

**Table 1: External Merchandise Trade Statistics for August 2019**

(HK\$ Million)

<b>Merchandise trade values for August 2019</b>					
	Total Exports		352,727		
	Imports		380,777		
	Trade Balance		-28,049		
<b>Change</b>					
<b>Current month compared with same month in the preceding year</b>		<b>August 2019</b>	<b>August 2018</b>	<b>Change</b>	
				<b>Value</b>	<b>%</b>
	Total Exports	352,727	376,303	-23,576	-6.3
	Imports	380,777	428,452	-47,675	-11.1
	Trade Balance	-28,049	-52,149	+24,100	
<b>Current month compared with last month</b>		<b>August 2019</b>	<b>July 2019</b>	<b>Change</b>	
				<b>Value</b>	<b>%</b>
	Total Exports	352,727	338,618	+14,110	+4.2
	Imports	380,777	370,790	+9,987	+2.7
	Trade Balance	-28,049	-32,172	+4,123	
<b>Latest 3 months compared with same period 12 months earlier</b>		<b>Jun-Aug 2019</b>	<b>Jun-Aug 2018</b>	<b>Change</b>	
				<b>Value</b>	<b>%</b>
	Total Exports	999,349	1,074,191	-74,842	-7.0
	Imports	1,115,624	1,228,002	-112,378	-9.2
	Trade Balance	-116,275	-153,811	+37,536	
<b>Last 12 months compared with same period 12 months earlier</b>		<b>Sep 2018 to Aug 2019</b>	<b>Sep 2017 to Aug 2018</b>	<b>Change</b>	
				<b>Value</b>	<b>%</b>
	Total Exports	4,043,286	4,118,909	-75,623	-1.8
	Imports	4,538,055	4,680,528	-142,473	-3.0
	Trade Balance	-494,769	-561,619	+66,850	

**Table 2 : Hong Kong's External Merchandise Trade Statistics from January 2016 to August 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
	6	309,606.8	-9.0	364,793.9	-7.5
	7	338,617.6	-5.7	370,790.1	-8.7
	8	352,727.3	-6.3	380,776.7	-11.1

**Table 3 : Seasonally Adjusted Series of Hong Kong's External Merchandise Trade Statistics from January 2016 to August 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
	6	-0.3	-0.5
	7	-0.8	-1.3
	8	-4.5	-4.8

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	Aug 2019 (HKD Mn.)	Aug 2019 over Aug 2018 (% change)	Jan - Aug 2019 (HKD Mn.)	Jan - Aug 2019 over Jan - Aug 2018 (% change)
Total Exports	352,727	-6.3	2,583,634	-4.3
The mainland of China	202,056	-5.2	1,396,806	-6.0
United States of America	29,756	-8.8	207,618	-10.6
Japan	10,378	-2.1	81,591	-3.9
India	10,008	-20.8	74,684	-15.9
Taiwan	8,092	+31.2	57,828	-0.8
Vietnam	7,354	-3.3	52,624	-3.8
Singapore	5,468	-2.7	47,658	+8.2
Germany	6,319	+4.7	47,417	-5.8
Netherlands	5,135	-15.9	44,187	-1.3
Korea	5,121	+11.8	38,885	+5.3

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

Supplier	Aug 2019 (HKD Mn.)	Aug 2019 over Aug 2018 (% change)	Jan - Aug 2019 (HKD Mn.)	Jan - Aug 2019 over Jan - Aug 2018 (% change)
Total Imports	380,777	-11.1	2,888,728	-6.0
The mainland of China	177,671	-12.5	1,342,823	-4.0
Taiwan	29,570	-0.1	209,515	-8.6
Singapore	26,362	-10.4	189,566	-7.4
Japan	21,877	-3.8	162,880	-4.1
United States of America	18,778	-16.1	144,872	-2.4
Korea	20,786	-17.0	140,610	-25.0
Malaysia	11,425	-30.0	106,472	-15.0
Thailand	7,649	-11.7	55,826	-9.0
India	5,793	-30.2	50,752	-18.7
Switzerland	5,026	-7.4	47,685	-0.5

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

Commodity division	Aug 2019 (HKD Mn.)	Aug 2019 over Aug 2018 (% change)	Jan - Aug 2019 (HKD Mn.)	Jan - Aug 2019 over Jan - Aug 2018 (% change)
Total Exports	352,727	-6.3	2,583,634	-4.3
Electrical machinery, apparatus and appliances, and electrical parts thereof	142,822	-4.1	992,586	-4.2
Telecommunications and sound recording and reproducing apparatus and equipment	63,203	-11.7	470,793	-1.4
Office machines and automatic data processing machines	36,393	-6.1	258,363	-12.1
Miscellaneous manufactured articles (mainly jewellery, goldsmiths' and silversmiths' wares)	20,512	+0.3	152,308	-1.0
Non-metallic mineral manufactures	10,817	-21.5	105,119	-8.2
Photographic apparatus, equipment and supplies, optical goods, watches and clocks	9,586	+2.8	69,297	+0.7
Articles of apparel and clothing accessories	9,603	-7.3	65,443	-7.1
Professional, scientific and controlling instruments and apparatus	8,090	-5.8	61,706	-3.6
Power generating machinery and equipment	6,758	+18.1	47,566	+25.8
Textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles and related products	3,980	-20.0	34,817	-12.5

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

Commodity division	Aug 2019  (HKD Mn.)	Aug 2019 over Aug 2018  (% change)	Jan - Aug 2019  (HKD Mn.)	Jan - Aug 2019 over Jan - Aug 2018  (% change)
Total Imports	380,777	-11.1	2,888,728	-6.0
Electrical machinery, apparatus and appliances, and electrical parts thereof	150,482	-7.6	1,080,638	-7.3
Telecommunications and sound recording and reproducing apparatus and equipment	56,229	-16.2	430,852	-4.7
Office machines and automatic data processing machines	29,625	-27.3	234,036	-14.5
Miscellaneous manufactured articles (mainly jewellery, goldsmiths' and silversmiths' wares)	21,882	-23.0	175,421	-1.6
Non-metallic mineral manufactures	13,061	-20.2	122,854	-9.1
Photographic apparatus, equipment and supplies, optical goods, watches and clocks	8,437	-9.7	70,654	-1.9
Articles of apparel and clothing accessories	8,382	-10.2	60,540	-5.4
Power generating machinery and equipment	9,806	+53.8	60,408	+23.3
Professional, scientific and controlling instruments and apparatus	7,683	-3.9	58,885	-2.1
Petroleum, petroleum products and related materials	7,170	-7.7	58,700	-5.2