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Hong Kong in figures

(as at 31 August 2008)

Population		
	Mid - 2007	**Mid - 2008**
Male	3 287 400 (47.5%)	3 299 900 (47.2%)#
Female	3 638 500 (52.5%)	3 685 300 (52.8%)#
Total	*6 925 900 (100%)*	*6 985 200 (100%)#*
Daily quota under the One Way Permit Scheme	150	150
Labour force		
Major employment sectors		
	Mar 2007	**Mar 2008**
Wholesale, retail and import/export trades, restaurants and hotels	1 048 318	1 060 789
Financing, insurance, real estate and business services	492 049	523 709
Community, social and personal services	464 206	477 198
Unemployment		
	2007	**May - Jul 2008#**
Unemployed persons	145 700 (4.0%)	124 600 (3.2%)
Total labour force	*3 629 600 (100%)*	*3 658 800 (100%)*
Median monthly employment earning		
	2007	**Apr - Jun 2008**
Median monthly employment earning (HK$)	10,100	10,500

Remark : # Provisional figures.

Gross Domestic Product (GDP)		
	2006#	**2007#**
GDP at current market prices (HK$ billion)	1,476	1,616
Per capita GDP at current market prices (HK$)	215,238	233,358
GDP growth rate in real terms	7.0%	6.4%
Per capita GDP growth rate in real terms	6.3%	5.3%
	2007	**Apr 2008**
Per capita GDP world ranking	27th	29th
International investment position (HK$ billion)		
	2006	**2007#**
Hong Kong external assets	14,999	21,299
Hong Kong external liabilities	10,969	17,228
Net international investment position	4,030	4,071
Hang Seng Index		
	31 Aug 2007	**29 Aug 2008**
Hang Seng Index	23 984	21 261
Inflation		
	2007	**Jul 2008**
Rate of change in the Composite Consumer Price Index	+2.0%	+6.3%

Remark : # Provisional figures.

Government revenue and spending (HK$ billion)		
	2006 - 2007 (Consolidated account)	**Apr - Jul 2008**
Government revenue	288.0	60.3
Government spending	229.4	84.5
Consolidated surplus (+) / deficit (-)	+58.6	-24.2
	2006 - 2007#	**2007 - 2008#**
Consolidated surplus (+) / deficit (-) as a % of GDP	+3.7%	+7.2%

Recurrent public expenditure by function (HK$ billion)		
	2007 - 2008 (Revised estimate)	**2008 - 2009 (Estimate)**
Education	47.6 (22.2%)	51.1 (22.4%)
Social welfare	33.9 (15.9%)	37.8 (16.6%)
Health	31.6 (14.8%)	32.6 (14.3%)
Support	29.1 (13.6%)	31.6 (13.8%)
Security	24.2 (11.3%)	25.4 (11.1%)
Infrastructure	11.4 (5.3%)	12.0 (5.3%)
Economic	10.7 (5.0%)	10.8 (4.7%)
Housing	9.9 (4.6%)	10.0 (4.4%)
Environment and food	8.6 (4.0%)	9.3 (4.1%)
Community and external affairs	7.1 (3.3%)	7.6 (3.3%)
Total	*214.1 (100%)*	*228.0 (100%)**

Remark : # Provisional figures.
* Individual figures may not add up to totals due to rounding.

Civil service		
	31 Dec 2007	**30 Jun 2008**
Establishment	162 576	162 901
Strength	155 338	155 238
	2006 - 2007	**2007 - 2008**
Staff-related expenditure (HK$ billion)	62.0	65.1
As a % of government operating expenditure	32.0%	31.8%
Fiscal reserves (HK$ billion)		
	31 Jul 2007	**31 Jul 2008**
Fiscal reserves	374.1	468.7
Foreign currency reserves		
	31 Jul 2007	**31 Jul 2008#**
Foreign currency reserves (US$ billion)	137.1	157.7
Foreign currency reserves world ranking	9th	9th
External merchandise trade statistics (HK$ billion)		
	2007	**Jan - Jul 2008**
Total exports	2,687.5	1,617.7
Imports	2,868.0	1,756.2
Trade balance	-180.5	-138.5

Remark : # Provisional figures.

External merchandise trade by main country/territory (HK$ billion)		
	2007	**Jan - Jul 2008**
Total exports		
The Mainland	1,308.3 (48.7%)	787.1 (48.7%)
The United States	368.2 (13.7%)	199.1 (12.3%)
Japan	119.6 (4.5%)	69.4 (4.3%)
Total (plus other countries and territories)	*2,687.5 (100%)*	*1,617.7 (100%)*
Imports		
The Mainland	1,329.7 (46.4%)	794.3 (45.2%)
Japan	287.3 (10.0%)	176.7 (10.1%)
The United States	138.8 (4.8%)	87.7 (5.0%)
Total (plus other countries and territories)	*2,868.0 (100%)*	*1,756.2 (100%)*
Trade balance		
The United States	+229.4	+111.4
The Mainland	-21.4	-7.2
Japan	-167.7	-107.3
Overall	*-180.5*	*-138.5*

Trade in services (HK$ billion)		
	2007#	**Apr - Jun 2008#**
Exports of services	651.8	165.2
Imports of services	321.7	83.4
Trade balance	+330.1	+81.8

Remark : # Provisional figures.

Tourism		
Visitor arrivals by country/territory of residence		
	2007	**Jan - Jul 2008**
The Mainland	15 485 789 (55.0%)	9 555 244 (56.6%)
Taiwan	2 238 731 (7.9%)	1 299 485 (7.7%)
Japan	1 324 336 (4.7%)	738 724 (4.4%)
The United States	1 230 927 (4.4%)	694 934 (4.1%)
South Korea	876 231 (3.1%)	579 211 (3.4%)
The United Kingdom	601 168 (2.1%)	340 590 (2.0%)
Macao	626 103 (2.2%)	377 412 (2.2%)
Total (plus visitors from other countries and territories)	*28 169 293 (100%)*	*16 894 879 (100%)*
Per capita spending of overnight visitors by country/territory of residence (HK$)		
	2006	**2007**
The United States	5,529	5,800
The United Kingdom	5,479	5,757
The Mainland	4,705	5,193
Taiwan	5,329	5,015
South Korea	4,180	4,430
Japan	4,388	4,214
Macao	2,802	2,772
Overall	*4,799*	*5,122*

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