

FACT SHEET

Hong Kong in figures

(as at 31 May 2010)

International ranking		
	2009	2010
World competitiveness (among 58 places) ⁽¹⁾ Source: International Institute for Management Development, Switzerland	2 nd	2 nd
	2008-2009	2009-2010
Global competitiveness index (among 133 places) ⁽²⁾ Source: World Economic Forum	11 th	11 th
	2008	2009
Competitiveness amongst Chinese cities (among 294 cities in China) ⁽³⁾ Source: Chinese Academy of Social Sciences	1 st	1 st
	2009	2010
Ease of doing business index (among 183 places) ⁽⁴⁾ Source: The World Bank Group	3 rd	3 rd
	2009	2010
Index of economic freedom (among 183 places) ⁽⁵⁾ Source: The Heritage Foundation	1 st	1 st

- Notes: (1) The top three places in the 2010 survey are Singapore, Hong Kong and the United States respectively.
 (2) The top three places in the 2009-2010 survey were Switzerland, the United States and Singapore respectively.
 (3) The top three cities in the 2009 survey were Hong Kong, Shenzhen and Shanghai respectively.
 (4) The top three places in the 2010 survey are Singapore, New Zealand and Hong Kong respectively.
 (5) The top three places in the 2010 survey are Hong Kong, Singapore and Australia respectively.

International ranking (cont'd)		
	2008	2009
Corruption perceptions index (among 180 places) ⁽⁶⁾ Source: Transparency International	12 th	12 th
	2008	2009
IT industry competitiveness index (among 66 places) ⁽⁷⁾ Source: Economist Intelligence Unit	21 st	21 st
	2008	2009
E-readiness (among 70 places) ^{(8) (9)} Source: Economist Intelligence Unit	2 nd	8 th
	2008-2009	2009-2010
Networked readiness index (among 133 economies) ⁽¹⁰⁾ Source: World Economic Forum	12 th	8 th
	2009	2010
Best Asian city for expatriates (among 49 Asian cities) ⁽¹¹⁾ Source: ECA International	4 th	5 th

Notes: (6) The top three places in the 2009 survey were New Zealand, Denmark and Singapore respectively.

(7) The top three places in the 2009 survey were the United States, Finland and Sweden respectively.

(8) The 2008 financial crisis dampened foreign and private investment policies, leading to an unfavourable business environment which caused a decline in the e-readiness score in most countries.

(9) The top three places in the 2009 survey were Denmark, Sweden and the Netherlands respectively.

(10) The top three places in the 2009-2010 survey were Sweden, Singapore and Denmark respectively.

(11) The top three Asian cities in the 2010 survey are Singapore, Kobe and Yokohama respectively.

Population		
	2008	2009
Male	3 298 000 (47.2%)	3 300 000 (47.0%) [#]
Female	3 690 900 (52.8%)	3 726 400 (53.0%) [#]
<i>Total</i>	<i>6 988 900 (100%)</i>	<i>7 026 400 (100%)[#]</i>
Daily quota under the One Way Permit Scheme	150	150
Labour force		
<i>Major employment sectors</i>		
	Dec 2008	Dec 2009
Wholesale, retail and import/export trades, restaurants and hotels	1 054 195	1 049 378
Financing, insurance, real estate and business services	574 356	596 376
Community, social and personal services	405 960	422 734
<i>Unemployment</i>		
	2009	Feb – Apr 2010[#]
Unemployed persons	196 700 (5.4%)	164 800 (4.4%)
<i>Total labour force</i>	<i>3 676 600 (100%)</i>	<i>3 655 200 (100%)</i>
<i>Median monthly employment earning</i>		
	2009	Jan – Mar 2010
Median monthly employment earning (HK\$)	10,500	11,000

Remark : [#] Provisional figures.

Gross Domestic Product (GDP)		
	2008[#]	2009[#]
GDP at current market prices (HK\$ billion)	1,675	1,632
Per capita GDP at current market prices (HK\$)	240,096	233,060
GDP growth rate in real terms	2.2%	-2.8%
Per capita GDP growth rate in real terms	1.4%	-3.1%
	2009	Apr 2010
Per capita GDP world ranking	25 th	24 th
International investment position (HK\$ billion)		
	2008	2009[#]
Hong Kong external assets	17,521	19,813
Hong Kong external liabilities	12,695	14,044
Net international investment position	4,827	5,768
Hang Seng Index		
	29 May 2009	31 May 2010
Hang Seng Index	18 171	19 765
Inflation		
	2009	Apr 2010
Rate of change in the Composite Consumer Price Index	+0.5%	+2.4%

Remark : [#] Provisional figures.

Government revenue and spending (HK\$ billion)		
	2009-2010 (Consolidated account)	Apr 2010
Government revenue	318.4	22.4
Government spending	292.5	22.6
Consolidated surplus (+) / deficit (-)	+25.9	-0.2
	2009-2010 (Revised estimate)	2010-2011 (Estimate)
Consolidated surplus (+) / deficit (-) as a % of GDP	+0.8%	-1.5%
Recurrent public expenditure by function (HK\$ billion)		
	2009-2010 (Revised estimate)	2010-2011 (Estimate)
Education	51.3 (21.8%)	52.2 (21.4%)
Social welfare	39.7 (16.8%)	39.7 (16.3%)
Health	35.4 (15.0%)	36.9 (15.2%)
Support	28.6 (12.1%)	31.2 (12.8%)
Security	26.9 (11.4%)	28.0 (11.5%)
Infrastructure	15.2 (6.4%)	15.6 (6.4%)
Economic	10.9 (4.6%)	11.1 (4.6%)
Housing	10.0 (4.3%)	10.4 (4.3%)
Environment and food	9.8 (4.2%)	10.3 (4.2%)
Community and external affairs	7.9 (3.4%)	8.1 (3.3%)
<i>Total</i>	<i>235.7 (100%)</i>	<i>243.5 (100%)</i>

Civil service		
	31 Dec 2009	31 Mar 2010
Establishment	164 405	164 504
Strength	157 736	158 085
	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)		
	30 Apr 2009	30 Apr 2010
Fiscal reserves	491.2	520.1
Exchange Fund (HK\$ billion)		
	30 Apr 2009	30 Apr 2010
Total assets	1 645.4	2 198.9
Total liabilities	1 190.2	1 643.9
Accumulated surplus	455.2	555.0
Foreign currency reserves		
	30 Apr 2009	30 Apr 2010[#]
Foreign currency reserves (US\$ billion)	193.4	259.2
Foreign currency reserves world ranking	7 th	7 th
External merchandise trade statistics (HK\$ billion)		
	2009	Jan – Apr 2010
Total exports	2,469.1	878.7
Imports	2,692.4	1,002.0
Trade balance	-223.3	-123.3

Remark : [#] Provisional figures.

External merchandise trade by main country/territory (HK\$ billion)		
	2009	Jan – Apr 2010
<i>Total exports</i>		
The Mainland	1,263.2 (51.2%)	469.8 (53.5%)
The United States	285.2 (11.6%)	87.7 (10.0%)
Japan	108.9 (4.4%)	38.9 (4.4%)
<i>Total (plus other countries and territories)</i>	<i>2,469.1 (100%)</i>	<i>878.7 (100%)</i>
<i>Imports</i>		
The Mainland	1,249.4 (46.4%)	439.6 (43.9%)
Japan	236.4 (8.8%)	92.8 (9.3%)
The United States	142.1 (5.3%)	54.1 (5.4%)
<i>Total (plus other countries and territories)</i>	<i>2,692.4 (100%)</i>	<i>1,002.0 (100%)</i>
<i>Trade balance</i>		
The United States	+143.1	+33.6
The Mainland	+13.8	+30.2
Japan	-127.5	-53.9
<i>Overall</i>	<i>-223.3</i>	<i>-123.3</i>
Trade in services (HK\$ billion)		
	2009[#]	Jan – Mar 2010[#]
Exports of services	669.0	187.1
Imports of services	344.0	92.2
Trade balance	325.0	94.9

Remark : [#] Provisional figures.

Tourism		
<i>Visitor arrivals by country/territory of residence</i>		
	2009	Jan – Apr 2010
The Mainland	17 956 731 (60.7%)	7 209 450 (63.1%)
Taiwan	2 009 644 (6.8%)	716 270 (6.3%)
Japan	1 204 490 (4.1%)	429 624 (3.8%)
The United States	1 070 073 (3.6%)	370 323 (3.2%)
South Korea	618 694 (2.1%)	290 696 (2.5%)
Macao	671 389 (2.3%)	223 973 (2.0%)
The United Kingdom	513 984 (1.7%)	191 874 (1.7%)
<i>Total (plus visitors from other countries and territories)</i>	<i>29 590 654 (100%)</i>	<i>11 420 999 (100%)</i>
<i>Per capita spending of overnight visitors by country/territory of residence (HK\$)</i>		
	2008	2009
The Mainland	5,676	6,620
Taiwan	5,126	5,117
The United Kingdom	5,716	4,902
The United States	5,913	4,872
Japan	4,289	3,976
South Korea	4,327	3,733
Macao	3,041	3,069
<i>Overall</i>	<i>5,439</i>	<i>5,770</i>

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