Malaysia	18,096	+98.1	45,182	+97.9
India	7,906	-29.7	25,129	-12.3
Thailand	8,264	+11.2	21,951	+4.2
Switzerland	7,065	+45.8	18,795	+54.9

Table 6 : Value of Total Exports of 10 Principal Commodity Divisions

Commodity division	Mar 2018 (HKD Mn.)	Mar 2018 over Mar 2017 (% change)	Jan - Mar 2018 (HKD Mn.)	Jan - Mar 2018 over Jan - Mar 2017 (% change)
Total Exports	347,732	+8.0	942,972	+9.7
Electrical machinery, apparatus and appliances, and electrical parts thereof	138,997	+23.7	356,297	+19.6
Telecommunications and sound recording and reproducing apparatus and equipment	57,441	-6.2	162,733	-5.1
Office machines and automatic data processing machines	38,786	+24.1	104,459	+19.9
Miscellaneous manufactured articles (mainly jewellery, goldsmiths' and silversmiths' wares)	19,015	+8.3	52,831	+17.0
Non-metallic mineral manufactures	18,905	-21.4	46,489	-4.5
Photographic apparatus, equipment and supplies, optical goods, watches and clocks	8,062	-0.5	23,766	-0.5
Articles of apparel and clothing accessories	6,028	-18.4	23,647	-3.4
Professional, scientific and controlling instruments and apparatus	8,365	+12.8	21,591	+12.8
Power generating machinery and equipment	4,981	+42.1	13,685	+22.0
Textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles and related products	5,210	-9.1	13,520	-2.3

Table 7 : Value of Imports of 10 Principal Commodity Divisions

Commodity division	Mar 2018 (HKD Mn.)	Mar 2018 over Mar 2017 (% change)	Jan - Mar 2018 (HKD Mn.)	Jan - Mar 2018 over Jan - Mar 2017 (% change)
Total Imports	403,236	+10.7	1,073,005	+10.6
Electrical machinery, apparatus and appliances, and electrical parts thereof	162,703	+22.3	404,365	+16.4
Telecommunications and sound recording and reproducing apparatus and equipment	56,279	-6.4	157,900	-4.5
Office machines and automatic data processing machines	35,747	+24.2	91,288	+24.5
Miscellaneous manufactured articles (mainly jewellery, goldsmiths' and silversmiths' wares)	23,697	+0.4	60,731	+6.4
Non-metallic mineral manufactures	17,865	+4.0	53,112	+10.0
Photographic apparatus, equipment and supplies, optical goods, watches and clocks	8,896	+2.9	25,078	+8.4
Petroleum, petroleum products and related materials	7,401	+70.8	22,477	+33.2
Articles of apparel and clothing accessories	6,280	-11.9	21,193	+3.1
Professional, scientific and controlling instruments and apparatus	7,609	+3.4	20,864	+8.8
Power generating machinery and equipment	6,313	+13.9	17,945	+34.5