

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

(HK\$ Million)

<b>Merchandise trade values for December 2018</b>				
	Total Exports		339,938	
	Imports		391,187	
	Trade Balance		-51,249	
			<b>Change</b>	
<b>Current month compared with same month in the preceding year</b>	<b>December 2018</b>	<b>December 2017</b>	<b>Value</b>	<b>%</b>
Total Exports	339,938	360,688	-20,751	-5.8
Imports	391,187	420,586	-29,400	-7.0
Trade Balance	-51,249	-59,898	+8,649	
<b>Current month compared with last month</b>	<b>December 2018</b>	<b>November 2018</b>		
Total Exports	339,938	364,320	-24,382	-6.7
Imports	391,187	409,284	-18,098	-4.4
Trade Balance	-51,249	-44,964	-6,284	
<b>Latest 3 months compared with same period 12 months earlier</b>	<b>Oct-Dec 2018</b>	<b>Oct-Dec 2017</b>		
Total Exports	1,085,274	1,062,145	+23,130	+2.2
Imports	1,226,860	1,205,268	+21,592	+1.8
Trade Balance	-141,585	-143,123	+1,538	
<b>Calendar year-to-date compared with same period in the preceding year</b>	<b>Jan-Dec 2018</b>	<b>Jan-Dec 2017</b>		
Total Exports	4,158,106	3,875,898	+282,208	+7.3
Imports	4,721,399	4,357,004	+364,395	+8.4
Trade Balance	-563,292	-481,106	-82,187	
<b>Last 12 months compared with same period 12 months earlier</b>	<b>Jan 2018 to Dec 2018</b>	<b>Jan 2017 to Dec 2017</b>		
Total Exports	4,158,106	3,875,898	+282,208	+7.3
Imports	4,721,399	4,357,004	+364,395	+8.4
Trade Balance	-563,292	-481,106	-82,187	

**Table 2 : Hong Kong's External Merchandise Trade Statistics from January 2015 to December 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
	9	374,961.2	+4.5	422,676.3	+4.8
	10	383,651.5	+14.6	428,141.8	+13.1
	11	364,319.8	-0.8	409,284.3	+0.5
	12	339,937.8	-5.8	391,186.7	-7.0

**Table 3 : Seasonally Adjusted Series of Hong Kong's External Merchandise Trade Statistics from January 2015 to December 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
	9	+1.5	+2.5
	10	+2.0	+1.4
	11	-1.4	-3.6
	12	-3.2	-5.1

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	Dec 2018 (HKD Mn.)	Dec 2018 over Dec 2017 (% change)	Jan - Dec 2018 (HKD Mn.)	Jan - Dec 2018 over Jan - Dec 2017 (% change)
Total Exports	339,938	-5.8	4,158,106	+7.3
The mainland of China	177,884	-8.7	2,287,303	+8.6
United States of America	29,306	-0.7	356,797	+8.1
India	9,444	-35.9	134,339	-15.3
Japan	11,582	-3.6	129,318	+0.7
Taiwan	7,528	+4.4	86,172	-3.6
Vietnam	6,784	-15.7	83,225	+4.5
Germany	6,813	-10.9	76,104	+3.0
Netherlands	7,671	+31.2	71,312	+11.5
Singapore	6,760	+29.9	69,150	+13.3
Thailand	5,112	+9.9	60,582	+11.9

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

Supplier	Dec 2018 (HKD Mn.)	Dec 2018 over Dec 2017 (% change)	Jan - Dec 2018 (HKD Mn.)	Jan - Dec 2018 over Jan - Dec 2017 (% change)
Total Imports	391,187	-7.0	4,721,399	+8.4
The mainland of China	187,276	-4.2	2,186,267	+7.7
Taiwan	25,528	-29.6	338,445	+2.7
Singapore	23,209	+0.1	314,126	+9.0
Korea	18,828	-25.4	278,314	+10.4
Japan	21,182	-12.7	259,964	+2.6
United States of America	22,464	+1.1	231,128	+8.1
Malaysia	15,643	+14.3	189,090	+64.6
India	5,546	-24.3	92,397	-14.0
Thailand	7,925	-8.0	92,108	+2.8
Philippines	5,451	-19.2	77,129	+1.1

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

Commodity division	Dec 2018 (HKD Mn.)	Dec 2018 over Dec 2017 (% change)	Jan - Dec 2018 (HKD Mn.)	Jan - Dec 2018 over Jan - Dec 2017 (% change)
Total Exports	339,938	-5.8	4,158,106	+7.3
Electrical machinery, apparatus and appliances, and electrical parts thereof	121,165	-5.7	1,585,643	+14.3
Telecommunications and sound recording and reproducing apparatus and equipment	71,035	-0.6	777,322	+2.4
Office machines and automatic data processing machines	38,578	-5.3	448,300	+10.9
Miscellaneous manufactured articles (mainly jewellery, goldsmiths' and silversmiths' wares)	17,380	-8.6	234,853	+13.6
Non-metallic mineral manufactures	12,545	-41.0	173,550	-14.0
Articles of apparel and clothing accessories	8,979	-8.9	108,520	-3.9
Photographic apparatus, equipment and supplies, optical goods, watches and clocks	8,726	+0.4	105,618	+4.0
Professional, scientific and controlling instruments and apparatus	8,732	+5.8	97,650	+7.8
Textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles and related products	3,957	-18.4	57,903	-2.3
Power generating machinery and equipment	6,096	+48.5	57,814	+13.9

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

Commodity division	Dec 2018 (HKD Mn.)	Dec 2018 over Dec 2017 (% change)	Jan - Dec 2018 (HKD Mn.)	Jan - Dec 2018 over Jan - Dec 2017 (% change)
Total Imports	391,187	-7.0	4,721,399	+8.4
Electrical machinery, apparatus and appliances, and electrical parts thereof	134,337	-13.0	1,758,044	+11.4
Telecommunications and sound recording and reproducing apparatus and equipment	64,641	-11.3	742,822	+0.8
Office machines and automatic data processing machines	39,213	+9.0	422,470	+19.4
Miscellaneous manufactured articles (mainly jewellery, goldsmiths' and silversmiths' wares)	22,315	+5.4	274,729	+9.3
Non-metallic mineral manufactures	14,637	-13.0	203,270	+2.8
Photographic apparatus, equipment and supplies, optical goods, watches and clocks	9,624	+1.5	109,257	+8.8
Articles of apparel and clothing accessories	8,866	+0.3	99,280	+2.6
Petroleum, petroleum products and related materials	8,100	-5.3	98,388	+33.0
Professional, scientific and controlling instruments and apparatus	9,056	+6.8	92,137	+2.9
Power generating machinery and equipment	8,459	+21.5	76,682	+21.3