

FACT SHEET

Hong Kong in Figures

(as at 31 August 2004)

| Population | | |
|--|-------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| | Mid - 2003 | Mid - 2004 |
| Male | 3 294 000 (48.4%) | 3 295 200 (48.2%) [#] |
| Female | 3 509 100 (51.6%) | 3 546 700 (51.8%) [#] |
| <i>Total</i> | <i>6 803 100 (100%)</i> | <i>6 841 900 (100%)[#]</i> |
| Daily quota under the One Way Permit Scheme | 150 | 150 |
| Labour force | | |
| <i>Major employment sectors</i> | | |
| | Mar 2003 | Mar 2004 |
| Wholesale, retail and import/export trades, restaurants and hotels | 971 800 | 975 800 |
| Financing, insurance, real estate and business services | 422 500 | 428 600 |
| Community, social and personal services | 398 100 | 412 000 |
| <i>Unemployment</i> | | |
| | 2003 | May - Jul 2004[#] |
| Unemployed persons | 277 600 (7.9%) | 248 000 (6.9%) |
| <i>Total labour force</i> | <i>3 500 900 (100%)</i> | <i>3 536 000 (100%)</i> |

Remark: [#] Provisional figures.

| Gross Domestic Product (GDP) | | |
|---|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| | 2002[#] | 2003[#] |
| GDP at current market price (HK\$ billion) | 1,247.4 | 1,220.0 |
| Per capita GDP at current market price (HK\$) | 183,790 | 179,333 |
| GDP growth rate in real terms | 1.9% | 3.2% |
| Per capita GDP growth rate in real terms | 1.0% | 3.0% |
| Per capita GDP world ranking | 17 th | 21 st |
| International investment position (HK\$ billion) | | |
| | 2002 | 2003[#] |
| Hong Kong external assets | 8,033 | 9,125 |
| Hong Kong external liabilities | 5,355 | 6,037 |
| Net international investment position | 2,677 | 3,088 |
| Hang Seng Index | | |
| | 29 Aug 2003 | 31 Aug 2004 |
| Hang Seng Index | 10 909 | 12 850 |
| Inflation | | |
| | 2003 | Jul 2004 |
| Rate of change in the Composite Consumer Price Index | -2.6% | 0.9% |

Remark: [#] Provisional figures.

| Government revenue and expenditure (HK\$ billion) | | |
|--|---|---------------------------------|
| | 2003 - 04 (Consolidated account) | Apr - Jul 2004 |
| Government revenue | 207.3 | 73.4 |
| Government expenditure | 247.5 | 78.7 |
| Deficit | 40.1 | 5.3 |
| | 2003 - 04 (Revised estimate) | 2004 - 05 (Estimate) |
| Government deficit as a % of GDP | 4.0% | 3.4% |
| Recurrent public expenditure by function (HK\$ billion) | | |
| | 2003 - 04 (Revised estimate) | 2004 - 05 (Estimate) |
| Education | 46.8 (21.8%) | 49.2 (22.5%) |
| Social welfare | 32.5 (15.2%) | 33.7 (15.4%) |
| Health | 31.7 (14.8%) | 30.3 (13.9%) |
| Support | 29.2 (13.6%) | 31.3 (14.3%) |
| Security | 24.5 (11.4%) | 24.0 (10.9%) |
| Housing | 11.8 (5.5%) | 12.8 (5.9%) |
| Infrastructure | 11.4 (5.3%) | 11.4 (5.2%) |
| Economic | 10.9 (5.1%) | 10.8 (5.0%) |
| Environment and food | 8.3 (3.9%) | 8.2 (3.7%) |
| Community and external affairs | 7.4 (3.4%) | 7.1 (3.2%) |
| <i>Total</i> | <i>214.5 (100%)</i> | <i>218.8 (100%)</i> |

| Civil service | | |
|---|--------------------|--------------------------------|
| | 31 Dec 2003 | 30 Jun 2004 |
| Establishment | 173 202 | 169 417 |
| Strength | 166 166 | 163 101 |
| | 2001 - 02 | 2002 - 03 |
| Emoluments (HK\$ billion) | 51.9 | 51.0 |
| As a % of government operating expenditure | 26.1% | 25.4% |
| Fiscal reserves (HK\$ billion) | | |
| | 31 Jul 2003 | 31 Jul 2004 |
| Fiscal reserves | 270.8 | 270.1 |
| Foreign currency reserve | | |
| | 31 Jul 2003 | 31 Jul 2004[#] |
| Foreign currency reserve (US\$ billion) | 112.6 | 118.3 |
| Foreign currency reserve world ranking | 5 th | 5 th |
| External merchandise trade statistics (HK\$ billion) | | |
| | 2003 | Jan – Jun 2004 |
| Total exports | 1,742.4 | 926.7 |
| Imports | 1,805.8 | 995.7 |
| Trade balance | -63.4 | -69.0 |

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| External merchandise trade by main country/territory (HK\$ billion) | | |
|--|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| | 2003 | Jan - Jun 2004 |
| <i>Total exports</i> | | |
| Mainland China | 742.5 (42.6%) | 410.0 (44.2%) |
| The United States of America | 324.2 (18.6%) | 151.4 (16.3%) |
| Japan | 94.0 (5.4%) | 49.8 (5.4%) |
| <i>Total (plus other countries and territories)</i> | <i>1,742.4 (100%)</i> | <i>926.7 (100%)</i> |
| <i>Imports</i> | | |
| Mainland China | 785.6 (43.5%) | 416.6 (41.8%) |
| Japan | 214.0 (11.9%) | 124.3 (12.5%) |
| The United States of America | 98.7 (5.5%) | 54.2 (5.4%) |
| <i>Total (plus other countries and territories)</i> | <i>1,805.8 (100%)</i> | <i>995.7 (100%)</i> |
| <i>Trade balance</i> | | |
| The United States of America | +225.5 | +97.2 |
| Mainland China | -43.1 | -6.6 |
| Japan | -120.0 | -74.5 |
| <i>Overall</i> | <i>-63.4</i> | <i>-69.0</i> |
| Trade in services (HK\$ billion) | | |
| | Apr - Jun 2003[#] | Apr - Jun 2004[#] |
| Exports of services | 67.9 | 92.1 |
| Imports of services | 39.9 | 53.6 |
| Trade balance | +28.0 | +38.5 |

Remark: [#] Provisional figures.

| Tourism | | |
|---|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| <i>Visitor arrivals by country/territory of residence</i> | | |
| | 2003 | Jan – Jun 2004 |
| Mainland China | 8 467 211 (54.5%) | 5 668 131 (56.6%) |
| Taiwan | 1 852 378 (11.9%) | 982 768 (9.8%) |
| South and Southeast Asian countries | 1 359 622 (8.8%) | 909 853 (9.1%) |
| Europe, Africa and the Middle East | 946 476 (6.1%) | 645 941 (6.5%) |
| The Americas | 925 907 (6.0%) | 645 782 (6.4%) |
| <i>Total (plus visitors from other countries and territories)</i> | <i>15 536 839 (100%)</i> | <i>10 012 618 (100%)</i> |
| <i>Per capita spending of overnight visitors by country/territory of residence (HK\$)</i> | | |
| | 2002 | 2003 |
| Mainland China | 5,639 | 6,018 |
| The Americas | 4,537 | 5,477 |
| Taiwan | 4,508 | 5,176 |
| Europe, Africa and the Middle East | 4,950 | 4,996 |
| South and Southeast Asian countries | 4,097 | 4,680 |
| <i>Overall</i> | <i>4,904</i> | <i>5,502</i> |

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