

**Table 1: External Merchandise Trade Statistics for May 2018**

(HK\$ Million)

Merchandise trade values for May 2018				
	Total Exports	351,368		
	Imports	394,618		
	Trade Balance	-43,250		
			Change	
Current month compared with same month in the preceding year	May 2018	May 2017	Value	%
Total Exports	351,368	303,105	+48,263	+15.9
Imports	394,618	338,753	+55,866	+16.5
Trade Balance	-43,250	-35,648	-7,602	
Current month compared with last month	May 2018	April 2018		
Total Exports	351,368	330,224	+21,145	+6.4
Imports	394,618	377,173	+17,445	+4.6
Trade Balance	-43,250	-46,949	+3,699	
Latest 3 months compared with same period 12 months earlier	Mar-May 2018	Mar-May 2017		
Total Exports	1,028,710	929,809	+98,901	+10.6
Imports	1,174,089	1,041,663	+132,426	+12.7
Trade Balance	-145,379	-111,854	-33,525	
Calendar year-to-date compared with same period in the preceding year	Jan-May 2018	Jan-May 2017		
Total Exports	1,624,263	1,467,662	+156,601	+10.7
Imports	1,844,069	1,648,117	+195,952	+11.9
Trade Balance	-219,807	-180,455	-39,351	
Last 12 months compared with same period 12 months earlier	Jun 2017 to May 2018	Jun 2016 to May 2017		
Total Exports	4,032,499	3,700,041	+332,458	+9.0
Imports	4,552,956	4,146,419	+406,537	+9.8
Trade Balance	-520,457	-446,378	-74,079	

**Table 2 : Hong Kong's External Merchandise Trade Statistics from January 2015 to May 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
	4	330,223.6	+8.1	377,172.7	+11.1
	5	351,368.2	+15.9	394,618.1	+16.5

**Table 3 : Seasonally Adjusted Series of Hong Kong's External Merchandise Trade Statistics from January 2015 to May 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
	4	+2.9	+5.2
	5	+3.5	+4.0

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	May 2018 (HKD Mn.)	May 2018 over May 2017 (% change)	Jan - May 2018 (HKD Mn.)	Jan - May 2018 over Jan - May 2017 (% change)
Total Exports	351,368	+15.9	1,624,263	+10.7
The mainland of China	194,543	+19.2	888,539	+14.0
United States of America	30,862	+12.5	137,883	+9.4
India	9,525	-21.7	54,384	-20.9
Japan	10,783	+13.0	52,424	+6.8
Taiwan	7,238	-1.9	39,595	+12.2
Vietnam	6,712	+3.1	32,551	+1.0
Germany	7,055	+16.7	31,189	+12.8
Singapore	6,507	+43.9	27,100	+16.9
Netherlands	5,537	+13.3	25,276	+4.6
Thailand	5,304	+18.6	23,813	+7.1

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

Supplier	May 2018 (HKD Mn.)	May 2018 over May 2017 (% change)	Jan - May 2018 (HKD Mn.)	Jan - May 2018 over Jan - May 2017 (% change)
Total Imports	394,618	+16.5	1,844,069	+11.9
The mainland of China	184,013	+18.4	830,156	+10.4
Taiwan	28,889	+22.3	142,365	+18.1
Singapore	26,343	+20.3	118,669	+8.4
Korea	25,674	+44.1	114,821	+21.8
Japan	21,376	+8.1	102,535	+4.2
United States of America	17,502	+6.6	88,228	+5.3
Malaysia	14,134	+69.7	74,503	+91.2
India	6,944	-39.5	40,028	-21.4
Thailand	8,174	+9.8	36,734	+4.9
Philippines	7,086	+18.8	31,719	+10.4

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

Commodity division	May 2018 (HKD Mn.)	May 2018 over May 2017 (% change)	Jan - May 2018 (HKD Mn.)	Jan - May 2018 over Jan - May 2017 (% change)
Total Exports	351,368	+15.9	1,624,263	+10.7
Electrical machinery, apparatus and appliances, and electrical parts thereof	133,925	+22.8	614,975	+20.0
Telecommunications and sound recording and reproducing apparatus and equipment	61,607	+10.0	282,652	-1.4
Office machines and automatic data processing machines	39,748	+32.7	180,075	+22.0
Miscellaneous manufactured articles (mainly jewellery, goldsmiths' and silversmiths' wares)	22,092	+31.0	95,890	+23.1
Non-metallic mineral manufactures	13,047	-13.2	72,044	-15.9
Photographic apparatus, equipment and supplies, optical goods, watches and clocks	9,001	+10.5	41,184	+2.7
Articles of apparel and clothing accessories	7,832	-7.3	38,347	-5.5
Professional, scientific and controlling instruments and apparatus	8,349	+14.0	38,205	+14.1
Textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles and related products	5,630	+4.1	24,886	+0.7
Power generating machinery and equipment	4,563	+18.6	22,213	+16.5

**Table 7 : Value of Imports of 10 Principal Commodity Divisions**

Commodity division	May 2018 (HKD Mn.)	May 2018 over May 2017 (% change)	Jan - May 2018 (HKD Mn.)	Jan - May 2018 over Jan - May 2017 (% change)
Total Imports	394,618	+16.5	1,844,069	+11.9
Electrical machinery, apparatus and appliances, and electrical parts thereof	149,747	+25.3	695,939	+18.8
Telecommunications and sound recording and reproducing apparatus and equipment	58,751	+10.0	272,973	-0.8
Office machines and automatic data processing machines	35,878	+38.5	160,491	+28.2
Miscellaneous manufactured articles (mainly jewellery, goldsmiths' and silversmiths' wares)	22,534	-5.5	104,426	+0.4
Non-metallic mineral manufactures	15,573	+7.5	84,768	+8.3
Photographic apparatus, equipment and supplies, optical goods, watches and clocks	9,254	+18.6	43,583	+13.3
Petroleum, petroleum products and related materials	7,288	+37.6	37,400	+27.1
Professional, scientific and controlling instruments and apparatus	7,524	+9.3	35,828	+8.4
Articles of apparel and clothing accessories	7,680	+2.7	35,483	+2.2
Power generating machinery and equipment	6,502	+29.2	29,594	+28.2