

Table 1: External Merchandise Trade Statistics for October 2020

(HK\$ Million)

Merchandise trade values for October 2020				
	Total Exports		344,657	
	Imports		381,413	
	Trade Balance		-36,756	
			Change	
Current month compared with same month in the preceding year	October 2020	October 2019	Value	%
Total Exports	344,657	348,528	-3,871	-1.1
Imports	381,413	379,118	+2,295	+0.6
Trade Balance	-36,756	-30,590	-6,166	
Current month compared with last month	October 2020	September 2020		
Total Exports	344,657	379,348	-34,692	-9.1
Imports	381,413	392,042	-10,629	-2.7
Trade Balance	-36,756	-12,694	-24,063	
Latest 3 months compared with same period 12 months earlier	Aug-Oct 2020	Aug-Oct 2019		
Total Exports	1,066,202	1,047,587	+18,616	+1.8
Imports	1,131,641	1,138,336	-6,695	-0.6
Trade Balance	-65,438	-90,750	+25,311	
Calendar year-to-date compared with same period in the preceding year	Jan-Oct 2020	Jan-Oct 2019		
Total Exports	3,156,663	3,279,108	-122,445	-3.7
Imports	3,427,421	3,646,646	-219,225	-6.0
Trade Balance	-270,758	-367,539	+96,780	
Last 12 months compared with same period 12 months earlier	Nov 2019 to Oct 2020	Nov 2018 to Oct 2019		
Total Exports	3,866,241	3,981,381	-115,140	-2.9
Imports	4,196,215	4,445,911	-249,696	-5.6
Trade Balance	-329,975	-464,530	+134,555	

Table 2 : Hong Kong's External Merchandise Trade Statistics from January 2017 to October 2020

(HK\$ Million)

Year	Month	Total Exports	Year-on-year % Change	Imports	Year-on-year % Change
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
	9	347,685.3	-7.3	379,324.5	-10.3
	10	348,527.6	-9.2	379,117.8	-11.5
	11	359,269.9	-1.4	385,437.9	-5.8
	12	351,275.7	+3.3	383,772.6	-1.9
2020	1	269,395.5	-22.7	299,990.8	-16.4
	2	238,557.6	+4.3	277,108.4	-0.1
	3	323,646.8	-5.8	358,353.9	-11.1
	4	309,462.4	-3.7	332,799.4	-6.7
	5	317,610.5	-7.4	331,340.6	-12.3
	6	305,607.9	-1.3	338,949.4	-7.1
	7	328,465.8	-3.0	358,282.2	-3.4
	8	344,483.8	-2.3	359,109.6	-5.7
	9	379,348.3	+9.1	392,041.8	+3.4
	10	344,656.5	-1.1	381,412.6	+0.6

Table 3 : Seasonally Adjusted Series of Hong Kong's External Merchandise Trade Statistics from January 2017 to October 2020

Year	Month	Change of the latest 3-month period over the preceding 3-month period (%)	
		Total Exports	Imports
2017	1	+5.0	+3.6
	2	+2.5	+3.4
	3	+0.5	+2.1
	4	-0.3	+0.9
	5	-0.5	-1.3
	6	+2.0	+0.7
	7	+1.3	+0.8
	8	+3.1	+2.9
	9	+0.9	+1.2
	10	+1.7	+2.1
	11	+2.4	+3.2
	12	+3.4	+3.9
2018	1	+3.7	+4.1
	2	+2.9	+3.4
	3	+2.5	+3.8
	4	+2.1	+3.8
	5	+1.7	+3.1
	6	+1.8	+1.0
	7	+2.0	+0.8
	8	+1.9	+0.8
	9	+1.2	+1.7
	10	+1.5	+1.3
	11	-0.5	-1.2
	12	-2.9	-3.8
2019	1	-6.2	-6.7
	2	-7.3	-7.7
	3	-2.8	-2.6
	4	-1.5	-0.5
	5	+4.4	+4.8
	6	-0.2	-1.0
	7	-0.2	-1.5
	8	-3.5	-4.5
	9	-0.6	-2.6
	10	+0.5	-1.9
	11	+0.8	-1.6
	12	+1.2	-0.8
2020	1	-4.4	-2.2
	2	-7.8	-5.8
	3	-9.8	-5.7
	4	-0.8	-4.0
	5	+5.1	+1.7
	6	+5.8	+0.3
	7	+1.7	+0.9
	8	+0.3	+0.6
	9	+4.4	+3.6
	10	+5.8	+5.3

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	Oct 2020 (HKD Mn.)	Oct 2020 over Oct 2019 (% change)	Jan - Oct 2020 (HKD Mn.)	Jan - Oct 2020 over Jan - Oct 2019 (% change)
Total Exports	344,657	-1.1	3,156,663	-3.7
The mainland of China	196,802	-1.4	1,859,409	+3.4
United States of America	25,022	-3.9	211,664	-17.9
Japan	9,091	-1.4	88,826	-11.9
India	10,266	-2.2	81,322	-17.5
Taiwan	8,573	+13.7	79,170	+8.8
Vietnam	7,763	+15.3	68,753	+3.1
Netherlands	5,421	-3.7	50,516	-8.5
Singapore	4,925	-20.3	48,718	-17.5
Germany	5,558	+3.3	48,319	-17.1
Korea	4,101	-7.6	42,246	-10.9

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

Supplier	Oct 2020 (HKD Mn.)	Oct 2020 over Oct 2019 (% change)	Jan - Oct 2020 (HKD Mn.)	Jan - Oct 2020 over Jan - Oct 2019 (% change)
Total Imports	381,413	+0.6	3,427,421	-6.0
The mainland of China	166,043	-4.5	1,529,394	-9.9
Taiwan	35,621	+15.5	328,264	+21.7
Singapore	29,083	+12.9	254,924	+6.7
Korea	24,437	+21.3	195,060	+8.1
Japan	21,805	-4.6	194,075	-7.0
United States of America	15,541	-4.1	141,383	-20.3
Malaysia	14,120	-14.1	136,846	+1.5
Vietnam	8,614	+6.7	78,536	+31.6
Thailand	7,683	+11.1	70,359	+0.8
Philippines	6,486	+7.8	57,503	+0.5

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

Commodity division	Oct 2020 (HKD Mn.)	Oct 2020 over Oct 2019 (% change)	Jan - Oct 2020 (HKD Mn.)	Jan - Oct 2020 over Jan - Oct 2019 (% change)
Total Exports	344,657	-1.1	3,156,663	-3.7
Electrical machinery, apparatus and appliances, and electrical parts thereof	143,518	+0.9	1,367,918	+6.9
Telecommunications and sound recording and reproducing apparatus and equipment	61,976	-10.1	529,939	-11.9
Office machines and automatic data processing machines	36,557	+7.3	348,501	+7.2
Miscellaneous manufactured articles (mainly jewellery, goldsmiths' and silversmiths' wares)	17,682	-3.4	148,519	-21.5
Non-metallic mineral manufactures	14,648	+11.1	98,105	-26.2
Professional, scientific and controlling instruments and apparatus	8,438	+12.8	79,306	+3.5
Power generating machinery and equipment	6,485	-5.5	67,375	+10.2
Photographic apparatus, equipment and supplies, optical goods, watches and clocks	8,164	-7.2	67,145	-23.2
Articles of apparel and clothing accessories	6,053	-20.4	52,864	-35.0
Non-ferrous metals	5,026	+155.9	40,413	+48.2

Table 7 : Value of Imports of 10 Principal Commodity Divisions

Commodity division	Oct 2020 (HKD Mn.)	Oct 2020 over Oct 2019 (% change)	Jan - Oct 2020 (HKD Mn.)	Jan - Oct 2020 over Jan - Oct 2019 (% change)
Total Imports	381,413	+0.6	3,427,421	-6.0
Electrical machinery, apparatus and appliances, and electrical parts thereof	158,185	+8.2	1,443,953	+5.0
Telecommunications and sound recording and reproducing apparatus and equipment	59,483	-9.4	508,547	-9.2
Office machines and automatic data processing machines	29,609	+1.1	282,413	-3.1
Miscellaneous manufactured articles (mainly jewellery, goldsmiths' and silversmiths' wares)	19,989	-9.7	176,527	-19.7
Non-metallic mineral manufactures	12,454	-7.8	98,547	-35.4
Power generating machinery and equipment	8,135	+0.4	85,693	+12.7
Professional, scientific and controlling instruments and apparatus	8,329	+12.9	76,574	+4.2
Photographic apparatus, equipment and supplies, optical goods, watches and clocks	8,790	+7.0	66,784	-23.5
Essential oils and resinoids and perfume materials; toilet, polishing and cleansing preparations	6,962	+63.6	54,842	+23.9
Non-ferrous metals	7,949	+22.7	51,111	+15.7