

Table 1: External Merchandise Trade Statistics for August 2018

(HK\$ Million)

Merchandise trade values for August 2018				
	Total Exports	376,303		
	Imports	428,452		
	Trade Balance	-52,149		
			Change	
Current month compared with same month in the preceding year	August 2018	August 2017	Value	%
Total Exports	376,303	332,663	+43,639	+13.1
Imports	428,452	368,190	+60,262	+16.4
Trade Balance	-52,149	-35,527	-16,623	
Current month compared with last month	August 2018	July 2018		
Total Exports	376,303	359,125	+17,178	+4.8
Imports	428,452	406,234	+22,218	+5.5
Trade Balance	-52,149	-47,109	-5,040	
Latest 3 months compared with same period 12 months earlier	Jun-Aug 2018	Jun-Aug 2017		
Total Exports	1,074,191	987,781	+86,410	+8.7
Imports	1,228,002	1,100,430	+127,572	+11.6
Trade Balance	-153,811	-112,649	-41,162	
Calendar year-to-date compared with same period in the preceding year	Jan-Aug 2018	Jan-Aug 2017		
Total Exports	2,698,454	2,455,443	+243,011	+9.9
Imports	3,072,072	2,748,547	+323,525	+11.8
Trade Balance	-373,618	-293,104	-80,513	
Last 12 months compared with same period 12 months earlier	Sep 2017 to Aug 2018	Sep 2016 to Aug 2017		
Total Exports	4,118,909	3,777,710	+341,199	+9.0
Imports	4,680,528	4,226,127	+454,401	+10.8
Trade Balance	-561,619	-448,417	-113,202	

Table 2 : Hong Kong's External Merchandise Trade Statistics from January 2015 to August 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
	6	340,334.4	+3.3	394,471.0	+4.4
	7	359,125.1	+10.0	406,234.0	+14.0
	8	376,302.8	+13.1	428,452.0	+16.4

Table 3 : Seasonally Adjusted Series of Hong Kong's External Merchandise Trade Statistics from January 2015 to August 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
	6	+1.5	+1.7
	7	+0.5	+0.4
	8	+0.2	+1.6

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	Aug 2018 (HKD Mn.)	Aug 2018 over Aug 2017 (% change)	Jan - Aug 2018 (HKD Mn.)	Jan - Aug 2018 over Jan - Aug 2017 (% change)
Total Exports	376,303	+13.1	2,698,454	+9.9
The mainland of China	213,176	+13.6	1,486,180	+12.3
United States of America	32,614	+17.9	232,168	+10.3
India	12,642	+18.2	88,854	-14.1
Japan	10,596	+3.7	84,930	+4.2
Taiwan	6,170	-24.2	58,307	-1.4
Vietnam	7,606	+21.5	54,711	+8.4
Germany	6,032	-1.1	50,350	+9.1
Netherlands	6,104	+10.8	44,771	+10.1
Singapore	5,618	+7.8	44,047	+11.1
Thailand	5,139	+8.9	39,008	+8.7

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

Supplier	Aug 2018 (HKD Mn.)	Aug 2018 over Aug 2017 (% change)	Jan - Aug 2018 (HKD Mn.)	Jan - Aug 2018 over Jan - Aug 2017 (% change)
Total Imports	428,452	+16.4	3,072,072	+11.8
The mainland of China	203,045	+16.0	1,398,558	+9.9
Taiwan	29,588	+5.5	229,220	+12.8
Singapore	29,417	+3.5	204,824	+7.3
Korea	25,042	+20.8	187,403	+21.6
Japan	22,742	+5.5	169,892	+4.6
United States of America	22,373	+31.4	148,431	+9.4
Malaysia	16,323	+79.0	125,220	+90.3
India	8,305	+22.0	62,454	-14.1
Thailand	8,659	+16.7	61,318	+7.0
Philippines	7,178	+0.9	53,051	+8.3

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

Commodity division	Aug 2018 (HKD Mn.)	Aug 2018 over Aug 2017 (% change)	Jan - Aug 2018 (HKD Mn.)	Jan - Aug 2018 over Jan - Aug 2017 (% change)
Total Exports	376,303	+13.1	2,698,454	+9.9
Electrical machinery, apparatus and appliances, and electrical parts thereof	148,919	+21.2	1,035,909	+18.8
Telecommunications and sound recording and reproducing apparatus and equipment	71,549	+9.9	477,281	+0.9
Office machines and automatic data processing machines	38,750	+8.4	293,894	+16.9
Miscellaneous manufactured articles (mainly jewellery, goldsmiths' and silversmiths' wares)	20,451	+26.1	153,837	+18.4
Non-metallic mineral manufactures	13,775	+6.1	114,508	-11.8
Articles of apparel and clothing accessories	10,354	+1.0	70,472	-3.4
Photographic apparatus, equipment and supplies, optical goods, watches and clocks	9,324	+7.6	68,809	+4.1
Professional, scientific and controlling instruments and apparatus	8,589	+10.9	63,988	+9.3
Textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles and related products	4,973	+2.6	39,812	+0.5
Power generating machinery and equipment	5,724	+24.2	37,796	+16.4

Table 7 : Value of Imports of 10 Principal Commodity Divisions

Commodity division	Aug 2018 (HKD Mn.)	Aug 2018 over Aug 2017 (% change)	Jan - Aug 2018 (HKD Mn.)	Jan - Aug 2018 over Jan - Aug 2017 (% change)
Total Imports	428,452	+16.4	3,072,072	+11.8
Electrical machinery, apparatus and appliances, and electrical parts thereof	162,846	+18.1	1,166,074	+17.4
Telecommunications and sound recording and reproducing apparatus and equipment	67,061	+9.3	452,050	-0.3
Office machines and automatic data processing machines	40,760	+32.3	273,862	+26.1
Miscellaneous manufactured articles (mainly jewellery, goldsmiths' and silversmiths' wares)	28,406	+44.9	178,228	+8.8
Non-metallic mineral manufactures	16,370	+18.0	135,148	+7.9
Photographic apparatus, equipment and supplies, optical goods, watches and clocks	9,342	+12.0	72,016	+12.1
Articles of apparel and clothing accessories	9,333	+4.6	63,976	+2.3
Petroleum, petroleum products and related materials	7,771	+34.2	61,951	+35.8
Professional, scientific and controlling instruments and apparatus	7,995	+3.1	60,168	+4.5
Power generating machinery and equipment	6,375	+18.7	49,009	+23.9