

## FACT SHEET

### Hong Kong in figures

(as at 31 March 2009)

<b>Population</b>		
	<b>2007</b>	<b>2008</b>
Male	3 292 900 (47.4%)	3 306 800 (47.2%) <sup>#</sup>
Female	3 659 900 (52.6%)	3 702 100 (52.8%) <sup>#</sup>
<i>Total</i>	<i>6 952 800 (100%)</i>	<i>7 008 900 (100%)<sup>#</sup></i>
Daily quota under the One Way Permit Scheme	150	150
<b>Labour force</b>		
<i>Major employment sectors</i>		
	<b>Dec 2007</b>	<b>Dec 2008</b>
Wholesale, retail and import/export trades, restaurants and hotels	1 063 865	1 057 352
Financing, insurance, real estate and business services	517 277	526 533
Community, social and personal services	469 050	484 116
<i>Unemployment</i>		
	<b>2008</b>	<b>Dec 2008 - Feb 2009<sup>#</sup></b>
Unemployed persons	130 100 (3.6%)	171 900 (5.0%)
<i>Total labour force</i>	<i>3 648 900 (100%)</i>	<i>3 684 500 (100%)</i>
<i>Median monthly employment earning</i>		
	<b>2007</b>	<b>Oct - Dec 2008</b>
Median monthly employment earning (HK\$)	10,200	10,500

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

<b>Gross Domestic Product (GDP)</b>		
	<b>2007<sup>#</sup></b>	<b>2008<sup>#</sup></b>
GDP at current market prices (HK\$ billion)	1,615	1,679
Per capita GDP at current market prices (HK\$)	233,185	240,554
GDP growth rate in real terms	6.4%	2.5%
Per capita GDP growth rate in real terms	5.3%	1.7%
	<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 Mar 2008</b>	<b>31 Mar 2009</b>
Hang Seng Index	22 849	13 576
<b>Inflation</b>		
	<b>2008</b>	<b>Feb 2009</b>
Rate of change in the Composite Consumer Price Index	+4.3%	+0.8%

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<b>Government revenue and spending (HK\$ billion)</b>		
	<b>2007 - 2008 (Consolidated account)</b>	<b>Apr 2008 - Feb 2009</b>
Government revenue	358.5	301.7
Government spending	234.8	258.5
Consolidated surplus (+) / deficit (-)	+123.7	+43.2
	<b>2008 - 2009 (Revised estimate)</b>	<b>2009 - 2010 (Estimate)</b>
Consolidated surplus (+) / deficit (-) as a % of GDP	+0.3%	+2.4%
<b>Recurrent public expenditure by function (HK\$ billion)</b>		
	<b>2008 - 2009 (Revised estimate)</b>	<b>2009 - 2010 (Estimate)</b>
Education	50.3 (21.9%)	53.8 (22.3%)
Social welfare	39.2 (17.1%)	39.3 (16.3%)
Health	33.9 (14.8%)	35.7 (14.8%)
Support	30.3 (13.2%)	32.8 (13.6%)
Security	25.9 (11.3%)	26.8 (11.1%)
Infrastructure	12.1 (5.3%)	13.0 (5.4%)
Economic	10.9 (4.7%)	11.2 (4.7%)
Housing	10.0 (4.4%)	10.4 (4.3%)
Environment and food	9.2 (4.0%)	10.3 (4.2%)
Community and external affairs	7.6 (3.3%)	8.1 (3.3%)
<i>Total</i>	<i>229.4 (100%)</i>	<i>241.4 (100%)</i>

<b>Civil service</b>		
	<b>30 Sep 2008</b>	<b>31 Dec 2008</b>
Establishment	163 164	163 206
Strength	155 804	155 840
	<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>29 Feb 2008</b>	<b>28 Feb 2009</b>
Fiscal reserves	492.7	536.1
<b>Foreign currency reserves</b>		
	<b>29 Feb 2008</b>	<b>28 Feb 2009<sup>#</sup></b>
Foreign currency reserves (US\$ billion)	160.2	177.1
Foreign currency reserves world ranking	9 <sup>th</sup>	8 <sup>th</sup>
<b>External merchandise trade statistics (HK\$ billion)</b>		
	<b>2008</b>	<b>Jan - Feb 2009</b>
Total exports	2,824.2	329.7
Imports	3,025.3	345.7
Trade balance	-201.1	-16.0

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<b>External merchandise trade by main country/territory (HK\$ billion)</b>		
	<b>2008</b>	<b>Jan - Feb 2009</b>
<b><i>Total exports</i></b>		
The Mainland	1,370.4 (48.5%)	151.9 (46.1%)
The United States	359.3 (12.7%)	40.9 (12.4%)
Japan	121.0 (4.3%)	17.2 (5.2%)
<i>Total (plus other countries and territories)</i>	<i>2,824.2 (100%)</i>	<i>329.7 (100%)</i>
<b><i>Imports</i></b>		
The Mainland	1,410.7 (46.6%)	163.9 (47.4%)
Japan	297.6 (9.8%)	26.9 (7.8%)
The United States	150.7 (5.0%)	19.6 (5.7%)
<i>Total (plus other countries and territories)</i>	<i>3,025.3 (100%)</i>	<i>345.7 (100%)</i>
<b><i>Trade balance</i></b>		
The United States	+208.6	+21.3
The Mainland	-40.3	-12.0
Japan	-176.6	-9.7
<i>Overall</i>	<i>-201.1</i>	<i>-16.0</i>
<b>Trade in services (HK\$ billion)</b>		
	<b>2007<sup>#</sup></b>	<b>2008<sup>#</sup></b>
Exports of services	660.7	719.9
Imports of services	332.2	357.3
Trade balance	+328.5	+362.6

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<b>Tourism</b>		
<i>Visitor arrivals by country/territory of residence</i>		
	<b>2008</b>	<b>Jan - Feb 2009</b>
The Mainland	16 862 003 (57.1%)	3 237 627 (65.3%)
Taiwan	2 240 481 (7.6%)	328 948 (6.6%)
Japan	1 324 797 (4.5%)	203 158 (4.1%)
The United States	1 146 364 (3.9%)	144 369 (2.9%)
South Korea	904 320 (3.1%)	112 673 (2.3%)
Macao	696 829 (2.4%)	109 583 (2.2%)
The United Kingdom	563 984 (1.9%)	81 633 (1.6%)
<i>Total (plus visitors from other countries and territories)</i>	<i>29 506 616 (100%)</i>	<i>4 958 424 (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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