

## FACT SHEET

### Hong Kong in figures

(as at 31 January 2009)

<b>Population</b>		
	<b>Mid - 2007</b>	<b>Mid - 2008</b>
Male	3 287 400 (47.5%)	3 299 900 (47.2%) <sup>#</sup>
Female	3 638 500 (52.5%)	3 685 300 (52.8%) <sup>#</sup>
<i>Total</i>	<i>6 925 900 (100%)</i>	<i>6 985 200 (100%)<sup>#</sup></i>
Daily quota under the One Way Permit Scheme	150	150
<b>Labour force</b>		
<i>Major employment sectors</i>		
	<b>Sep 2007</b>	<b>Sep 2008</b>
Wholesale, retail and import/export trades, restaurants and hotels	1 056 855	1 067 825
Financing, insurance, real estate and business services	509 257	532 971
Community, social and personal services	465 356	484 536
<i>Unemployment</i>		
	<b>2007</b>	<b>Oct - Dec 2008<sup>#</sup></b>
Unemployed persons	145 700 (4.0%)	141 300 (4.1%)
<i>Total labour force</i>	<i>3 629 600 (100%)</i>	<i>3 685 700 (100%)</i>
<i>Median monthly employment earning</i>		
	<b>2007</b>	<b>Jul - Sep 2008</b>
Median monthly employment earning (HK\$)	10,100	10,500

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

<b>Gross Domestic Product (GDP)</b>		
	<b>2006<sup>#</sup></b>	<b>2007<sup>#</sup></b>
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%
	<b>2007</b>	<b>Oct 2008</b>
Per capita GDP world ranking	27 <sup>th</sup>	28 <sup>th</sup>
<b>International investment position (HK\$ billion)</b>		
	<b>2006</b>	<b>2007</b>
Hong Kong external assets	14,999	21,194
Hong Kong external liabilities	10,969	17,421
Net international investment position	4,030	3,774
<b>Hang Seng Index</b>		
	<b>31 Jan 2008</b>	<b>30 Jan 2009</b>
Hang Seng Index	23 455	13 278
<b>Inflation</b>		
	<b>2008</b>	<b>Dec 2008</b>
Rate of change in the Composite Consumer Price Index	+4.3%	+2.1%

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<b>Government revenue and spending (HK\$ billion)</b>		
	<b>2007 - 2008 (Consolidated account)</b>	<b>Apr - Dec 2008</b>
Government revenue	358.5	236.3
Government spending	234.8	205.4
Consolidated surplus (+) / deficit (-)	+123.7	+30.9
	<b>2006 - 2007<sup>#</sup></b>	<b>2007 - 2008<sup>#</sup></b>
Consolidated surplus (+) / deficit (-) as a % of GDP	+3.7%	+7.5%
<b>Recurrent public expenditure by function (HK\$ billion)</b>		
	<b>2007 - 2008 (Revised estimate)</b>	<b>2008 - 2009 (Estimate)</b>
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%)
<i>Total</i>	<i>214.1 (100%)</i>	<i>228.0 (100%)*</i>

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

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

<b>Civil service</b>		
	<b>31 Dec 2007</b>	<b>30 Sep 2008</b>
Establishment	162 576	163 164
Strength	155 338	155 804
	<b>2006 - 2007</b>	<b>2007 - 2008</b>
Staff-related expenditure (HK\$ billion)	62.0	65.1
As a % of government operating expenditure	32.0%	31.8%
<b>Fiscal reserves (HK\$ billion)</b>		
	<b>31 Dec 2007</b>	<b>31 Dec 2008</b>
Fiscal reserves	455.5	523.8
<b>Foreign currency reserves</b>		
	<b>31 Dec 2007</b>	<b>31 Dec 2008<sup>#</sup></b>
Foreign currency reserves (US\$ billion)	152.7	182.5
Foreign currency reserves world ranking	9 <sup>th</sup>	8 <sup>th</sup>
<b>External merchandise trade statistics (HK\$ billion)</b>		
	<b>2007</b>	<b>2008</b>
Total exports	2,687.5	2,824.2
Imports	2,868.0	3,025.3
Trade balance	-180.5	-201.1

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<b>External merchandise trade by main country/territory (HK\$ billion)</b>		
	<b>2007</b>	<b>2008</b>
<b><i>Total exports</i></b>		
The Mainland	1,308.3 (48.7%)	1,370.4 (48.5%)
The United States	368.2 (13.7%)	359.3 (12.7%)
Japan	119.6 (4.5%)	121.0 (4.3%)
<i>Total (plus other countries and territories)</i>	<i>2,687.5 (100%)</i>	<i>2,824.2 (100%)</i>
<b><i>Imports</i></b>		
The Mainland	1,329.7 (46.4%)	1,410.7 (46.4%)
Japan	287.3 (10.0%)	297.6 (9.9%)
The United States	138.8 (4.8%)	150.7 (5.0%)
<i>Total (plus other countries and territories)</i>	<i>2,868.0 (100%)</i>	<i>3,025.3 (100%)</i>
<b><i>Trade balance</i></b>		
The United States	+229.4	+208.6
The Mainland	-21.4	-40.3
Japan	-167.7	-176.6
<i>Overall</i>	<i>-180.5</i>	<i>-201.1</i>
<b>Trade in services (HK\$ billion)</b>		
	<b>2007<sup>#</sup></b>	<b>Jul - Sep 2008<sup>#</sup></b>
Exports of services	651.8	191.1
Imports of services	321.7	91.1
Trade balance	+330.1	+100.0

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<b>Tourism</b>		
<i>Visitor arrivals by country/territory of residence</i>		
	<b>2007</b>	<b>2008</b>
The Mainland	15 485 789 (55.0%)	16 862 003 (57.1%)
Taiwan	2 238 731 (7.9%)	2 240 481 (7.6%)
Japan	1 324 336 (4.7%)	1 324 797 (4.5%)
The United States	1 230 927 (4.4%)	1 146 364 (3.9%)
South Korea	876 231 (3.1%)	904 320 (3.1%)
Macao	626 103 (2.2%)	696 829 (2.4%)
The United Kingdom	601 168 (2.1%)	563 984 (1.9%)
<i>Total (plus visitors from other countries and territories)</i>	<i>28 169 293 (100%)</i>	<i>29 506 616 (100%)</i>
<i>Per capita spending of overnight visitors by country/territory of residence (HK\$)</i>		
	<b>2006</b>	<b>2007</b>
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
<i>Overall</i>	<i>4,799</i>	<i>5,122</i>

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