

Table 1: External Merchandise Trade Statistics for March 2020

(HK\$ Million)

Merchandise trade values for March 2020				
	Total Exports	323,647		
	Imports	358,354		
	Trade Balance	-34,707		
			Change	
Current month compared with same month in the preceding year	March 2020	March 2019	Value	%
Total Exports	323,647	343,641	-19,995	-5.8
Imports	358,354	402,883	-44,529	-11.1
Trade Balance	-34,707	-59,241	+24,534	
Current month compared with last month	March 2020	February 2020		
Total Exports	323,647	238,558	+85,089	+35.7
Imports	358,354	277,108	+81,245	+29.3
Trade Balance	-34,707	-38,551	+3,844	
Latest 3 months compared with same period 12 months earlier	Jan-Mar 2020	Jan-Mar 2019		
Total Exports	831,432	920,387	-88,955	-9.7
Imports	935,220	1,039,112	-103,892	-10.0
Trade Balance	-103,788	-118,725	+14,937	
Last 12 months compared with same period 12 months earlier	Apr 2019 to Mar 2020	Apr 2018 to Mar 2019		
Total Exports	3,899,730	4,135,521	-235,791	-5.7
Imports	4,311,548	4,687,505	-375,957	-8.0
Trade Balance	-411,818	-551,984	+140,167	

Table 2 : Hong Kong's External Merchandise Trade Statistics from January 2017 to March 2020

(HK\$ Million)

Year	Month	Total Exports	Year-on-year % Change	Imports	Year-on-year % Change
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
	5	343,065.0	-2.4	377,774.1	-4.3
	6	309,606.8	-9.0	364,793.9	-7.5
	7	338,617.6	-5.7	370,790.1	-8.7
	8	352,727.3	-6.3	380,776.7	-11.1
	9	347,685.3	-7.3	379,324.5	-10.3
	10	348,527.6	-9.2	379,117.8	-11.5
	11	359,269.9	-1.4	385,437.9	-5.8
	12	351,275.7	+3.3	383,772.6	-1.9
2020	1	269,395.5	-22.7	299,990.8	-16.4
	2	238,557.6	+4.3	277,108.4	-0.1
	3	323,646.8	-5.8	358,353.9	-11.1

Table 3 : Seasonally Adjusted Series of Hong Kong's External Merchandise Trade Statistics from January 2017 to March 2020

Year	Month	Change of the latest 3-month period over the preceding 3-month period (%)	
		Total Exports	Imports
2017	1	+5.0	+3.6
	2	+2.5	+3.4
	3	+0.5	+2.1
	4	-0.3	+0.9
	5	-0.5	-1.3
	6	+2.0	+0.7
	7	+1.3	+0.8
	8	+3.1	+2.9
	9	+0.9	+1.2
	10	+1.7	+2.1
	11	+2.4	+3.2
	12	+3.4	+3.9
2018	1	+3.7	+4.1
	2	+2.9	+3.4
	3	+2.5	+3.8
	4	+2.1	+3.8
	5	+1.7	+3.1
	6	+1.8	+1.0
	7	+2.0	+0.8
	8	+1.9	+0.8
	9	+1.2	+1.7
	10	+1.5	+1.3
	11	-0.5	-1.2
	12	-2.9	-3.8
2019	1	-6.2	-6.7
	2	-7.3	-7.7
	3	-2.8	-2.6
	4	-1.5	-0.5
	5	+4.4	+4.8
	6	-0.2	-1.0
	7	-0.2	-1.5
	8	-3.5	-4.5
	9	-0.6	-2.6
	10	+0.5	-1.9
	11	+0.8	-1.6
	12	+1.2	-0.8
2020	1	-4.4	-2.2
	2	-7.8	-5.8
	3	-9.8	-5.7

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 2020 (HKD Mn.)	Mar 2020 over Mar 2019 (% change)	Jan - Mar 2020 (HKD Mn.)	Jan - Mar 2020 over Jan - Mar 2019 (% change)
Total Exports	323,647	-5.8	831,432	-9.7
The mainland of China	194,305	+8.4	472,198	-1.8
United States of America	18,195	-29.3	51,664	-27.4
Japan	10,450	-7.1	25,058	-17.9
India	8,924	-17.2	24,082	-4.8
Taiwan	7,875	+0.9	21,137	+1.5
Vietnam	7,155	+1.2	19,344	+3.0
Singapore	5,553	-14.5	15,377	-15.5
Thailand	4,742	-15.6	13,165	-10.9
United Arab Emirates	3,839	-28.6	13,115	-7.9
Germany	4,492	-33.1	12,988	-26.4

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

Supplier	Mar 2020 (HKD Mn.)	Mar 2020 over Mar 2019 (% change)	Jan - Mar 2020 (HKD Mn.)	Jan - Mar 2020 over Jan - Mar 2019 (% change)
Total Imports	358,354	-11.1	935,220	-10.0
The mainland of China	160,994	-14.1	392,455	-16.9
Taiwan	31,127	+9.7	81,577	+15.0
Singapore	26,285	+9.8	74,333	+7.5
Japan	20,347	-5.2	56,588	+0.8
Korea	21,454	+0.6	55,665	+12.1
United States of America	16,114	-29.5	45,405	-19.0
Malaysia	12,991	-19.6	38,266	-7.8
Vietnam	7,861	+24.0	19,238	+34.4
Thailand	6,677	+1.9	17,837	-6.0
Philippines	5,673	-10.3	15,644	-0.6

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

Commodity division	Mar 2020 (HKD Mn.)	Mar 2020 over Mar 2019 (% change)	Jan - Mar 2020 (HKD Mn.)	Jan - Mar 2020 over Jan - Mar 2019 (% change)
Total Exports	323,647	-5.8	831,432	-9.7
Electrical machinery, apparatus and appliances, and electrical parts thereof	140,104	+8.0	348,851	+2.1
Telecommunications and sound recording and reproducing apparatus and equipment	51,186	-19.4	138,217	-19.7
Office machines and automatic data processing machines	36,504	+9.2	88,043	-4.7
Miscellaneous manufactured articles (mainly jewellery, goldsmiths' and silversmiths' wares)	14,229	-20.8	40,876	-20.4
Non-metallic mineral manufactures	8,226	-62.2	27,843	-37.2
Power generating machinery and equipment	8,611	+32.9	22,830	+34.3
Professional, scientific and controlling instruments and apparatus	8,331	+4.1	20,033	-7.4
Photographic apparatus, equipment and supplies, optical goods, watches and clocks	7,494	-12.5	19,987	-16.0
Articles of apparel and clothing accessories	4,632	-28.0	15,077	-33.1
Textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles and related products	4,566	-11.0	10,249	-18.9

Table 7 : Value of Imports of 10 Principal Commodity Divisions

Commodity division	Mar 2020 (HKD Mn.)	Mar 2020 over Mar 2019 (% change)	Jan - Mar 2020 (HKD Mn.)	Jan - Mar 2020 over Jan - Mar 2019 (% change)
Total Imports	358,354	-11.1	935,220	-10.0
Electrical machinery, apparatus and appliances, and electrical parts thereof	147,523	-4.4	381,647	+2.2
Telecommunications and sound recording and reproducing apparatus and equipment	51,274	-16.6	134,441	-16.6
Office machines and automatic data processing machines	30,807	-3.6	71,078	-15.9
Miscellaneous manufactured articles (mainly jewellery, goldsmiths' and silversmiths' wares)	22,353	-16.2	53,390	-16.8
Power generating machinery and equipment	9,692	+25.9	30,422	+43.7
Non-metallic mineral manufactures	10,714	-40.3	27,883	-45.6
Photographic apparatus, equipment and supplies, optical goods, watches and clocks	8,169	-8.0	20,696	-15.5
Professional, scientific and controlling instruments and apparatus	7,864	-5.7	19,979	-3.1
Petroleum, petroleum products and related materials	4,616	-50.4	17,678	-24.8
Vegetables and fruit	3,639	-12.6	14,228	-7.4