

Table 1: External Merchandise Trade Statistics for November 2018

(HK\$ Million)

Merchandise trade values for November 2018				
	Total Exports		364,320	
	Imports		409,284	
	Trade Balance		-44,964	
Change				
Current month compared with same month in the preceding year	November 2018	November 2017	Value	%
Total Exports	364,320	367,423	-3,103	-0.8
Imports	409,284	407,129	+2,155	+0.5
Trade Balance	-44,964	-39,706	-5,258	
Current month compared with last month	November 2018	October 2018		
Total Exports	364,320	383,651	-19,332	-5.0
Imports	409,284	428,142	-18,858	-4.4
Trade Balance	-44,964	-44,490	-474	
Latest 3 months compared with same period 12 months earlier	Sep-Nov 2018	Sep-Nov 2017		
Total Exports	1,120,368	1,060,039	+60,329	+5.7
Imports	1,258,404	1,188,095	+70,309	+5.9
Trade Balance	-138,036	-128,057	-9,979	
Calendar year-to-date compared with same period in the preceding year	Jan-Nov 2018	Jan-Nov 2017		
Total Exports	3,818,822	3,515,481	+303,341	+8.6
Imports	4,330,476	3,936,642	+393,833	+10.0
Trade Balance	-511,654	-421,161	-90,493	
Last 12 months compared with same period 12 months earlier	Dec 2017 to Nov 2018	Dec 2016 to Nov 2017		
Total Exports	4,179,239	3,855,605	+323,634	+8.4
Imports	4,750,837	4,322,032	+428,805	+9.9
Trade Balance	-571,598	-466,428	-105,171	

Table 2 : Hong Kong's External Merchandise Trade Statistics from January 2015 to November 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
	10	383,651.5	+14.6	428,141.8	+13.1
	11	364,319.8	-0.8	409,284.3	+0.5

Table 3 : Seasonally Adjusted Series of Hong Kong's External Merchandise Trade Statistics from January 2015 to November 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
	10	+2.0	+1.4
	11	-1.4	-3.6

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	Nov 2018 (HKD Mn.)	Nov 2018 over Nov 2017 (% change)	Jan - Nov 2018 (HKD Mn.)	Jan - Nov 2018 over Jan - Nov 2017 (% change)
Total Exports	364,320	-0.8	3,818,822	+8.6
The mainland of China	196,958	-5.0	2,109,506	+10.4
United States of America	31,050	+5.0	327,775	+9.0
India	9,432	-29.1	124,915	-13.1
Japan	12,179	+3.9	117,740	+1.1
Taiwan	7,327	-5.3	78,647	-4.2
Vietnam	7,145	-8.7	76,432	+6.7
Germany	6,109	-4.9	69,318	+4.5
Netherlands	6,627	+16.4	63,678	+9.5
Singapore	6,570	+20.4	62,392	+11.8
Thailand	5,754	+26.8	55,479	+12.1

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

Supplier	Nov 2018 (HKD Mn.)	Nov 2018 over Nov 2017 (% change)	Jan - Nov 2018 (HKD Mn.)	Jan - Nov 2018 over Jan - Nov 2017 (% change)
Total Imports	409,284	+0.5	4,330,476	+10.0
The mainland of China	197,633	+1.0	1,999,068	+9.0
Taiwan	25,216	-14.0	312,906	+6.7
Singapore	29,842	+19.4	290,918	+9.8
Korea	18,791	-24.7	259,519	+14.4
Japan	22,184	-2.5	238,823	+4.2
United States of America	20,296	+6.3	208,689	+9.0
Malaysia	16,304	+29.4	173,447	+71.4
India	6,795	-12.8	86,850	-13.2
Thailand	6,786	-13.4	84,219	+3.9
Philippines	5,893	-15.4	71,683	+3.1

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

Commodity division	Nov 2018 (HKD Mn.)	Nov 2018 over Nov 2017 (% change)	Jan - Nov 2018 (HKD Mn.)	Jan - Nov 2018 over Jan - Nov 2017 (% change)
Total Exports	364,320	-0.8	3,818,822	+8.6
Electrical machinery, apparatus and appliances, and electrical parts thereof	135,464	-0.4	1,464,623	+16.3
Telecommunications and sound recording and reproducing apparatus and equipment	78,130	+0.8	706,600	+2.8
Office machines and automatic data processing machines	37,859	-0.3	409,325	+12.6
Miscellaneous manufactured articles (mainly jewellery, goldsmiths' and silversmiths' wares)	19,827	+2.2	218,009	+16.1
Non-metallic mineral manufactures	12,987	-26.7	161,040	-10.8
Articles of apparel and clothing accessories	8,700	-4.3	99,541	-3.4
Photographic apparatus, equipment and supplies, optical goods, watches and clocks	9,543	+9.2	96,893	+4.4
Professional, scientific and controlling instruments and apparatus	8,949	+12.0	88,920	+8.0
Textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles and related products	4,500	-10.8	53,945	-0.9
Power generating machinery and equipment	4,846	-3.9	51,718	+10.9

Table 7 : Value of Imports of 10 Principal Commodity Divisions

Commodity division	Nov 2018 (HKD Mn.)	Nov 2018 over Nov 2017 (% change)	Jan - Nov 2018 (HKD Mn.)	Jan - Nov 2018 over Jan - Nov 2017 (% change)
Total Imports	409,284	+0.5	4,330,476	+10.0
Electrical machinery, apparatus and appliances, and electrical parts thereof	147,825	+1.7	1,623,772	+14.0
Telecommunications and sound recording and reproducing apparatus and equipment	71,939	-4.9	678,216	+2.1
Office machines and automatic data processing machines	34,387	-4.3	383,187	+20.5
Miscellaneous manufactured articles (mainly jewellery, goldsmiths' and silversmiths' wares)	23,030	+1.7	252,501	+9.7
Non-metallic mineral manufactures	15,933	-15.8	188,649	+4.3
Photographic apparatus, equipment and supplies, optical goods, watches and clocks	9,701	+8.6	99,618	+9.6
Articles of apparel and clothing accessories	8,479	+6.0	90,412	+2.8
Petroleum, petroleum products and related materials	9,607	+38.1	90,287	+38.0
Professional, scientific and controlling instruments and apparatus	7,743	+1.1	83,108	+2.5
Power generating machinery and equipment	7,067	+21.4	68,223	+21.2