

FACT SHEET

Hong Kong in figures

(as at 31 August 2007)

| Population | | |
|--|-------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| | Mid - 2006 | Mid - 2007 |
| Male | 3 270 100 (47.7%) | 3 288 900 (47.5%) [#] |
| Female | 3 587 000 (52.3%) | 3 632 800 (52.5%) [#] |
| <i>Total</i> | <i>6 857 100 (100%)</i> | <i>6 921 700 (100%)[#]</i> |
| Daily quota under the One Way Permit Scheme | 150 | 150 |
| Labour force | | |
| <i>Major employment sectors</i> | | |
| | Mar 2006 | Mar 2007 |
| Wholesale, retail and import/export trades, restaurants and hotels | 1 028 965 | 1 048 318 |
| Financing, insurance, real estate and business services | 468 339 | 492 049 |
| Community, social and personal services | 451 303 | 464 206 |
| <i>Unemployment</i> | | |
| | 2006 | May - Jul 2007[#] |
| Unemployed persons | 170 900 (4.8%) | 157 900 (4.1%) |
| <i>Total labour force</i> | <i>3 582 500 (100%)</i> | <i>3 651 900 (100%)</i> |
| <i>Median monthly employment earning</i> | | |
| | 2006 | Apr - Jun 2007 |
| Median monthly employment earning (HK\$) | 10,000 | 10,000 |

Remark : [#] Provisional figures.

| Gross Domestic Product (GDP) | | |
|---|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| | 2005[#] | 2006[#] |
| GDP at current market prices (HK\$ billion) | 1,383 | 1,474 |
| Per capita GDP at current market prices (HK\$) | 202,941 | 215,006 |
| GDP growth rate in real terms | 7.5% | 6.9% |
| Per capita GDP growth rate in real terms | 7.1% | 6.2% |
| | 2006 | Apr 2007 |
| Per capita GDP world ranking | 27 th | 27 th |
| International investment position (HK\$ billion) | | |
| | 2005 | 2006[#] |
| Hong Kong external assets | 11,588 | 15,335 |
| Hong Kong external liabilities | 8,182 | 11,184 |
| Net international investment position | 3,406 | 4,151 |
| Hang Seng Index | | |
| | 31 Aug 2006 | 31 Aug 2007 |
| Hang Seng Index | 17 392 | 23 984 |
| Inflation | | |
| | 2006 | Jul 2007 |
| Rate of change in the Composite Consumer Price Index | +2.0% | +1.5% |

Remark : [#] Provisional figures.

| Government revenue and spending (HK\$ billion) | | |
|--|---|-----------------------------------|
| | 2006 - 2007[#] (Consolidated account) | Apr - Jul 2007 |
| Government revenue | 288.0 | 78.9 |
| Government spending | 229.4 | 74.1 |
| Consolidated surplus (+) / deficit (-) | +58.6 | +4.8 |
| | 2005 - 2006[#] | 2006 - 2007[#] |
| Consolidated surplus (+) / deficit (-) as a % of GDP | +0.3% | +3.7% |
| Recurrent public expenditure by function (HK\$ billion) | | |
| | 2006 - 2007 (Revised estimate) | 2007 - 2008 (Estimate) |
| Education | 44.9 (21.9%) | 50.1 (22.8%) |
| Social welfare | 32.8 (16.0%) | 36.0 (16.4%) |
| Health | 29.8 (14.6%) | 30.5 (13.9%) |
| Support | 27.3 (13.4%) | 29.5 (13.5%) |
| Security | 22.7 (11.1%) | 24.1 (11.0%) |
| Infrastructure | 11.2 (5.4%) | 11.6 (5.3%) |
| Economic | 10.8 (5.3%) | 11.3 (5.1%) |
| Housing | 10.2 (5.0%) | 10.2 (4.7%) |
| Environment and food | 7.9 (3.9%) | 8.7 (4.0%) |
| Community and external affairs | 6.8 (3.4%) | 7.3 (3.3%) |
| <i>Total</i> | <i>204.5(100%)*</i> | <i>219.1(100%)*</i> |

Remark : [#] Provisional figures.

* Individual figures may not add up to totals due to rounding.

| Civil service | | |
|---|--------------------|--------------------------------|
| | 31 Dec 2006 | 30 Jun 2007 |
| Establishment | 162 375 | 162 029 |
| Strength | 155 251 | 155 174 |
| | 2005 - 2006 | 2006 - 2007 |
| Staff-related expenditure (HK\$ billion) | 61.9 | 62.0 |
| As a % of government operating expenditure | 32.2% | 32.0% |
| Fiscal reserves (HK\$ billion) | | |
| | 31 Jul 2006 | 31 Jul 2007 |
| Fiscal reserves | 301.2 | 374.1 |
| Foreign currency reserves | | |
| | 31 Jul 2006 | 31 Jul 2007[#] |
| Foreign currency reserves (US\$ billion) | 127.4 | 137.1 |
| Foreign currency reserves world ranking | 8 th | 9 th |
| External merchandise trade statistics (HK\$ billion) | | |
| | 2006 | Jan - Jul 2007 |
| Total exports | 2,461.0 | 1,478.0 |
| Imports | 2,599.8 | 1,580.8 |
| Trade balance | -138.8 | -102.8 |

Remark : [#] Provisional figures.

| External merchandise trade by main country/territory (HK\$ billion) | | |
|--|-------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| | 2006 | Jan - Jul 2007 |
| <i>Total exports</i> | | |
| The Mainland | 1,156.2 (47.0%) | 716.2 (48.5%) |
| The United States | 371.1 (15.1%) | 201.5 (13.6%) |
| Japan | 120.4 (4.9%) | 69.3 (4.7%) |
| <i>Total (plus other countries and territories)</i> | <i>2,461.0 (100%)</i> | <i>1,478.0 (100%)</i> |
| <i>Imports</i> | | |
| The Mainland | 1,193.0 (45.9%) | 727.7 (46.0%) |
| Japan | 268.1 (10.3%) | 161.1 (10.2%) |
| The United States | 123.6 (4.8%) | 77.4 (4.9%) |
| <i>Total (plus other countries and territories)</i> | <i>2,599.8 (100%)</i> | <i>1,580.8 (100%)</i> |
| <i>Trade balance</i> | | |
| The United States | +247.5 | +124.1 |
| The Mainland | -36.8 | -11.5 |
| Japan | -147.7 | -91.8 |
| <i>Overall</i> | <i>-138.8</i> | <i>-102.8</i> |
| Trade in services (HK\$ billion) | | |
| | 2006[#] | Apr - Jun 2007[#] |
| Exports of services | 565.0 | 146.2 |
| Imports of services | 284.0 | 75.2 |
| Trade balance | +281.0 | +71.0 |

Remark : [#] Provisional figures.

| Tourism | | |
|---|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| <i>Visitor arrivals by country/territory of residence</i> | | |
| | 2006 | Jan - Jul 2007 |
| The Mainland | 13 591 342 (53.8%) | 8 490 269 (54.8%) |
| Taiwan | 2 177 232 (8.6%) | 1 279 431 (8.3%) |
| Japan | 1 311 111 (5.2%) | 744 844 (4.8%) |
| The United States | 1 159 025 (4.6%) | 694 977 (4.5%) |
| South Korea | 718 758 (2.8%) | 471 759 (3.0%) |
| Macao | 577 792 (2.3%) | 342 405 (2.2%) |
| The United Kingdom | 516 495 (2.0%) | 336 945 (2.2%) |
| <i>Total (plus visitors from other countries and territories)</i> | <i>25 251 124 (100%)</i> | <i>15 484 592 (100%)</i> |
| <i>Per capita spending of overnight visitors by country/territory of residence (HK\$)</i> | | |
| | 2005 | 2006 |
| The United States | 5,589 | 5,529 |
| The United Kingdom | 5,490 | 5,479 |
| Taiwan | 4,916 | 5,329 |
| The Mainland | 4,554 | 4,705 |
| Japan | 4,471 | 4,388 |
| South Korea | 3,934 | 4,180 |
| Macao | 2,765 | 2,802 |
| <i>Overall</i> | <i>4,663</i> | <i>4,799</i> |

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