

**Table 1: External Merchandise Trade Statistics for September 2018**

(HK\$ Million)

<b>Merchandise trade values for September 2018</b>				
	Total Exports		374,961	
	Imports		422,676	
	Trade Balance		-47,715	
<b>Change</b>				
<b>Current month compared with same month in the preceding year</b>	<b>September 2018</b>	<b>September 2017</b>	<b>Value</b>	<b>%</b>
Total Exports	374,961	358,705	+16,256	+4.5
Imports	422,676	403,413	+19,264	+4.8
Trade Balance	-47,715	-44,707	-3,008	
<b>Current month compared with last month</b>	<b>September 2018</b>	<b>August 2018</b>		
Total Exports	374,961	376,303	-1,342	-0.4
Imports	422,676	428,452	-5,776	-1.3
Trade Balance	-47,715	-52,149	+4,434	
<b>Latest 3 months compared with same period 12 months earlier</b>	<b>Jul-Sep 2018</b>	<b>Jul-Sep 2017</b>		
Total Exports	1,108,471	1,016,864	+91,608	+9.0
Imports	1,256,439	1,126,387	+130,052	+11.5
Trade Balance	-147,968	-109,524	-38,444	
<b>Calendar year-to-date compared with same period in the preceding year</b>	<b>Jan-Sep 2018</b>	<b>Jan-Sep 2017</b>		
Total Exports	3,072,832	2,813,753	+259,079	+9.2
Imports	3,494,539	3,151,735	+342,803	+10.9
Trade Balance	-421,707	-337,982	-83,725	
<b>Last 12 months compared with same period 12 months earlier</b>	<b>Oct 2017 to Sep 2018</b>	<b>Oct 2016 to Sep 2017</b>		
Total Exports	4,134,977	3,808,209	+326,768	+8.6
Imports	4,699,807	4,262,125	+437,682	+10.3
Trade Balance	-564,830	-453,916	-110,914	

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

**Table 3 : Seasonally Adjusted Series of Hong Kong's External Merchandise Trade Statistics from January 2015 to September 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
	5	+3.5	+4.0
	6	+1.5	+1.7
	7	+0.5	+0.4
	8	+0.2	+1.6
	9	+1.5	+2.5

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	Sep 2018 (HKD Mn.)	Sep 2018 over Sep 2017 (% change)	Jan - Sep 2018 (HKD Mn.)	Jan - Sep 2018 over Jan - Sep 2017 (% change)
Total Exports	374,961	+4.5	3,072,832	+9.2
The mainland of China	211,438	+7.0	1,697,601	+11.6
United States of America	32,589	+5.6	264,380	+9.6
India	15,185	+4.8	104,037	-11.7
Japan	10,439	-13.9	95,364	+1.8
Taiwan	6,593	-9.5	64,894	-2.3
Vietnam	7,114	+3.1	61,809	+7.8
Germany	6,333	-15.5	56,682	+5.7
Netherlands	5,676	-5.0	50,438	+8.2
Singapore	5,852	+2.4	49,897	+10.0
Thailand	5,362	+23.2	44,361	+10.2

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

Supplier	Sep 2018 (HKD Mn.)	Sep 2018 over Sep 2017 (% change)	Jan - Sep 2018 (HKD Mn.)	Jan - Sep 2018 over Jan - Sep 2017 (% change)
Total Imports	422,676	+4.8	3,494,539	+10.9
The mainland of China	200,024	+2.8	1,598,521	+8.9
Taiwan	28,536	-4.4	257,753	+10.6
Singapore	28,880	+18.8	233,699	+8.6
Korea	26,624	+9.8	214,027	+20.0
Japan	23,378	+1.9	193,250	+4.2
United States of America	18,791	+2.8	167,163	+8.6
Malaysia	15,964	+51.4	141,177	+84.9
India	9,869	-15.2	72,321	-14.2
Thailand	8,527	+1.8	69,824	+6.3
Philippines	6,567	-4.5	59,616	+6.8

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

Commodity division	Sep 2018 (HKD Mn.)	Sep 2018 over Sep 2017 (% change)	Jan - Sep 2018 (HKD Mn.)	Jan - Sep 2018 over Jan - Sep 2017 (% change)
Total Exports	374,961	+4.5	3,072,832	+9.2
Electrical machinery, apparatus and appliances, and electrical parts thereof	148,345	+12.8	1,184,188	+18.0
Telecommunications and sound recording and reproducing apparatus and equipment	68,810	-0.4	545,930	+0.7
Office machines and automatic data processing machines	40,641	+5.0	334,356	+15.3
Miscellaneous manufactured articles (mainly jewellery, goldsmiths' and silversmiths' wares)	21,668	+11.2	175,446	+17.4
Non-metallic mineral manufactures	17,795	-2.8	132,302	-10.7
Articles of apparel and clothing accessories	10,186	-4.6	80,648	-3.6
Photographic apparatus, equipment and supplies, optical goods, watches and clocks	9,140	-2.6	77,964	+3.3
Professional, scientific and controlling instruments and apparatus	8,032	-7.0	72,019	+7.2
Textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles and related products	4,794	-4.1	44,605	-0.0
Power generating machinery and equipment	4,034	-2.0	41,749	+14.1

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

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

Commodity division	Sep 2018 (HKD Mn.)	Sep 2018 over Sep 2017 (% change)	Jan - Sep 2018 (HKD Mn.)	Jan - Sep 2018 over Jan - Sep 2017 (% change)
Total Imports	422,676	+4.8	3,494,539	+10.9
Electrical machinery, apparatus and appliances, and electrical parts thereof	158,366	+8.3	1,324,401	+16.2
Telecommunications and sound recording and reproducing apparatus and equipment	71,318	+4.2	523,322	+0.3
Office machines and automatic data processing machines	37,513	+10.7	311,360	+24.0
Miscellaneous manufactured articles (mainly jewellery, goldsmiths' and silversmiths' wares)	24,150	+5.0	202,376	+8.3
Non-metallic mineral manufactures	21,684	+3.5	156,823	+7.2
Photographic apparatus, equipment and supplies, optical goods, watches and clocks	8,736	-0.7	80,736	+10.6
Articles of apparel and clothing accessories	9,130	-3.9	73,104	+1.5
Petroleum, petroleum products and related materials	9,838	+47.7	71,789	+37.3
Professional, scientific and controlling instruments and apparatus	7,732	-7.2	67,893	+3.0
Power generating machinery and equipment	6,242	+6.5	55,250	+21.7