

FACT SHEET

Hong Kong in figures

(as at 31 August 2009)

| Population | | |
|--|-------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| | Mid - 2008 | Mid - 2009 |
| Male | 3 297 500 (47.3%) | 3 299 600 (47.1%) [#] |
| Female | 3 680 200 (52.7%) | 3 708 700 (52.9%) [#] |
| <i>Total</i> | <i>6 977 700 (100%)</i> | <i>7 008 300 (100%)[#]</i> |
| Daily quota under the One Way Permit Scheme | 150 | 150 |
| Labour force | | |
| <i>Major employment sectors</i> | | |
| | Mar 2008 | Mar 2009 |
| Wholesale, retail and import/export trades, restaurants and hotels | 1 057 858 | 1 030 049 |
| Financing, insurance, real estate and business services | 573 661 | 572 726 |
| Community, social and personal services | 396 612 | 407 093 |
| <i>Unemployment</i> | | |
| | 2008 | May – Jul 2009[#] |
| Unemployed persons | 130 100 (3.6%) | 213 800 (5.4%) |
| <i>Total labour force</i> | <i>3 648 900 (100%)</i> | <i>3 719 000 (100%)</i> |
| <i>Median monthly employment earning</i> | | |
| | 2008 | Apr - Jun 2009 |
| Median monthly employment earning (HK\$) | 10,500 | 10,500 |

Remark : [#] Provisional figures.

| Gross Domestic Product (GDP) | | |
|---|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| | 2007[#] | 2008[#] |
| GDP at current market prices (HK\$ billion) | 1,615 | 1,677 |
| Per capita GDP at current market prices (HK\$) | 233,245 | 240,327 |
| GDP growth rate in real terms | 6.4% | 2.4% |
| Per capita GDP growth rate in real terms | 5.3% | 1.6% |
| | 2008 | Apr 2009 |
| Per capita GDP world ranking | 28 th | 27 th |
| International investment position (HK\$ billion) | | |
| | 2007 | 2008[#] |
| Hong Kong external assets | 21,194 | 17,567 |
| Hong Kong external liabilities | 17,421 | 12,766 |
| Net international investment position | 3,774 | 4,801 |
| Hang Seng Index | | |
| | 29 Aug 2008 | 31 Aug 2009 |
| Hang Seng Index | 21 262 | 19 724 |
| Inflation | | |
| | 2008 | Jul 2009 |
| Rate of change in the Composite Consumer Price Index | +4.3% | -1.5% |

Remark : [#] Provisional figures.

| Government revenue and spending (HK\$ billion) | | |
|--|---|-----------------------------------|
| | 2008 - 2009 (Consolidated account) | Apr - Jul 2009 |
| Government revenue | 316.5 | 54.4 |
| Government spending | 315.1 | 89.6 |
| Consolidated surplus (+) / deficit (-) | +1.4 | -35.2 |
| | 2008 - 2009 (Revised estimate) | 2009 - 2010 (Estimate) |
| Consolidated surplus (+) / deficit (-) as a % of GDP | +0.3% | +2.4% |
| Recurrent public expenditure by function (HK\$ billion) | | |
| | 2008 - 2009 (Revised estimate) | 2009 - 2010 (Estimate) |
| 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> |

| Civil service | | |
|---|--------------------|--------------------------------|
| | 31 Dec 2008 | 30 Jun 2009 |
| Establishment | 163 206 | 163 637 |
| Strength | 155 840 | 156 899 |
| | 2007 - 2008 | 2008 - 2009 |
| Staff-related expenditure (HK\$ billion) | 65.1 | 68.9 |
| As a % of government operating expenditure | 31.8% | 26.7% |
| Fiscal reserves (HK\$ billion) | | |
| | 31 Jul 2008 | 31 Jul 2009 |
| Fiscal reserves | 468.7 | 459.2 |
| Foreign currency reserves | | |
| | 31 Jul 2008 | 31 Jul 2009[#] |
| Foreign currency reserves (US\$ billion) | 157.7 | 218.1 |
| Foreign currency reserves world ranking | 9 th | 7 th |
| External merchandise trade statistics (HK\$ billion) | | |
| | 2008 | Jan - Jul 2009 |
| Total exports | 2,824.2 | 1,332.0 |
| Imports | 3,025.3 | 1,431.7 |
| Trade balance | -201.1 | -99.7 |

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| External merchandise trade by main country/territory (HK\$ billion) | | |
|--|-------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| | 2008 | Jan - Jul 2009 |
| <i>Total exports</i> | | |
| The Mainland | 1,370.4 (48.5%) | 675.3 (50.7%) |
| The United States | 359.3 (12.7%) | 154.1 (11.6%) |
| Japan | 121.0 (4.3%) | 59.5 (4.5%) |
| <i>Total (plus other countries and territories)</i> | <i>2,824.2 (100%)</i> | <i>1,332.0 (100%)</i> |
| <i>Imports</i> | | |
| The Mainland | 1,410.7 (46.6%) | 665.6 (46.5%) |
| Japan | 297.6 (9.8%) | 121.4 (8.5%) |
| The United States | 150.7 (5.0%) | 79.6 (5.6%) |
| <i>Total (plus other countries and territories)</i> | <i>3,025.3 (100%)</i> | <i>1,431.7 (100%)</i> |
| <i>Trade balance</i> | | |
| The United States | +208.6 | +74.5 |
| The Mainland | -40.3 | +9.7 |
| Japan | -176.6 | -61.9 |
| <i>Overall</i> | <i>-201.1</i> | <i>-99.7</i> |
| Trade in services (HK\$ billion) | | |
| | 2008[#] | Apr - Jun 2009[#] |
| Exports of services | 718.8 | 146.8 |
| Imports of services | 357.0 | 77.0 |
| Trade balance | +361.8 | +69.8 |

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| Tourism | | |
|---|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| <i>Visitor arrivals by country/territory of residence</i> | | |
| | 2008 | Jan – Jul 2009 |
| The Mainland | 16 862 003 (57.1%) | 9 694 665 (60.3%) |
| Taiwan | 2 240 481 (7.6%) | 1 132 859 (7.0%) |
| Japan | 1 324 797 (4.5%) | 642 341 (4.0%) |
| The United States | 1 146 364 (3.9%) | 608 043 (3.8%) |
| South Korea | 904 320 (3.1%) | 358 544 (2.2%) |
| Macao | 696 829 (2.4%) | 346 419 (2.2%) |
| The United Kingdom | 563 984 (1.9%) | 295 380 (1.8%) |
| <i>Total (plus visitors from other countries and territories)</i> | <i>29 506 616 (100%)</i> | <i>16 075 077 (100%)</i> |
| <i>Per capita spending of overnight visitors by country/territory of residence (HK\$)</i> | | |
| | 2007 | 2008 |
| The United States | 5,800 | 5,913 |
| The United Kingdom | 5,757 | 5,716 |
| The Mainland | 5,193 | 5,676 |
| Taiwan | 5,015 | 5,126 |
| South Korea | 4,430 | 4,327 |
| Japan | 4,214 | 4,289 |
| Macao | 2,772 | 3,041 |
| <i>Overall</i> | <i>5,122</i> | <i>5,439</i> |

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