

Table 1: External Merchandise Trade Statistics for April 2019

(HK\$ Million)

Merchandise trade values for April 2019					
	Total Exports		321,517		
	Imports		356,609		
	Trade Balance		-35,091		
Change					
Current month compared with same month in the preceding year		April 2019	April 2018	Change	
				Value	%
	Total Exports	321,517	330,224	-8,706	-2.6
	Imports	356,609	377,173	-20,564	-5.5
	Trade Balance	-35,091	-46,949	+11,858	
Current month compared with last month		April 2019	March 2019	Change	
				Value	%
	Total Exports	321,517	343,641	-22,124	-6.4
	Imports	356,609	402,883	-46,274	-11.5
	Trade Balance	-35,091	-59,241	+24,150	
Latest 3 months compared with same period 12 months earlier		Feb-Apr 2019	Feb-Apr 2018	Change	
				Value	%
	Total Exports	892,877	923,002	-30,124	-3.3
	Imports	1,036,572	1,067,867	-31,295	-2.9
	Trade Balance	-143,694	-144,865	+1,171	
Last 12 months compared with same period 12 months earlier		May 2018 to Apr 2019	May 2017 to Apr 2018	Change	
				Value	%
	Total Exports	4,126,637	3,984,196	+142,441	+3.6
	Imports	4,667,133	4,497,147	+169,986	+3.8
	Trade Balance	-540,496	-512,951	-27,545	

Table 2 : Hong Kong's External Merchandise Trade Statistics from January 2016 to April 2019

(HK\$ Million)

Year	Month	Total Exports	Year-on-year % Change	Imports	Year-on-year % Change
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
2019	1	348,701.4	-0.4	359,000.0	-6.0
	2	228,674.2	-6.9	277,508.2	-3.8
	3	343,641.5	-1.2	402,882.9	-0.1
	4	321,517.1	-2.6	356,608.5	-5.5

Table 3 : Seasonally Adjusted Series of Hong Kong's External Merchandise Trade Statistics from January 2016 to April 2019

Year	Month	Change of the latest 3-month period over the preceding 3-month period (%)	
		Total Exports	Imports
2016	1	+0.1	+0.5
	2	-3.3	-2.8
	3	-5.1	-3.6
	4	-5.2	-4.6
	5	+2.5	+2.5
	6	+6.6	+4.9
	7	+6.2	+6.2
	8	+1.5	+2.8
	9	+0.7	+2.3
	10	+1.3	+2.1
	11	+3.4	+2.6
	12	+3.6	+2.5
2017	1	+4.9	+3.5
	2	+2.6	+3.2
	3	+0.8	+2.0
	4	+0.4	+0.7
	5	-0.3	-1.2
	6	+1.7	+0.8
	7	+0.5	+0.9
	8	+2.7	+3.3
	9	+0.9	+1.4
	10	+1.9	+2.6
	11	+2.4	+3.0
	12	+3.1	+3.8
2018	1	+4.2	+3.8
	2	+2.6	+2.9
	3	+2.8	+3.2
	4	+1.6	+2.9
	5	+2.6	+3.5
	6	+1.7	+1.8
	7	+2.0	+1.6
	8	+1.6	+1.8
	9	+1.5	+2.5
	10	+1.5	+1.4
	11	-0.9	-2.1
	12	-3.6	-5.0
2019	1	-5.9	-7.3
	2	-7.8	-8.6
	3	-2.1	-2.4
	4	-1.1	-0.3

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	Apr 2019 (HKD Mn.)	Apr 2019 over Apr 2018 (% change)	Jan - Apr 2019 (HKD Mn.)	Jan - Apr 2019 over Jan - Apr 2018 (% change)
Total Exports	321,517	-2.6	1,241,579	-2.5
The mainland of China	177,017	-1.3	657,785	-5.2
United States of America	24,320	-17.0	95,276	-11.0
Japan	8,852	-12.5	39,367	-5.5
India	8,073	-15.3	33,367	-25.6
Taiwan	6,717	-24.4	27,536	-14.9
Singapore	6,786	+32.1	24,981	+21.3
Vietnam	6,187	-12.4	24,977	-3.3
Germany	6,133	-4.4	23,778	-1.2
Netherlands	6,069	+9.5	21,948	+11.2
Thailand	4,464	-7.8	19,222	+3.8

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

Supplier	Apr 2019 (HKD Mn.)	Apr 2019 over Apr 2018 (% change)	Jan - Apr 2019 (HKD Mn.)	Jan - Apr 2019 over Jan - Apr 2018 (% change)
Total Imports	356,609	-5.5	1,395,572	-3.7
The mainland of China	169,279	-1.6	641,771	-0.7
Taiwan	25,297	-10.1	96,247	-15.2
Singapore	23,176	-1.4	92,348	+0.0
Japan	22,343	-3.2	78,463	-3.3
United States of America	16,556	-6.0	72,552	+2.5
Korea	16,432	-32.5	66,063	-25.9
Malaysia	14,269	-6.1	55,759	-7.6
India	5,465	-31.7	26,895	-18.7
Thailand	7,072	+6.6	26,043	-8.8
Switzerland	5,899	+5.4	24,594	+0.8

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

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

Commodity division	Apr 2019 (HKD Mn.)	Apr 2019 over Apr 2018 (% change)	Jan - Apr 2019 (HKD Mn.)	Jan - Apr 2019 over Jan - Apr 2018 (% change)
Total Exports	321,517	-2.6	1,241,579	-2.5
Electrical machinery, apparatus and appliances, and electrical parts thereof	126,633	+1.5	468,230	-2.7
Telecommunications and sound recording and reproducing apparatus and equipment	59,636	+2.0	231,885	+4.9
Office machines and automatic data processing machines	32,301	-9.9	124,540	-11.2
Miscellaneous manufactured articles (mainly jewellery, goldsmiths' and silversmiths' wares)	19,191	-8.6	70,348	-4.7
Non-metallic mineral manufactures	11,900	-4.5	56,233	-4.6
Photographic apparatus, equipment and supplies, optical goods, watches and clocks	8,317	-1.4	32,121	-0.2
Professional, scientific and controlling instruments and apparatus	7,785	-6.3	29,420	-1.6
Articles of apparel and clothing accessories	6,173	-10.2	28,696	-6.0
Power generating machinery and equipment	5,550	+39.9	22,544	+27.7
Textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles and related products	4,990	-12.9	17,633	-8.4

Table 7 : Value of Imports of 10 Principal Commodity Divisions

Commodity division	Apr 2019 (HKD Mn.)	Apr 2019 over Apr 2018 (% change)	Jan - Apr 2019 (HKD Mn.)	Jan - Apr 2019 over Jan - Apr 2018 (% change)
Total Imports	356,609	-5.5	1,395,572	-3.7
Electrical machinery, apparatus and appliances, and electrical parts thereof	131,218	-7.6	504,448	-7.7
Telecommunications and sound recording and reproducing apparatus and equipment	55,580	-1.3	216,792	+1.2
Office machines and automatic data processing machines	27,859	-16.5	112,405	-9.8
Miscellaneous manufactured articles (mainly jewellery, goldsmiths' and silversmiths' wares)	21,332	+0.4	85,504	+4.3
Non-metallic mineral manufactures	13,892	-14.6	65,078	-6.0
Photographic apparatus, equipment and supplies, optical goods, watches and clocks	8,804	-5.0	33,304	-3.0
Petroleum, petroleum products and related materials	8,183	+7.1	31,697	+5.2
Power generating machinery and equipment	7,720	+50.0	28,888	+25.1
Professional, scientific and controlling instruments and apparatus	7,059	-5.4	27,682	-2.2
Articles of apparel and clothing accessories	6,207	-6.3	27,348	-1.7