

FACT SHEET

Hong Kong in figures

(as at 31 January 2010)

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>		
	Sep 2008	Sep 2009
Wholesale, retail and import/export trades, restaurants and hotels	1 064 918	1 035 310
Financing, insurance, real estate and business services	581 760	583 687
Community, social and personal services	404 962	417 079
<i>Unemployment</i>		
	2008	Oct – Dec 2009[#]
Unemployed persons	130 100 (3.6%)	172 800 (4.9%)
<i>Total labour force</i>	<i>3 648 900 (100%)</i>	<i>3 669 900 (100%)</i>
<i>Median monthly employment earning</i>		
	2008	Jul – Sep 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	Oct 2009
Per capita GDP world ranking	28 th	29 th
International investment position (HK\$ billion)		
	2007	2008
Hong Kong external assets	21,194	17,521
Hong Kong external liabilities	17,421	12,695
Net international investment position	3,774	4,827
Hang Seng Index		
	30 Jan 2009	29 Jan 2010
Hang Seng Index	13 278	20 122
Inflation		
	2009	Dec 2009
Rate of change in the Composite Consumer Price Index	+0.5%	+1.3%

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Government revenue and spending (HK\$ billion)		
	2008-2009 (Consolidated account)	Apr – Dec 2009
Government revenue	316.5	203.7
Government spending	315.1	204.9
Consolidated surplus (+) / deficit (-)	+1.4	-1.2
	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 Sep 2009
Establishment	163 206	164 137
Strength	155 840	157 465
	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 Dec 2008	31 Dec 2009
Fiscal reserves	523.8	493.1
Foreign currency reserves		
	31 Dec 2008	31 Dec 2009[#]
Foreign currency reserves (US\$ billion)	182.5	255.8
Foreign currency reserves world ranking	8 th	7 th
External merchandise trade statistics (HK\$ billion)		
	2008	2009
Total exports	2,824.2	2,469.1
Imports	3,025.3	2,692.4
Trade balance	-201.1	-223.3

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External merchandise trade by main country/territory (HK\$ billion)		
	2008	2009
<i>Total exports</i>		
The Mainland	1,370.4 (48.5%)	1,263.2 (51.2%)
The United States	359.3 (12.7%)	285.2 (11.6%)
Japan	121.0 (4.3%)	108.9 (4.4%)
<i>Total (plus other countries and territories)</i>	<i>2,824.2 (100%)</i>	<i>2,469.1 (100%)</i>
<i>Imports</i>		
The Mainland	1,410.7 (46.6%)	1,249.4 (46.4%)
Japan	297.6 (9.8%)	236.4 (8.8%)
The United States	150.7 (5.0%)	142.1 (5.3%)
<i>Total (plus other countries and territories)</i>	<i>3,025.3 (100%)</i>	<i>2,692.4 (100%)</i>
<i>Trade balance</i>		
The United States	+208.6	+143.1
The Mainland	-40.3	+13.8
Japan	-176.6	-127.5
<i>Overall</i>	<i>-201.1</i>	<i>-223.3</i>
Trade in services (HK\$ billion)		
	2008[#]	Jul – Sep 2009[#]
Exports of services	718.8	179.8
Imports of services	357.0	89.0
Trade balance	+361.8	+90.8

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Tourism		
<i>Visitor arrivals by country/territory of residence</i>		
	2008	2009
The Mainland	16 862 003 (57.1%)	17 956 731 (60.7%)
Taiwan	2 240 481 (7.6%)	2 009 644 (6.8%)
Japan	1 324 797 (4.5%)	1 204 490 (4.1%)
The United States	1 146 364 (3.9%)	1 070 073 (3.6%)
Macao	696 829 (2.4%)	671 389 (2.3%)
South Korea	904 320 (3.1%)	618 694 (2.1%)
The United Kingdom	563 984 (1.9%)	513 984 (1.7%)
<i>Total (plus visitors from other countries and territories)</i>	<i>29 506 616 (100%)</i>	<i>29 590 654 (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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