

## FACT SHEET

### Hong Kong in Figures

(as at 31 August 2005)

<b>Population</b>		
	<b>Mid - 2004</b>	<b>Mid - 2005</b>
Male	3 315 500 (48.2%)	3 331 300 (48.0%) <sup>#</sup>
Female	3 567 100 (51.8%)	3 612 300 (52.0%) <sup>#</sup>
<i>Total</i>	<i>6 882 600 (100%)</i>	<i>6 943 600 (100%)<sup>#</sup></i>
Daily quota under the One Way Permit Scheme	150	150
<b>Labour force</b>		
<i>Major employment sectors</i>		
	<b>Mar 2004</b>	<b>Mar 2005</b>
Wholesale, retail and import/export trades, restaurants and hotels	975 842	1 009 723
Financing, insurance, real estate and business services	428 606	447 592
Community, social and personal services	411 962	434 350
<i>Unemployment</i>		
	<b>2004</b>	<b>May - Jul 2005<sup>#</sup></b>
Unemployed persons	241 400 (6.8%)	216 000 (5.7%)
<i>Total labour force</i>	<i>3 529 000 (100%)</i>	<i>3 587 000 (100%)</i>
<i>Median monthly employment earning</i>		
	<b>2004</b>	<b>Apr - Jun 2005</b>
Median monthly employment earning (HK\$)	9,500	9,800

Remark: <sup>#</sup> Provisional figures.

<b>Gross Domestic Product (GDP)</b>		
	<b>2003<sup>#</sup></b>	<b>2004<sup>#</sup></b>
GDP at current market prices (HK\$ billion)	1,233	1,291
Per capita GDP at current market prices (HK\$)	181,262	187,547
GDP growth rate in real terms	3.1%	8.2%
Per capita GDP growth rate in real terms	2.9%	7.0%
	<b>2004</b>	<b>Apr 2005</b>
Per capita GDP world ranking	24 <sup>th</sup>	24 <sup>th</sup>
<b>International investment position (HK\$ billion)</b>		
	<b>2003</b>	<b>2004<sup>#</sup></b>
Hong Kong external assets	9,202	10,746
Hong Kong external liabilities	6,142	7,401
Net international investment position	3,060	3,345
<b>Hang Seng Index</b>		
	<b>31 Aug 2004</b>	<b>31 Aug 2005</b>
Hang Seng Index	12 850	14 903
<b>Inflation</b>		
	<b>2004</b>	<b>Jul 2005</b>
Rate of change in the Composite Consumer Price Index	-0.4%	+1.3%

Remark: <sup>#</sup> Provisional figures.

<b>Government revenue and expenditure (HK\$ billion)</b>		
	<b>2004 - 05<sup>#</sup> (Consolidated account)</b>	<b>Apr - Jul 2005</b>
Government revenue	263.6	50.0
Government expenditure	242.2	75.9
Surplus (+) / Deficit (-)	+21.4	-25.9
	<b>2004 - 05 (Estimate)</b>	<b>2005 - 06 (Estimate)</b>
Government deficit as a % of GDP	3.4%	0.8%
<b>Recurrent public expenditure by function (HK\$ billion)</b>		
	<b>2004 - 05 (Revised estimate)</b>	<b>2005 - 06 (Estimate)</b>
Education	45.5 (21.7%)	48.7 (22.9%)
Social welfare	32.6 (15.6%)	34.3 (16.1%)
Support	30.2 (14.4%)	29.5 (13.9%)
Health	30.2 (14.4%)	29.4 (13.8%)
Security	23.4 (11.2%)	23.2 (10.9%)
Housing	11.0 (5.2%)	11.2 (5.3%)
Infrastructure	11.2 (5.4%)	11.1 (5.2%)
Economic	10.6 (5.1%)	10.8 (5.0%)
Environment and food	7.8 (3.7%)	7.9 (3.7%)
Community and external affairs	6.9 (3.3%)	6.8 (3.2%)
<i>Total</i>	<i>209.4 (100%)</i>	<i>212.9 (100%)</i>

Remark: <sup>#</sup> Provisional figures.

<b>Civil service</b>		
	<b>31 Dec 2004</b>	<b>30 Jun 2005</b>
Establishment	167 312	164 600
Strength	159 810	158 256
	<b>2003 - 04</b>	<b>2004 - 05</b>
Staff-related Expenditure (HK\$ billion)	68.2	66.9
As a % of government operating expenditure	33.5%	34.0%
<b>Fiscal reserves (HK\$ billion)</b>		
	<b>31 Jul 2004</b>	<b>31 Jul 2005</b>
Fiscal reserves	270.1	270.1
<b>Foreign currency reserves</b>		
	<b>31 Jul 2004</b>	<b>31 Jul 2005<sup>#</sup></b>
Foreign currency reserves (US\$ billion)	118.3	121.9
Foreign currency reserves world ranking	5 <sup>th</sup>	7 <sup>th</sup>
<b>External merchandise trade statistics (HK\$ billion)</b>		
	<b>2004</b>	<b>Jan - Jul 2005</b>
Total exports	2,019.1	1,232.4
Imports	2,111.1	1,288.3
Trade balance	-92.0	-55.9

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<b>External merchandise trade by main country/territory (HK\$ billion)</b>		
	<b>2004</b>	<b>Jan - Jul 2005</b>
<b><i>Total exports</i></b>		
The Mainland	888.5 (44.0%)	552.1 (44.8%)
The United States	341.6 (16.9%)	194.9 (15.8%)
Japan	107.5 (5.3%)	65.9 (5.3%)
<i>Total (plus other countries and territories)</i>	<i>2,019.1 (100%)</i>	<i>1,232.4 (100%)</i>
<b><i>Imports</i></b>		
The Mainland	918.3 (43.5%)	567.5 (44.1%)
Japan	256.1 (12.1%)	145.9 (11.3%)
The United States	112.0 (5.3%)	69.8 (5.4%)
<i>Total (plus other countries and territories)</i>	<i>2,111.1 (100%)</i>	<i>1,288.3 (100%)</i>
<b><i>Trade balance</i></b>		
The United States	+229.6	+125.1
The Mainland	-29.8	-15.4
Japan	-148.6	-80.0
<i>Overall</i>	<i>-92.0</i>	<i>-55.9</i>
<b>Trade in services (HK\$ billion)</b>		
	<b>2004<sup>#</sup></b>	<b>Apr - Jun 2005<sup>#</sup></b>
Exports of services	421.9	105.8
Imports of services	233.8	57.2
Trade balance	+188.1	+48.6

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<b>Tourism</b>		
<b>Visitor arrivals by country/territory of residence</b>		
	<b>2004</b>	<b>Jan - Jun 2005</b>
The Mainland	12 245 862 (56.1%)	5 883 791 (53.6%)
Taiwan	2 074 795 (9.5%)	1 015 805 (9.3%)
Japan	1 126 250 (5.2%)	581 336 (5.3%)
The United States	1 051 696 (4.8%)	554 353 (5.0%)
South Korea	539 190 (2.5%)	302 144 (2.8%)
The United Kingdom	411 287 (1.9%)	225 386 (2.1%)
Macao	484 038 (2.2%)	226 464 (2.1%)
<i>Total (plus visitors from other countries and territories)</i>	<i>21 810 630 (100%)</i>	<i>10 978 048 (100%)</i>
<b>Per capita spending of overnight visitors by country/territory of residence (HK\$)</b>		
	<b>2003</b>	<b>2004</b>
The United States	5,621	5,385
The United Kingdom	4,892	5,221
Taiwan	5,176	4,789
Japan	4,529	4,369
The Mainland	6,018	4,355
South Korea	3,700	3,514
Macao	2,325	2,554
<i>Overall</i>	<i>5,502</i>	<i>4,478</i>

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