

Table 1: External Merchandise Trade Statistics for April 2018

(HK\$ Million)

Merchandise trade values for April 2018					
	Total Exports		330,224		
	Imports		377,173		
	Trade Balance		-46,949		
Change					
Current month compared with same month in the preceding year		April 2018	April 2017	Change	
				Value	%
	Total Exports	330,224	305,389	+24,835	+8.1
	Imports	377,173	339,520	+37,653	+11.1
	Trade Balance	-46,949	-34,131	-12,818	
Current month compared with last month		April 2018	March 2018	Change	
				Value	%
	Total Exports	330,224	347,732	-17,508	-5.0
	Imports	377,173	403,236	-26,063	-6.5
	Trade Balance	-46,949	-55,505	+8,555	
Latest 3 months compared with same period 12 months earlier		Feb-Apr 2018	Feb-Apr 2017	Change	
				Value	%
	Total Exports	923,002	868,452	+54,550	+6.3
	Imports	1,067,867	1,001,051	+66,816	+6.7
	Trade Balance	-144,865	-132,599	-12,266	
Calendar year-to-date compared with same period in the preceding year		Jan-Apr 2018	Jan-Apr 2017	Change	
				Value	%
	Total Exports	1,273,048	1,164,751	+108,298	+9.3
	Imports	1,449,838	1,309,694	+140,144	+10.7
	Trade Balance	-176,789	-144,943	-31,846	
Last 12 months compared with same period 12 months earlier		May 2017 to Apr 2018	May 2016 to Apr 2017	Change	
				Value	%
	Total Exports	3,984,196	3,688,429	+295,767	+8.0
	Imports	4,497,147	4,125,291	+371,856	+9.0
	Trade Balance	-512,951	-436,862	-76,089	

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

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

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 2018 (HKD Mn.)	Apr 2018 over Apr 2017 (% change)	Jan - Apr 2018 (HKD Mn.)	Jan - Apr 2018 over Jan - Apr 2017 (% change)
Total Exports	330,224	+8.1	1,273,048	+9.3
The mainland of China	179,283	+12.9	694,082	+12.7
United States of America	29,312	+11.7	107,045	+8.5
India	9,536	-49.5	44,873	-20.7
Japan	10,114	-0.4	41,640	+5.3
Taiwan	8,887	+27.8	32,358	+15.9
Vietnam	7,064	+1.3	25,836	+0.4
Germany	6,418	+8.0	24,060	+11.3
Singapore	5,137	+15.0	20,598	+10.3
Netherlands	5,541	+8.9	19,743	+2.4
Thailand	4,840	+12.6	18,512	+4.3

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

Supplier	Apr 2018 (HKD Mn.)	Apr 2018 over Apr 2017 (% change)	Jan - Apr 2018 (HKD Mn.)	Jan - Apr 2018 over Jan - Apr 2017 (% change)
Total Imports	377,173	+11.1	1,449,838	+10.7
The mainland of China	171,988	+9.6	646,274	+8.3
Taiwan	28,152	+23.8	113,484	+17.1
Singapore	23,504	-3.3	92,329	+5.4
Korea	24,352	+26.3	89,165	+16.6
Japan	23,090	+10.5	81,166	+3.2
United States of America	17,612	+1.2	70,754	+5.0
Malaysia	15,188	+93.2	60,366	+96.7
India	7,998	-26.3	33,098	-16.2
Thailand	6,634	+1.7	28,571	+3.6
Philippines	6,526	+17.2	24,633	+8.2

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

Commodity division	Apr 2018 (HKD Mn.)	Apr 2018 over Apr 2017 (% change)	Jan - Apr 2018 (HKD Mn.)	Jan - Apr 2018 over Jan - Apr 2017 (% change)
Total Exports	330,224	+8.1	1,273,048	+9.3
Electrical machinery, apparatus and appliances, and electrical parts thereof	124,794	+18.3	481,057	+19.2
Telecommunications and sound recording and reproducing apparatus and equipment	58,455	-1.5	221,141	-4.2
Office machines and automatic data processing machines	35,858	+17.3	140,286	+19.2
Miscellaneous manufactured articles (mainly jewellery, goldsmiths' and silversmiths' wares)	20,990	+31.5	73,813	+20.9
Non-metallic mineral manufactures	12,459	-42.9	58,958	-16.5
Photographic apparatus, equipment and supplies, optical goods, watches and clocks	8,435	+4.0	32,185	+0.7
Articles of apparel and clothing accessories	6,877	-10.1	30,525	-5.0
Professional, scientific and controlling instruments and apparatus	8,306	+17.8	29,897	+14.2
Textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles and related products	5,730	+4.6	19,248	-0.3
Power generating machinery and equipment	3,966	-0.7	17,651	+16.0

Table 7 : Value of Imports of 10 Principal Commodity Divisions

Commodity division	Apr 2018 (HKD Mn.)	Apr 2018 over Apr 2017 (% change)	Jan - Apr 2018 (HKD Mn.)	Jan - Apr 2018 over Jan - Apr 2017 (% change)
Total Imports	377,173	+11.1	1,449,838	+10.7
Electrical machinery, apparatus and appliances, and electrical parts thereof	141,983	+18.9	546,260	+17.1
Telecommunications and sound recording and reproducing apparatus and equipment	56,337	-0.3	214,219	-3.5
Office machines and automatic data processing machines	33,347	+28.3	124,636	+25.5
Miscellaneous manufactured articles (mainly jewellery, goldsmiths' and silversmiths' wares)	21,249	-7.9	81,952	+2.2
Non-metallic mineral manufactures	16,273	+4.2	69,260	+8.5
Photographic apparatus, equipment and supplies, optical goods, watches and clocks	9,271	+23.0	34,345	+12.0
Petroleum, petroleum products and related materials	7,644	+5.4	30,120	+24.8
Professional, scientific and controlling instruments and apparatus	7,458	+6.4	28,317	+8.1
Articles of apparel and clothing accessories	6,621	-1.1	27,810	+2.1
Power generating machinery and equipment	5,148	+9.1	23,092	+27.9