

**Table 1: External Merchandise Trade Statistics for December 2017**

(HK\$ Million)

**Merchandise trade values for December 2017**

Domestic Exports	3,618
Re-exports	357,070
Total Exports	360,688
Imports	420,586
Trade Balance	-59,898

<b>Current month compared with same month in the preceding year</b>	<b>December 2017</b>	<b>December 2016</b>	<b>Change</b>	
			<b>Value</b>	<b>%</b>
Domestic Exports	3,618	3,614	+4	+0.1
(% of Total Exports)	(1.0%)	(1.1%)		
Re-exports	357,070	336,726	+20,344	+6.0
Total Exports	360,688	340,340	+20,349	+6.0
Imports	420,586	385,817	+34,769	+9.0
Trade Balance	-59,898	-45,477	-14,420	

  

<b>Current month compared with last month</b>	<b>December 2017</b>	<b>November 2017</b>		
Domestic Exports	3,618	3,869	-250	-6.5
(% of Total Exports)	(1.0%)	(1.1%)		
Re-exports	357,070	363,554	-6,484	-1.8
Total Exports	360,688	367,423	-6,735	-1.8
Imports	420,586	407,129	+13,457	+3.3
Trade Balance	-59,898	-39,706	-20,192	

  

<b>Latest 3 months compared with same period 12 months earlier</b>	<b>Oct-Dec 2017</b>	<b>Oct-Dec 2016</b>		
Domestic Exports	11,212	11,064	+147	+1.3
(% of Total Exports)	(1.1%)	(1.1%)		
Re-exports	1,050,933	983,392	+67,542	+6.9
Total Exports	1,062,145	994,456	+67,689	+6.8
Imports	1,205,268	1,110,389	+94,879	+8.5
Trade Balance	-143,123	-115,934	-27,190	

  

<b>Last 12 months compared with same period 12 months earlier</b>	<b>Jan 2017 to Dec 2017</b>	<b>Jan 2016 to Dec 2016</b>		
Domestic Exports	43,455	42,875	+580	+1.4
(% of Total Exports)	(1.1%)	(1.2%)		
Re-exports	3,832,443	3,545,372	+287,071	+8.1
Total Exports	3,875,898	3,588,247	+287,651	+8.0
Imports	4,357,004	4,008,384	+348,619	+8.7
Trade Balance	-481,106	-420,137	-60,968	

**Table 2 : Hong Kong's External Merchandise Trade Statistics from January 2014 to December 2017**

(HK\$ Million)

Year	Month	Domestic Exports	Year-on-year % Change	Re-exports	Year-on-year % Change	Total Exports	Year-on-year % Change	Imports	Year-on-year % Change
2014	1	4,299.1	-4.3	299,157.3	-0.4	303,456.4	-0.4	323,435.6	-2.7
	2	3,275.6	-0.3	209,638.0	-1.3	212,913.6	-1.3	266,586.9	+6.8
	3	5,120.3	+0.9	296,403.1	+3.4	301,523.5	+3.4	351,888.7	+3.2
	4	4,866.5	+8.1	280,815.7	-1.7	285,682.2	-1.6	340,971.7	+2.4
	5	5,299.3	+10.0	300,673.2	+4.9	305,972.5	+4.9	348,322.9	+3.7
	6	4,801.9	+7.3	304,408.7	+11.4	309,210.6	+11.4	352,315.7	+7.6
	7	5,119.9	+7.0	321,040.5	+6.8	326,160.3	+6.8	368,292.7	+7.5
	8	5,288.7	+7.2	321,936.8	+6.4	327,225.5	+6.4	358,750.3	+3.4
	9	4,152.9	-5.5	327,833.0	+4.6	331,985.8	+4.5	382,354.9	+6.3
	10	4,391.5	-1.5	327,335.0	+2.7	331,726.5	+2.7	381,568.9	+5.6
	11	4,701.3	+2.5	322,081.9	+0.4	326,783.2	+0.4	378,946.3	+2.4
	12	4,050.1	-11.9	308,704.6	+0.8	312,754.7	+0.6	372,007.3	+1.9
2015	1	4,468.4	+3.9	307,403.0	+2.8	311,871.4	+2.8	348,886.1	+7.9
	2	2,918.8	-10.9	225,417.7	+7.5	228,336.5	+7.2	264,220.1	-0.9
	3	4,012.6	-21.6	292,100.1	-1.5	296,112.7	-1.8	342,318.8	-2.7
	4	4,201.8	-13.7	287,741.9	+2.5	291,943.8	+2.2	331,108.3	-2.9
	5	4,258.4	-19.6	287,571.5	-4.4	291,829.8	-4.6	331,940.1	-4.7
	6	4,158.0	-13.4	295,360.5	-3.0	299,518.5	-3.1	345,301.7	-2.0
	7	4,146.1	-19.0	316,724.9	-1.3	320,870.9	-1.6	349,304.6	-5.2
	8	4,162.0	-21.3	303,091.1	-5.9	307,253.1	-6.1	332,326.9	-7.4
	9	3,581.5	-13.8	313,150.7	-4.5	316,732.2	-4.6	353,113.6	-7.6
	10	3,591.2	-18.2	316,000.6	-3.5	319,591.8	-3.7	349,241.6	-8.5
	11	3,686.9	-21.6	311,617.0	-3.2	315,303.9	-3.5	348,396.6	-8.1
	12	3,720.7	-8.1	305,457.9	-1.1	309,178.5	-1.1	354,884.7	-4.6
2016	1	3,424.8	-23.4	296,446.7	-3.6	299,871.5	-3.8	317,354.0	-9.0
	2	2,673.5	-8.4	201,810.8	-10.5	204,484.3	-10.4	237,632.8	-10.1
	3	3,582.5	-10.7	271,777.9	-7.0	275,360.4	-7.0	322,388.1	-5.8
	4	3,404.1	-19.0	281,870.1	-2.0	285,274.2	-2.3	316,301.2	-4.5
	5	3,493.9	-18.0	288,006.1	+0.2	291,500.1	-0.1	317,728.0	-4.3
	6	3,621.5	-12.9	292,897.6	-0.8	296,519.1	-1.0	342,114.0	-0.9
	7	3,907.2	-5.8	300,558.2	-5.1	304,465.5	-5.1	337,772.8	-3.3
	8	4,019.1	-3.4	305,651.1	+0.8	309,670.1	+0.8	341,765.8	+2.8
	9	3,686.4	+2.9	324,332.9	+3.6	328,019.3	+3.6	367,724.2	+4.1
	10	3,631.8	+1.1	310,094.4	-1.9	313,726.2	-1.8	350,949.3	+0.5
	11	3,824.5	+3.7	337,110.1	+8.2	340,934.6	+8.1	374,987.3	+7.6
	12	3,614.4	-2.9	336,725.5	+10.2	340,339.9	+10.1	385,817.4	+8.7
2017	1	3,244.8	-5.3	293,054.2	-1.1	296,298.9	-1.2	308,643.4	-2.7
	2	2,774.0	+3.8	238,933.1	+18.4	241,707.1	+18.2	297,978.3	+25.4
	3	4,184.7	+16.8	317,710.7	+16.9	321,895.4	+16.9	364,163.0	+13.0
	4	3,332.0	-2.1	302,056.7	+7.2	305,388.7	+7.1	339,519.6	+7.3
	5	3,656.0	+4.6	299,449.1	+4.0	303,105.1	+4.0	338,752.6	+6.6
	6	3,706.9	+2.4	325,699.4	+11.2	329,406.3	+11.1	377,684.4	+10.4
	7	3,698.6	-5.3	322,890.5	+7.4	326,589.1	+7.3	356,190.0	+5.5
	8	3,909.2	-2.7	328,754.1	+7.6	332,663.3	+7.4	368,189.8	+7.7
	9	3,925.6	+6.5	354,779.8	+9.4	358,705.3	+9.4	403,412.7	+9.7
	10	3,748.1	+3.2	330,987.2	+6.7	334,735.3	+6.7	378,694.3	+7.9
	11	3,868.8	+1.2	363,554.4	+7.8	367,423.2	+7.8	407,129.4	+8.6
	12	3,618.5	+0.1	357,070.0	+6.0	360,688.5	+6.0	420,586.4	+9.0

Note : Value of domestic exports and value of re-exports may not add up to the value of total exports due to rounding.

**Table 3 : Seasonally Adjusted Series of Hong Kong's External Merchandise Trade Statistics from January 2014 to December 2017**

Year	Month	Change of the latest 3-month period over the preceding 3-month period (%)			
		Domestic Exports	Re-exports	Total Exports	Imports
2014	1	+3.5	+3.8	+3.8	+3.5
	2	+2.1	-3.0	-2.9	-0.1
	3	+2.9	-3.2	-3.1	-1.1
	4	+0.5	-4.8	-4.8	-2.7
	5	+7.2	+3.3	+3.4	+1.0
	6	+4.8	+3.4	+3.4	+1.1
	7	+4.0	+6.0	+5.9	+3.2
	8	-2.6	+2.4	+2.4	+1.6
	9	-5.3	+2.3	+2.2	+2.5
	10	-6.6	+1.1	+0.9	+1.9
	11	-7.4	-0.9	-1.0	+1.4
	12	-7.0	-2.5	-2.5	-0.9
2015	1	-6.1	-3.8	-3.8	-3.4
	2	-4.7	-1.7	-1.7	-1.9
	3	-2.1	+0.3	+0.3	-0.7
	4	-2.7	+1.4	+1.3	-0.2
	5	-4.7	-0.7	-0.7	-3.8
	6	-2.4	-1.9	-1.9	-4.1
	7	-3.0	-1.1	-1.1	-1.8
	8	-2.6	-0.1	-0.1	-0.4
	9	-9.7	-1.3	-1.4	-2.5
	10	-8.9	-2.7	-2.8	-4.2
	11	-7.6	-2.3	-2.4	-3.0
	12	-2.4	+0.2	+0.1	+0.0
2016	1	-2.0	+0.5	+0.5	+0.8
	2	-1.1	-2.9	-2.9	-1.8
	3	-2.5	-5.1	-5.1	-3.2
	4	-2.7	-3.8	-3.8	-3.8
	5	-4.1	+3.2	+3.1	+1.3
	6	-2.4	+6.3	+6.2	+3.2
	7	+0.5	+3.8	+3.7	+4.4
	8	+4.5	-0.4	-0.3	+2.4
	9	+7.5	+0.4	+0.5	+3.1
	10	+5.9	+1.7	+1.8	+2.6
	11	+4.0	+3.6	+3.6	+2.6
	12	-1.9	+4.3	+4.2	+2.6
2017	1	-1.2	+5.2	+5.2	+3.6
	2	-3.2	+4.1	+4.0	+5.3
	3	+3.8	+1.1	+1.1	+3.4
	4	-1.5	+2.3	+2.3	+2.2
	5	+0.1	+0.7	+0.7	-2.5
	6	-7.1	+1.2	+1.1	-1.4
	7	-2.1	-1.8	-1.8	-1.0
	8	-1.8	+0.3	+0.3	+2.7
	9	+3.8	-0.2	-0.1	+1.4
	10	+7.6	+1.3	+1.4	+2.8
	11	+8.7	+2.3	+2.4	+2.8
	12	+1.3	+4.2	+4.2	+4.9

Notes : 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.

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

**Table 4 : Value of Total Exports of Goods to 10 Main Destinations**

Destination	Dec 2017 (HKD Mn.)	Dec 2017 over Dec 2016 (% change)	Jan - Dec 2017 (HKD Mn.)	Jan - Dec 2017 over Jan - Dec 2016 (% change)
Total Exports	360,688	+6.0	3,875,898	+8.0
The mainland of China	194,917	+1.7	2,105,829	+8.4
United States of America	29,500	+11.5	330,198	+1.9
India	14,732	+66.6	158,635	+35.9
Japan	12,020	+10.8	128,474	+10.0
Taiwan	7,211	-10.1	89,371	+19.9
Vietnam	8,051	+10.0	79,632	+10.3
Germany	7,647	+28.7	73,912	+10.8
Netherlands	5,848	-0.3	63,982	+11.5
Singapore	5,206	-9.1	61,023	-0.4
Korea	5,438	+4.8	56,672	+4.9

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

Supplier	Dec 2017 (HKD Mn.)	Dec 2017 over Dec 2016 (% change)	Jan - Dec 2017 (HKD Mn.)	Jan - Dec 2017 over Jan - Dec 2016 (% change)
Total Imports	420,586	+9.0	4,357,004	+8.7
The mainland of China	195,487	+4.2	2,030,145	+5.9
Taiwan	36,238	+30.3	329,678	+12.9
Singapore	23,175	-5.7	288,107	+10.1
Japan	24,272	+5.8	253,394	+2.7
Korea	25,249	+17.6	252,056	+28.5
United States of America	22,230	+9.8	213,737	+3.4
Malaysia	13,683	+60.7	114,877	+26.8
India	7,327	-0.0	107,412	+15.8
Thailand	8,616	+14.6	89,641	+8.5
Philippines	6,750	+8.2	76,275	+27.6

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	Dec 2017 (HKD Mn.)	Dec 2017 over Dec 2016 (% change)	Jan - Dec 2017 (HKD Mn.)	Jan - Dec 2017 over Jan - Dec 2016 (% change)
Total Exports	360,688	+6.0	3,875,898	+8.0
Electrical machinery, apparatus and appliances, and electrical parts thereof	128,473	+6.8	1,387,653	+12.3
Telecommunications and sound recording and reproducing apparatus and equipment	71,474	-2.3	758,982	+2.7
Office machines and automatic data processing machines	40,738	+9.8	404,073	+10.7
Miscellaneous manufactured articles (mainly jewellery, goldsmiths' and silversmiths' wares)	19,025	+15.4	206,772	+10.1
Non-metallic mineral manufactures	21,270	+50.7	201,810	+12.7
Articles of apparel and clothing accessories	9,859	-2.4	112,871	-7.2
Photographic apparatus, equipment and supplies, optical goods, watches and clocks	8,691	+2.1	101,531	-3.1
Professional, scientific and controlling instruments and apparatus	8,256	+9.1	90,604	+15.2
Textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles and related products	4,851	-1.6	59,295	-3.3
Power generating machinery and equipment	4,105	+4.8	50,760	+3.3

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

Commodity division	Dec 2017 (HKD Mn.)	Dec 2017 over Dec 2016 (% change)	Jan - Dec 2017 (HKD Mn.)	Jan - Dec 2017 over Jan - Dec 2016 (% change)
Total Imports	420,586	+9.0	4,357,004	+8.7
Electrical machinery, apparatus and appliances, and electrical parts thereof	154,489	+15.4	1,578,347	+15.1
Telecommunications and sound recording and reproducing apparatus and equipment	72,858	+0.9	736,781	+1.4
Office machines and automatic data processing machines	35,963	+9.1	353,874	+10.1
Miscellaneous manufactured articles (mainly jewellery, goldsmiths' and silversmiths' wares)	21,166	+5.4	251,327	+10.0
Non-metallic mineral manufactures	16,833	+11.7	197,718	+5.8
Photographic apparatus, equipment and supplies, optical goods, watches and clocks	9,486	+4.3	100,399	+0.6
Articles of apparel and clothing accessories	8,836	-3.8	96,786	-5.6
Professional, scientific and controlling instruments and apparatus	8,476	+1.4	89,507	+9.4
Petroleum, petroleum products and related materials	8,555	+28.3	73,962	+34.4
Power generating machinery and equipment	6,960	+8.1	63,230	+1.3