

Table 1: External Merchandise Trade Statistics for May 2019

(HK\$ Million)

Merchandise trade values for May 2019					
	Total Exports		343,065		
	Imports		377,774		
	Trade Balance		-34,709		
Change					
Current month compared with same month in the preceding year		May 2019	May 2018	Change	
				Value	%
	Total Exports	343,065	351,368	-8,303	-2.4
	Imports	377,774	394,618	-16,844	-4.3
	Trade Balance	-34,709	-43,250	+8,541	
Current month compared with last month		May 2019	April 2019	Change	
				Value	%
	Total Exports	343,065	321,517	+21,548	+6.7
	Imports	377,774	356,609	+21,166	+5.9
	Trade Balance	-34,709	-35,091	+382	
Latest 3 months compared with same period 12 months earlier		Mar-May 2019	Mar-May 2018	Change	
				Value	%
	Total Exports	1,007,246	1,028,710	-21,464	-2.1
	Imports	1,136,712	1,174,089	-37,377	-3.2
	Trade Balance	-129,466	-145,379	+15,913	
Last 12 months compared with same period 12 months earlier		Jun 2018 to May 2019	Jun 2017 to May 2018	Change	
				Value	%
	Total Exports	4,118,128	4,032,499	+85,629	+2.1
	Imports	4,650,433	4,552,956	+97,477	+2.1
	Trade Balance	-532,305	-520,457	-11,848	

Table 2 : Hong Kong's External Merchandise Trade Statistics from January 2016 to May 2019

(HK\$ Million)

Year	Month	Total Exports	Year-on-year % Change	Imports	Year-on-year % Change
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
	12	339,937.8	-5.8	391,186.7	-7.0
2019	1	348,701.4	-0.4	359,000.0	-6.0
	2	228,674.2	-6.9	277,508.2	-3.8
	3	343,641.5	-1.2	402,882.9	-0.1
	4	321,517.1	-2.6	356,608.5	-5.5
	5	343,065.0	-2.4	377,774.1	-4.3

Table 3 : Seasonally Adjusted Series of Hong Kong's External Merchandise Trade Statistics from January 2016 to May 2019

Year	Month	Change of the latest 3-month period over the preceding 3-month period (%)	
		Total Exports	Imports
2016	1	+0.1	+0.5
	2	-3.3	-2.8
	3	-5.1	-3.6
	4	-5.2	-4.6
	5	+2.5	+2.5
	6	+6.6	+4.9
	7	+6.2	+6.2
	8	+1.5	+2.8
	9	+0.7	+2.3
	10	+1.3	+2.1
	11	+3.4	+2.6
	12	+3.6	+2.5
2017	1	+4.9	+3.5
	2	+2.6	+3.2
	3	+0.8	+2.0
	4	+0.4	+0.7
	5	-0.3	-1.2
	6	+1.7	+0.8
	7	+0.5	+0.9
	8	+2.7	+3.3
	9	+0.9	+1.4
	10	+1.9	+2.6
	11	+2.4	+3.0
	12	+3.1	+3.8
2018	1	+4.2	+3.8
	2	+2.6	+2.9
	3	+2.8	+3.2
	4	+1.6	+2.9
	5	+2.6	+3.5
	6	+1.7	+1.8
	7	+2.0	+1.6
	8	+1.6	+1.8
	9	+1.5	+2.5
	10	+1.5	+1.4
	11	-0.9	-2.1
	12	-3.6	-5.0
2019	1	-5.9	-7.3
	2	-7.8	-8.6
	3	-2.1	-2.4
	4	-1.1	-0.3
	5	+6.3	+6.6

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	May 2019 (HKD Mn.)	May 2019 over May 2018 (% change)	Jan - May 2019 (HKD Mn.)	Jan - May 2019 over Jan - May 2018 (% change)
Total Exports	343,065	-2.4	1,584,285	-2.5
The mainland of China	186,558	-4.1	844,282	-5.0
United States of America	26,219	-15.0	121,347	-12.0
Japan	10,892	+1.0	50,239	-4.2
India	10,370	+8.9	43,731	-19.6
Taiwan	7,432	+2.7	34,974	-11.7
Vietnam	6,698	-0.2	31,671	-2.7
Singapore	5,892	-9.5	30,868	+13.9
Germany	5,859	-16.9	29,636	-5.0
Netherlands	6,085	+9.9	28,026	+10.9
Korea	5,680	+24.5	24,659	+8.8

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

Supplier	May 2019 (HKD Mn.)	May 2019 over May 2018 (% change)	Jan - May 2019 (HKD Mn.)	Jan - May 2019 over Jan - May 2018 (% change)
Total Imports	377,774	-4.3	1,773,104	-3.8
The mainland of China	176,685	-4.0	818,405	-1.4
Taiwan	28,452	-1.5	124,633	-12.5
Singapore	25,664	-2.6	118,019	-0.5
Japan	19,105	-10.6	97,507	-4.9
United States of America	17,875	+2.1	90,422	+2.5
Korea	18,063	-29.6	84,132	-26.7
Malaysia	13,539	-4.2	69,295	-7.0
Thailand	8,222	+0.6	34,266	-6.7
India	5,650	-18.6	32,514	-18.8
Switzerland	7,517	+22.0	32,109	+5.1

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

Commodity division	May 2019 (HKD Mn.)	May 2019 over May 2018 (% change)	Jan - May 2019 (HKD Mn.)	Jan - May 2019 over Jan - May 2018 (% change)
Total Exports	343,065	-2.4	1,584,285	-2.5
Electrical machinery, apparatus and appliances, and electrical parts thereof	131,215	-2.0	599,341	-2.5
Telecommunications and sound recording and reproducing apparatus and equipment	63,407	+2.9	295,206	+4.4
Office machines and automatic data processing machines	33,516	-15.7	157,971	-12.3
Miscellaneous manufactured articles (mainly jewellery, goldsmiths' and silversmiths' wares)	20,531	-7.1	90,847	-5.3
Non-metallic mineral manufactures	13,936	+6.8	70,160	-2.6
Photographic apparatus, equipment and supplies, optical goods, watches and clocks	9,134	+1.5	41,252	+0.2
Professional, scientific and controlling instruments and apparatus	8,658	+3.7	38,069	-0.4
Articles of apparel and clothing accessories	7,671	-2.1	36,365	-5.2
Power generating machinery and equipment	4,755	+4.2	27,299	+22.9
Textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles and related products	4,732	-16.0	22,363	-10.1

Table 7 : Value of Imports of 10 Principal Commodity Divisions

Commodity division	May 2019 (HKD Mn.)	May 2019 over May 2018 (% change)	Jan - May 2019 (HKD Mn.)	Jan - May 2019 over Jan - May 2018 (% change)
Total Imports	377,774	-4.3	1,773,104	-3.8
Electrical machinery, apparatus and appliances, and electrical parts thereof	141,884	-5.3	646,282	-7.1
Telecommunications and sound recording and reproducing apparatus and equipment	56,360	-4.1	273,152	+0.1
Office machines and automatic data processing machines	30,741	-14.3	143,143	-10.8
Miscellaneous manufactured articles (mainly jewellery, goldsmiths' and silversmiths' wares)	23,076	+2.4	108,595	+4.0
Non-metallic mineral manufactures	14,738	-5.4	79,780	-5.9
Photographic apparatus, equipment and supplies, optical goods, watches and clocks	9,859	+6.5	43,152	-1.0
Petroleum, petroleum products and related materials	7,378	+1.2	39,074	+4.5
Professional, scientific and controlling instruments and apparatus	7,954	+5.7	35,637	-0.5
Power generating machinery and equipment	6,546	+0.7	35,433	+19.7
Articles of apparel and clothing accessories	7,523	-2.0	34,871	-1.7