

## FACT SHEET

### Hong Kong in figures

(as at 31 October 2009)

<b>Population</b>		
	<b>Mid – 2008</b>	<b>Mid – 2009</b>
Male	3 297 500 (47.3%)	3 299 600 (47.1%) <sup>#</sup>
Female	3 680 200 (52.7%)	3 708 700 (52.9%) <sup>#</sup>
<i>Total</i>	<i>6 977 700 (100%)</i>	<i>7 008 300 (100%)<sup>#</sup></i>
Daily quota under the One Way Permit Scheme	150	150
<b>Labour force</b>		
<i>Major employment sectors</i>		
	<b>Jun 2008</b>	<b>Jun 2009</b>
Wholesale, retail and import/export trades, restaurants and hotels	1 063 383	1 025 537
Financing, insurance, real estate and business services	578 603	577 484
Community, social and personal services	399 004	411 606
<i>Unemployment</i>		
	<b>2008</b>	<b>Jul – Sep 2009<sup>#</sup></b>
Unemployed persons	130 100 (3.6%)	209 100 (5.3%)
<i>Total labour force</i>	<i>3 648 900 (100%)</i>	<i>3 704 700 (100%)</i>
<i>Median monthly employment earning</i>		
	<b>2008</b>	<b>Apr – Jun 2009</b>
Median monthly employment earning (HK\$)	10,500	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	1,677
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%
	<b>2008</b>	<b>Oct 2009</b>
Per capita GDP world ranking	28 <sup>th</sup>	29 <sup>th</sup>
<b>International investment position (HK\$ billion)</b>		
	<b>2007</b>	<b>2008<sup>#</sup></b>
Hong Kong external assets	21,194	17,567
Hong Kong external liabilities	17,421	12,766
Net international investment position	3,774	4,801
<b>Hang Seng Index</b>		
	<b>31 Oct 2008</b>	<b>30 Oct 2009</b>
Hang Seng Index	13 968	21 753
<b>Inflation</b>		
	<b>2008</b>	<b>Sep 2009</b>
Rate of change in the Composite Consumer Price Index	+4.3%	+0.5%

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<b>Government revenue and spending (HK\$ billion)</b>		
	<b>2008-2009 (Consolidated account)</b>	<b>Apr – Sep 2009</b>
Government revenue	316.5	72.4
Government spending	315.1	137.2
Consolidated surplus (+) / deficit (-)	+1.4	-64.8
	<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>31 Dec 2008</b>	<b>30 Jun 2009</b>
Establishment	163 206	163 637
Strength	155 840	156 899
	<b>2007-2008</b>	<b>2008-2009</b>
Staff-related expenditure (HK\$ billion)	65.1	68.9
As a % of government operating expenditure	31.8%	26.7%
<b>Fiscal reserves (HK\$ billion)</b>		
	<b>30 Sep 2008</b>	<b>30 Sep 2009</b>
Fiscal reserves	444.3	429.6
<b>Foreign currency reserves</b>		
	<b>30 Sep 2008</b>	<b>30 Sep 2009<sup>#</sup></b>
Foreign currency reserves (US\$ billion)	160.6	226.9
Foreign currency reserves world ranking	9 <sup>th</sup>	7 <sup>th</sup>
<b>External merchandise trade statistics (HK\$ billion)</b>		
	<b>2008</b>	<b>Jan – Sep 2009</b>
Total exports	2,824.2	1,771.2
Imports	3,025.3	1,921.9
Trade balance	-201.1	-150.7

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<b>External merchandise trade by main country/territory (HK\$ billion)</b>		
	<b>2008</b>	<b>Jan – Sep 2009</b>
<b><i>Total exports</i></b>		
The Mainland	1,370.4 (48.5%)	902.2 (50.9%)
The United States	359.3 (12.7%)	208.2 (11.8%)
Japan	121.0 (4.3%)	77.7 (4.4%)
<i>Total (plus other countries and territories)</i>	<i>2,824.2 (100%)</i>	<i>1,771.2 (100%)</i>
<b><i>Imports</i></b>		
The Mainland	1,410.7 (46.6%)	897.1 (46.7%)
Japan	297.6 (9.8%)	165.4 (8.6%)
The United States	150.7 (5.0%)	103.2 (5.4%)
<i>Total (plus other countries and territories)</i>	<i>3,025.3 (100%)</i>	<i>1,921.9 (100%)</i>
<b><i>Trade balance</i></b>		
The United States	+208.6	+105.0
The Mainland	-40.3	+5.1
Japan	-176.6	-87.7
<i>Overall</i>	<i>-201.1</i>	<i>-150.7</i>
<b>Trade in services (HK\$ billion)</b>		
	<b>2008<sup>#</sup></b>	<b>Apr – Jun 2009<sup>#</sup></b>
Exports of services	718.8	146.8
Imports of services	357.0	77.0
Trade balance	+361.8	+69.8

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<b>Tourism</b>		
<i>Visitor arrivals by country/territory of residence</i>		
	<b>2008</b>	<b>Jan – Sep 2009</b>
The Mainland	16 862 003 (57.1%)	12 876 682 (60.9%)
Taiwan	2 240 481 (7.6%)	1 486 643 (7.0%)
Japan	1 324 797 (4.5%)	878 670 (4.2%)
The United States	1 146 364 (3.9%)	769 333 (3.6%)
South Korea	904 320 (3.1%)	461 022 (2.2%)
Macao	696 829 (2.4%)	457 865 (2.2%)
The United Kingdom	563 984 (1.9%)	372 060 (1.8%)
<i>Total (plus visitors from other countries and territories)</i>	<i>29 506 616 (100%)</i>	<i>21 159 973 (100%)</i>
<i>Per capita spending of overnight visitors by country/territory of residence (HK\$)</i>		
	<b>2007</b>	<b>2008</b>
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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