

**The Land Registry Monthly Press Release  
Figures on Agreements for Sale and Purchase  
and Statistical Tables on Instruments  
Received for Registration in January 2007**

The total number of sale and purchase agreements for all types of building units received for registration in the Land Registry in January 2007 was 8,807. This was an increase of 2.7% over December 2006 and 50.4% compared with January 2006. Using a 12-month moving average, the figure for January 2007 represented an increase of 3% over December 2006 but a decrease of 14.6% compared with January 2006. The total consideration of these agreements in the month was \$27.2 billion, down 4.4% from December 2006 but up 89.1% compared with the amount for January 2006.

Among the 8,807 sale and purchase agreements, 7,485 were sale and purchase agreements for residential units. This was an increase of 3.2% over December 2006 and 52.8% compared with January 2006. The total consideration of these agreements in the month was \$21.4 billion, down 4.6% from December 2006 but up 81.5% compared with the amount for January 2006. Sales of residential units refer to the sale and purchase agreements with payment of stamp duty. These statistics do not include sales of units under the Home Ownership Scheme, the Private Sector Participation Scheme and the Tenants Purchase Scheme except those after payment of premium.

The figures are contained in the monthly statistics released today by the Land Registry on deeds relating to property transactions received for registration in the Land Registry in January 2007.

Relevant statistics for December 2006 and January 2006 are provided for comparison. Figures on sale and purchase agreements received for the past 12 months, the year-on-year rate of change and breakdown figures on residential sales are also released.

As deeds may not be lodged with the Land Registry until up to 30 days after the transaction, these statistics generally relate to land transactions in the previous month.

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**Table 1**

Consolidated Monthly Statistics in respect of deeds received  
for registration in the Land Registry

Month : January 2007

Item	Nature of Deeds	Number of Deeds received for registration			Consideration (nearest \$ million)		
		Urban	New Territories	Total	Urban	New Territories	Total
1.	Agreements for Sale and Purchase of Building Units	4,783 ( 5,522 )	4,024 ( 4,463 )	8,807 ( 9,985 )	18,907	8,276	27,183
2.	Agreements for Sale and Purchase of Land	15	136	151	1,471	694	2,165
	Sub-total (1) + (2)	4,798	4,160	8,958	20,378	8,970	29,348
3.	Assignments of Building Units	6,358 ( 7,470 )	6,491 ( 6,938 )	12,849 ( 14,408 )	24,677	17,148	41,825
4.	Assignments of Land	21	472	493	2,591	1,136	3,727
	Sub-total (3) + (4)	6,379	6,963	13,342	27,268	18,284	45,552
5.	Building Mortgages/Building Legal Charges	0	14	14			
6.	Other Mortgages/Legal Charges	5,311	6,094	11,405			
	Sub-total (5) + (6)	5,311	6,108	11,419			
7.	Receipts/Discharges/Releases	6,136	5,910	12,046			
8.	Leases/Tenancy Agreements	289	191	480			
9.	Exclusion Orders	0	0	0			
10.	Others	6,084	3,862	9,946			
	Total	28,997	27,194	56,191			

Note : Figures in brackets denote the number of units involved.

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**Comparison of Monthly Statistics**

**Table 2**

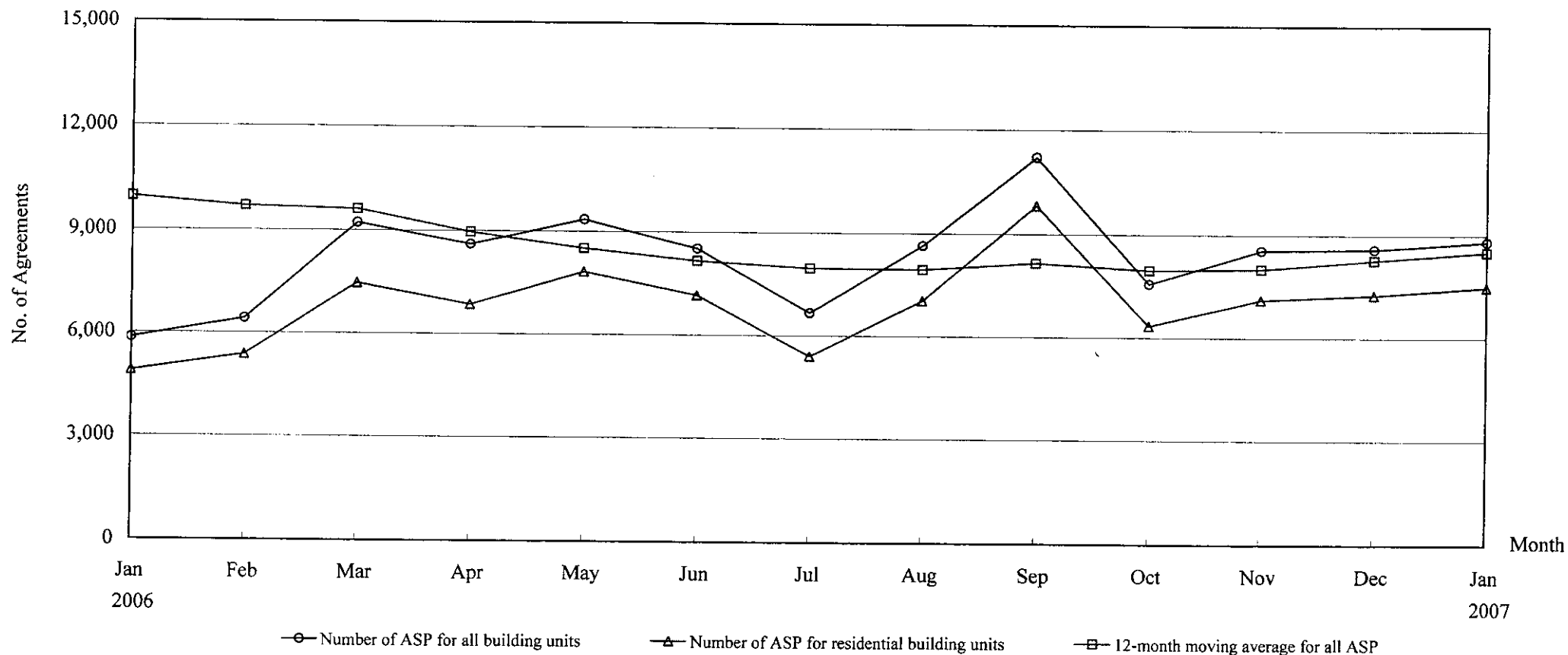
Month : January 2007

Item	2007 January	2006 December	2006 January	January 2007 Increase (+) or Decrease (-) as compared with			
				December 2006		January 2006	
				No. or Consideration	Percentage	No. or Consideration	Percentage
1. Agreements for Sale and Purchase of Building Units							
(a) No.	8,807	8,579	5,855	+ 228	+ 2.7	+ 2,952	+ 50.4
(b) Consideration	27,183	28,436	14,377	- 1,253	- 4.4	+ 12,806	+ 89.1
2. Agreements for Sale and Purchase of Land							
(a) No.	151	172	179	- 21	- 12.2	- 28	- 15.6
(b) Consideration	2,165	1,745	1,439	+ 420	+ 24.1	+ 726	+ 50.5
Sub-total of (1) + (2)							
(a) No.	8,958	8,751	6,034	+ 207	+ 2.4	+ 2,924	+ 48.5
(b) Consideration	29,348	30,181	15,816	- 833	- 2.8	+ 13,532	+ 85.6
3. Assignments of Building Units							
(a) No.	12,849	9,555	9,647	+ 3,294	+ 34.5	+ 3,202	+ 33.2
(b) Consideration	41,825	26,571	26,339	+ 15,254	+ 57.4	+ 15,486	+ 58.8
4. Assignments of Land							
(a) No.	493	487	406	+ 6	+ 1.2	+ 87	+ 21.4
(b) Consideration	3,727	1,688	1,402	+ 2,039	+ 120.8	+ 2,325	+ 165.8
Sub-total of (3) + (4)							
(a) No.	13,342	10,042	10,053	+ 3,300	+ 32.9	+ 3,289	+ 32.7
(b) Consideration	45,552	28,259	27,741	+ 17,293	+ 61.2	+ 17,811	+ 64.2
5. No. of Building Mortgages/Building Legal Charges	14	12	1	+ 2	+ 16.7	+ 13	+ 1,300.0
6. No. of Other Mortgages/Legal Charges	11,405	8,217	7,687	+ 3,188	+ 38.8	+ 3,718	+ 48.4
Sub-total of (5) + (6)	11,419	8,229	7,688	+ 3,190	+ 38.8	+ 3,731	+ 48.5
7. No. of Receipts/Discharges/Releases	12,046	9,658	9,231	+ 2,388	+ 24.7	+ 2,815	+ 30.5

Note : Consideration rounded to the nearest million Hong Kong dollars.

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**Chart showing the number of Sale and Purchase Agreements of**  
**building units from January 2006 to January 2007**

**Table 3.**



**Number of Sale and Purchase Agreements of building units**

Year	2006												2007
Month	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan
Number of ASP for all building units	5,855	6,413	9,208	8,598	9,332	8,508	6,661	8,634	11,206	7,554	8,539	8,579	8,807
Number of ASP for residential building units	4,899	5,369	7,456	6,849	7,812	7,150	5,398	7,032	9,811	6,335	7,106	7,255	7,485
12-month moving average for all ASP	9,951	9,683	9,597	8,957	8,497	8,150	7,961	7,938	8,149	7,957	7,997	8,257	8,503

Note : Sales of residential units refer to sale and purchase agreements with payment of stamp duty. These statistics do not include sales of units under the Home Ownership Scheme, the Private Sector Participation Scheme and the Tenants Purchase Scheme except those after payment of premium.



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### Number of Sale and Purchase Agreements of residential building units and total consideration from January 2006 to January 2007

Year / Month		Range of Consideration ( \$ million )												Total	
		Less than 1		1 to less than 2		2 to less than 3		3 to less than 5		5 to less than 10		10 or over			
		No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	Consideration (\$ million)
2006	1	1,400	29	1,779	36	812	17	523	11	258	5	127	3	4,899	11,762
	2	1,383	26	1,854	35	960	18	669	12	368	7	135	3	5,369	13,619
	3	1,919	26	2,471	33	1,452	19	941	13	464	6	209	3	7,456	19,846
	4	1,652	24	2,263	33	1,122	16	1,016	15	522	8	274	4	6,849	20,244
	5	1,738	22	2,502	32	1,248	16	1,337	17	710	9	277	4	7,812	23,372
	6	1,675	23	2,400	34	1,308	18	1,001	14	549	8	217	3	7,150	19,432
	7	1,433	27	1,951	36	854	16	650	12	342	6	168	3	5,398	13,764
	8	1,632	23	2,232	32	1,326	19	1,108	16	521	7	213	3	7,032	21,036
	9	1,713	17	2,242	23	2,739	28	2,164	22	725	7	228	2	9,811	28,968
	10	1,515	24	2,108	33	1,103	17	938	15	468	7	203	3	6,335	18,152
	11	1,885	27	2,525	36	1,080	15	881	12	501	7	234	3	7,106	19,461
	12	1,661	23	2,505	35	1,081	15	962	13	739	10	307	4	7,255	22,370
2007	1	1,791	24	2,631	35	1,284	17	928	12	564	8	287	4	7,485	21,351

Note : Figures in percentage for individual items may not add up to 100% due to rounding.

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Monthly Statistics in respect of Sale & Purchase Agreements  
of building units received for registration on regional basis

Month: January 2007

Item	District	Sale and Purchase Agreements of Building Units	
		No. of Transactions	Consideration (nearest \$million)
1.	Hong Kong	2,255	11,408
2.	Kowloon	2,528	7,499
3.	Islands	391	932
4.	North	294	510
5.	Sai Kung	459	1,176
6.	Shatin	708	1,579
7.	Tai Po	302	965
8.	Tsuen Wan	843	1,660
9.	Tuen Mun	551	725
10.	Yuen Long	476	729
	<b>Total</b>	<b>8,807</b>	<b>27,183</b>