

FACT SHEET

Hong Kong in figures

(as at 28 February 2011)

| International/regional ranking | | |
|---|------------------|------------------|
| | 2009 | 2010 |
| World competitiveness (among 58 places) ⁽¹⁾ Source: International Institute for Management Development, Switzerland | 2 nd | 2 nd |
| | 2009-2010 | 2010-2011 |
| Global competitiveness index (among 139 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 |
| | 2010 | 2011 |
| Ease of doing business index (among 183 places) ⁽⁴⁾ Source: The World Bank Group | 2 nd | 2 nd |
| | 2010 | 2011 |
| 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 2010-2011 survey were Switzerland, Sweden 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 2011 survey are Singapore, Hong Kong and New Zealand respectively.
 (5) The top three places in the 2011 survey are Hong Kong, Singapore and Australia respectively.

| International/regional ranking (cont'd) | | |
|---|------------------|------------------|
| | 2009 | 2010 |
| Corruption perceptions index (among 178 places) ⁽⁶⁾ Source: Transparency International | 12 th | 13 th |
| | 2008 | 2009 |
| IT industry competitiveness index (among 66 places) ⁽⁷⁾ Source: Economist Intelligence Unit | 21 st | 21 st |
| | 2009 | 2010 |
| Digital economy rankings ⁽⁸⁾ (among 70 places) ⁽⁹⁾ Source: Economist Intelligence Unit | 8 th | 7 th |
| | 2008-2009 | 2009-2010 |
| Networked readiness index (among 133 places) ⁽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 2010 survey were Denmark, New Zealand and Singapore respectively.

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

(8) "Digital economy rankings" was previously known as the "E-readiness rankings".

(9) The top three places in the 2010 survey were Sweden, Denmark and the United States 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 | | |
|--|-------------------------|--|
| | 2009 | 2010 |
| Male | 3 302 900 (47.0%) | 3 317 200 (46.7%) [#] |
| Female | 3 730 600 (53.0%) | 3 780 400 (53.3%) [#] |
| <i>Total</i> | <i>7 033 500 (100%)</i> | <i>7 097 600 (100%)[#]</i> |
| Daily quota under the One Way Permit Scheme | 150 | 150 |
| Labour force | | |
| <i>Major employment sectors</i> | | |
| | Sep 2009 | Sep 2010 |
| Wholesale, retail and import/export trades, restaurants and hotels | 1 035 310 | 1 053 371 |
| Financing, insurance, real estate and business services | 583 687 | 612 250 |
| Community, social and personal services | 417 079 | 429 163 |
| <i>Unemployment</i> | | |
| | 2009 | Nov 2010 – Jan 2011[#] |
| Unemployed persons | 196 700 (5.4%) | 130 200 (3.5%) |
| <i>Total labour force</i> | <i>3 676 600 (100%)</i> | <i>3 712 300 (100%)</i> |
| <i>Median monthly employment earning</i> | | |
| | 2009 | Oct – Dec 2010 |
| Median monthly employment earning (HK\$) | 10,500 | 11,000 |

Remark : [#] Provisional figures.

| Gross Domestic Product (GDP) | | |
|---|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| | 2009[#] | 2010[#] |
| GDP at current market prices (HK\$ billion) | 1,622 | 1,748 |
| Per capita GDP at current market prices (HK\$) | 231,621 | 247,332 |
| GDP growth rate in real terms | -2.7% | 6.8% |
| Per capita GDP growth rate in real terms | -3.0% | 5.8% |
| | 2009 | 2010 |
| Per capita GDP world ranking | 24 th | 24 th |
| International investment position (HK\$ billion) | | |
| | 2008 | 2009 |
| Hong Kong external assets | 17,521 | 19,811 |
| Hong Kong external liabilities | 12,695 | 14,227 |
| Net international investment position | 4,827 | 5,584 |
| Hang Seng Index | | |
| | 26 Feb 2010 | 28 Feb 2011 |
| Hang Seng Index | 20 609 | 23 012 |
| Inflation | | |
| | 2010 | Jan 2011 |
| Rate of change in the Composite Consumer Price Index | +2.4% | +3.6% |

Remark : [#] Provisional figures.

| Government revenue and spending (HK\$ billion) | | |
|--|---|---|
| | 2009-2010 (Consolidated account) | Apr 2010 – Jan 2011 |
| Government revenue | 318.4 | 339.7 |
| Government spending | 292.5 | 245.9 |
| Consolidated surplus (+) / deficit (-) | +25.9 | +93.8 |
| | 2010-2011 (Revised estimate) | 2011-2012⁽¹⁾ (Estimate) |
| Consolidated surplus (+) / deficit (-) as a % of GDP | +4.1% | +0.2% |
| Recurrent public expenditure by function (HK\$ billion) | | |
| | 2010-2011 (Revised estimate) | 2011-2012 (Estimate) |
| Education | 51.4 (21.6%) | 54.5 (21.2%) |
| Social welfare | 37.9 (15.9%) | 42.2 (16.4%) |
| Health | 36.7 (15.4%) | 39.9 (15.5%) |
| Support | 30.1 (12.6%) | 33.8 (13.1%) |
| Security | 27.5 (11.5%) | 28.4 (11.1%) |
| Infrastructure | 15.4 (6.5%) | 16.1 (6.2%) |
| Economic | 11.4 (4.8%) | 12.5 (4.9%) |
| Housing | 10.2 (4.3%) | 10.9 (4.2%) |
| Environment and food | 9.6 (4.0%) | 10.5 (4.1%) |
| Community and external affairs | 8.1 (3.4%) | 8.5 (3.3%) |
| <i>Total</i> | <i>238.4 (100%)</i> | <i>257.3 (100%)</i> |

Note: (1) In order to return the wealth to citizens, the Government announced on 2 March 2011 that the one-off measures to be implemented under the revised 2011-2012 Budget will be increased and thus the estimated consolidated surplus or deficit for the 2011-2012 financial year may be affected.

| Civil service | | |
|---|--------------------|--------------------------------|
| | 31 Dec 2009 | 31 Dec 2010 |
| Establishment | 164 405 | 165 071 |
| Strength | 157 736 | 158 273 |
| | 2008-2009 | 2009-2010 |
| Staff-related expenditure (HK\$ billion) | 68.9 | 71.1 |
| As a % of government operating expenditure | 26.7% | 30.3% |
| Fiscal reserves (HK\$ billion) | | |
| | 31 Jan 2010 | 31 Jan 2011 |
| Fiscal reserves | 542.2 | 614.1 |
| Exchange Fund (HK\$ billion) | | |
| | 31 Jan 2010 | 31 Jan 2011 |
| Total assets | 2,205.5 | 2,505.0 |
| Total liabilities | 1,666.0 | 1,904.0 |
| Accumulated surplus | 539.5 | 601.0 |
| Foreign currency reserves | | |
| | 31 Jan 2010 | 31 Jan 2011[#] |
| Foreign currency reserves (US\$ billion) | 257.1 | 273.2 |
| Foreign currency reserves world ranking | 7 th | 9 th |
| External merchandise trade statistics (HK\$ billion) | | |
| | 2010 | Jan 2011 |
| Total exports | 3,031.0 | 283.7 |
| Imports | 3,364.8 | 299.6 |
| Trade balance | -333.8 | -16.0 |

Remark : [#] Provisional figures.

| External merchandise trade by main country/territory (HK\$ billion) | | |
|--|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| | 2010 | Jan 2011 |
| <i>Total exports</i> | | |
| The Mainland | 1,598.2 (52.7%) | 148.4 (52.3%) |
| The United States | 332.1 (11.0%) | 29.1 (10.3%) |
| Japan | 127.6 (4.2%) | 11.8 (4.2%) |
| <i>Total (plus other countries and territories)</i> | <i>3,031.0 (100%)</i> | <i>283.7 (100%)</i> |
| <i>Imports</i> | | |
| The Mainland | 1,529.8 (45.5%) | 141.2 (47.1%) |
| Japan | 308.2 (9.2%) | 24.3 (8.1%) |
| The United States | 179.2 (5.3%) | 15.6 (5.2%) |
| <i>Total (plus other countries and territories)</i> | <i>3,364.8 (100%)</i> | <i>299.6 (100%)</i> |
| <i>Trade balance</i> | | |
| The United States | +152.9 | +13.5 |
| The Mainland | +68.4 | +7.2 |
| Japan | -180.6 | -12.5 |
| <i>Overall (all countries and territories)</i> | <i>-333.8</i> | <i>-15.9</i> |
| Trade in services (HK\$ billion) | | |
| | 2009[#] | 2010[#] |
| Exports of services | 670.2 | 835.0 |
| Imports of services | 340.6 | 396.6 |
| Trade balance | 329.6 | 438.4 |

Remark : [#] Provisional figures.

| Tourism | | |
|---|--------------------------|-------------------------|
| <i>Visitor arrivals by country/territory of residence</i> | | |
| | 2010 | Jan 2011 |
| The Mainland | 22 684 388 (63.0%) | 2 503 151 (69.6%) |
| Taiwan | 2 164 750 (6.0%) | 182 703 (5.1%) |
| Japan | 1 316 618 (3.7%) | 113 373 (3.2%) |
| South Korea | 891 024 (2.5%) | 102 546 (2.9%) |
| The United States | 1 171 419 (3.3%) | 94 367 (2.6%) |
| Macao | 780 388 (2.2%) | 67 122 (1.9%) |
| The United Kingdom | 515 693 (1.4%) | 42 021 (1.2%) |
| <i>Total (plus visitors from other countries and territories)</i> | <i>36 030 331 (100%)</i> | <i>3 598 030 (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 (all overnight visitors)</i> | <i>5,439</i> | <i>5,770</i> |

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