

Table 1: External Merchandise Trade Statistics for January 2018

(HK\$ Million)

Merchandise trade values for January 2018				
	Total Exports		350,046	
	Imports		381,971	
	Trade Balance		-31,924	
Change				
Current month compared with same month in the preceding year	January 2018	January 2017	Value	%
Total Exports	350,046	296,299	+53,748	+18.1
Imports	381,971	308,643	+73,327	+23.8
Trade Balance	-31,924	-12,345	-19,580	
Current month compared with last month	January 2018	December 2017		
Total Exports	350,046	360,688	-10,642	-3.0
Imports	381,971	420,586	-38,616	-9.2
Trade Balance	-31,924	-59,898	+27,974	
Latest 3 months compared with same period 12 months earlier	Nov 2017 to Jan 2018	Nov 2016 to Jan 2017		
Total Exports	1,077,548	977,157	+100,391	+10.3
Imports	1,208,883	1,068,611	+140,272	+13.1
Trade Balance	-131,335	-91,454	-39,881	
Last 12 months compared with same period 12 months earlier	Feb 2017 to Jan 2018	Feb 2016 to Jan 2017		
Total Exports	3,929,646	3,584,674	+344,971	+9.6
Imports	4,430,331	3,999,674	+430,657	+10.8
Trade Balance	-500,685	-414,999	-85,686	

Table 2 : Hong Kong's External Merchandise Trade Statistics from January 2015 to January 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

Table 3 : Seasonally Adjusted Series of Hong Kong's External Merchandise Trade Statistics from January 2015 to January 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

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	Jan 2018 (HKD Mn.)	Jan 2018 over Jan 2017 (% change)	Nov 2017 to Jan 2018 (HKD Mn.)	Nov 2017 - Jan 2018 over Nov 2016 - Jan 2017 (% change)
Total Exports	350,046	+18.1	1,077,548	+10.3
The mainland of China	191,302	+29.0	593,389	+12.4
United States of America	30,060	+1.0	89,062	+6.4
India	14,142	+39.4	42,477	+39.8
Japan	11,908	+8.0	35,580	+10.9
Taiwan	9,797	+40.0	24,796	+8.3
Vietnam	7,956	+23.0	23,636	+13.8
Germany	6,471	-2.8	20,484	+12.1
Singapore	5,397	+6.8	16,039	-6.9
Netherlands	4,779	-5.7	16,306	-4.9
Thailand	4,711	-3.6	13,775	+1.9

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

Supplier	Jan 2018 (HKD Mn.)	Jan 2018 over Jan 2017 (% change)	Nov 2017 to Jan 2018 (HKD Mn.)	Nov 2017 - Jan 2018 over Nov 2016 - Jan 2017 (% change)
Total Imports	381,971	+23.8	1,208,883	+13.1
The mainland of China	180,195	+20.6	570,837	+9.7
Taiwan	27,337	+17.5	92,916	+17.5
Singapore	23,712	+9.7	71,869	+2.0
Korea	22,715	+28.7	72,893	+22.3
Japan	19,021	+17.8	65,852	+6.4
United States of America	17,897	+24.7	59,163	+7.2
Malaysia	14,874	+126.2	41,152	+82.4
India	8,374	+35.8	23,471	+22.7
Thailand	6,739	+10.3	23,175	+11.5
Switzerland	6,353	+88.2	16,411	+26.2

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

Commodity division	Jan 2018 (HKD Mn.)	Jan 2018 over Jan 2017 (% change)	Nov 2017 to Jan 2018 (HKD Mn.)	Nov 2017 - Jan 2018 over Nov 2016 - Jan 2017 (% change)
Total Exports	350,046	+18.1	1,077,548	+10.3
Electrical machinery, apparatus and appliances, and electrical parts thereof	127,260	+30.4	391,690	+16.7
Telecommunications and sound recording and reproducing apparatus and equipment	61,785	-2.0	210,494	-1.3
Office machines and automatic data processing machines	39,111	+27.4	117,773	+12.7
Miscellaneous manufactured articles (mainly jewellery, goldsmiths' and silversmiths' wares)	18,877	+13.7	57,410	+14.5
Non-metallic mineral manufactures	16,958	+43.8	55,958	+41.0
Articles of apparel and clothing accessories	10,274	-13.4	29,218	-6.5
Photographic apparatus, equipment and supplies, optical goods, watches and clocks	9,072	-1.9	26,511	-2.1
Professional, scientific and controlling instruments and apparatus	8,157	+29.8	24,341	+14.6
Textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles and related products	5,102	+10.8	14,993	+2.1
Power generating machinery and equipment	4,831	+23.7	13,884	+9.3

Table 7 : Value of Imports of 10 Principal Commodity Divisions

Commodity division	Jan 2018 (HKD Mn.)	Jan 2018 over Jan 2017 (% change)	Nov 2017 to Jan 2018 (HKD Mn.)	Nov 2017 - Jan 2018 over Nov 2016 - Jan 2017 (% change)
Total Imports	381,971	+23.8	1,208,883	+13.1
Electrical machinery, apparatus and appliances, and electrical parts thereof	136,139	+26.6	435,787	+17.8
Telecommunications and sound recording and reproducing apparatus and equipment	62,645	+9.2	211,011	+4.2
Office machines and automatic data processing machines	30,763	+36.7	102,631	+19.0
Miscellaneous manufactured articles (mainly jewellery, goldsmiths' and silversmiths' wares)	21,696	+34.5	65,527	+11.2
Non-metallic mineral manufactures	16,610	+35.4	52,321	+27.4
Articles of apparel and clothing accessories	9,000	+3.1	25,836	-1.8
Photographic apparatus, equipment and supplies, optical goods, watches and clocks	8,873	+21.5	27,277	+6.3
Petroleum, petroleum products and related materials	7,993	+18.5	23,502	+20.4
Professional, scientific and controlling instruments and apparatus	7,872	+33.2	23,940	+10.6
Vegetables and fruit	6,437	+50.1	15,866	+12.0