

## FACT SHEET

### Hong Kong in figures

(as at 31 December 2011)

<b>International/regional ranking</b>		
	<b>2010</b>	<b>2011</b>
<b>World competitiveness</b> (among 59 places) <sup>(1)</sup> Source: International Institute for Management Development, Switzerland	2 <sup>nd</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup>
	<b>2010-2011</b>	<b>2011-2012</b>
<b>Global competitiveness index</b> (among 142 places) <sup>(2)</sup> Source: World Economic Forum	11 <sup>th</sup>	11 <sup>th</sup>
	<b>2009</b>	<b>2010</b>
<b>Competitiveness amongst Chinese cities</b> (among 294 cities in China) <sup>(3)</sup> Source: Chinese Academy of Social Sciences	1 <sup>st</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup>
	<b>2011</b>	<b>2012</b>
<b>Ease of doing business index</b> (among 183 places) <sup>(4)</sup> Source: The World Bank	2 <sup>nd</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>
	<b>2010</b>	<b>2011</b>
<b>Index of economic freedom</b> (among 183 places) <sup>(5)</sup> Source: The Heritage Foundation	1 <sup>st</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup>

- Notes: (1) Both Hong Kong and the United States ranked first in the 2011 survey while Singapore took third place.  
 (2) The top three places in the 2011-2012 survey were Switzerland, Singapore and Sweden respectively.  
 (3) The top three cities in the 2010 survey were Hong Kong, Shanghai and Beijing respectively.  
 (4) The top three places in the 2012 survey were Singapore, Hong Kong and New Zealand respectively.  
 (5) The top three places in the 2011 survey were Hong Kong, Singapore and Australia respectively.

<b>International/regional ranking (cont'd)</b>		
	<b>2010</b>	<b>2011</b>
<b>Corruption perceptions index</b> (among 183 places) <sup>(6)</sup> Source: Transparency International	13 <sup>th</sup>	12 <sup>th</sup>
	<b>2009<sup>(8)</sup></b>	<b>2011</b>
<b>IT industry competitiveness index</b> (among 66 places) <sup>(7)</sup> Source: Economist Intelligence Unit	21 <sup>st</sup>	19 <sup>th</sup>
	<b>2009</b>	<b>2010</b>
<b>Digital economy rankings<sup>(9)</sup></b> (among 70 places) <sup>(10)</sup> Source: Economist Intelligence Unit	8 <sup>th</sup>	7 <sup>th</sup>
	<b>2009-2010</b>	<b>2010-2011</b>
<b>Networked readiness index</b> (among 138 places) <sup>(11)</sup> Source: World Economic Forum	8 <sup>th</sup>	12 <sup>th</sup>
	<b>2009</b>	<b>2010</b>
<b>Best Asian city for expatriates</b> (among 49 Asian cities) <sup>(12)</sup> Source: ECA International	4 <sup>th</sup>	5 <sup>th</sup>

Notes: (6) New Zealand ranked first in the 2011 survey while both Denmark and Finland took second place.

(7) The top three places in the 2011 survey were the United States, Finland and Singapore respectively.

(8) The Economist Intelligence Unit did not conduct this index study in 2010.

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

(10) The top three places in the 2010 survey were Sweden, Denmark and the United States respectively.

(11) The top three places in the 2010-2011 survey were Sweden, Singapore and Finland respectively.

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

<b>Population</b>		
	<b>Mid – 2010</b>	<b>Mid – 2011<sup>(13)</sup></b>
Male	3 310 500 (46.8%)	3 315 900 (46.6%)
Female	3 757 300 (53.2%)	3 792 200 (53.4%)
<i>Total</i>	<i>7 067 800 (100%)</i>	<i>7 108 100 (100%)</i>
Daily quota under the One-Way Permit Scheme	150	150
<b>Labour force</b>		
<i>Major employment sectors</i>		
	<b>Sep 2010</b>	<b>Sep 2011</b>
Wholesale, retail and import/export trades, restaurants and hotels	1 053 371	1 083 591
Financing, insurance, real estate, and professional and business services	612 250	652 517
Social and personal services	429 163	440 643
<i>Unemployment</i>		
	<b>2010</b>	<b>Sep – Nov 2011<sup>(13)</sup></b>
Unemployed persons	161 200 (4.4%)	121 200 (3.2%)
<i>Total labour force</i>	<i>3 653 700</i>	<i>3 772 300</i>
<i>Median monthly employment earnings</i>		
	<b>2010</b>	<b>Jul – Sep 2011</b>
Median monthly employment earnings (HK\$)	11,000	11,500

Note: (13) Provisional figures.

<b>Gross Domestic Product (GDP)</b>		
	<b>2009</b>	<b>2010</b>
GDP at current market prices (HK\$ billion)	1,622	1,744
Per capita GDP at current market prices (HK\$)	231,638	246,733
GDP growth rate in real terms	-2.7%	7.0%
Per capita GDP growth rate in real terms	-3.0%	6.0%
	<b>2010</b>	<b>2011</b>
Per capita GDP world ranking	25 <sup>th</sup>	26 <sup>th</sup>
<b>International investment position (HK\$ billion)</b>		
	<b>2009</b>	<b>2010</b>
Hong Kong external assets	19,811	22,277
Hong Kong external liabilities	14,227	17,142
Net international investment position	5,584	5,136
<b>Hang Seng Index</b>		
	<b>31 Dec 2010</b>	<b>30 Dec 2011</b>
Hang Seng Index	23 035	18 434
<b>Inflation</b>		
	<b>2010</b>	<b>Nov 2011</b>
Rate of change in the Composite Consumer Price Index	+2.4%	+5.7%

<b>Government revenue and spending (HK\$ billion)</b>		
	<b>2010-2011 (Consolidated account)</b>	<b>Apr - Nov 2011</b>
Government revenue	376.5	254.8
Government expenditure	301.4	233.6
Consolidated surplus (+) / deficit (-)	+75.1	+21.2
	<b>2010-2011 (Revised estimate)</b>	<b>2011-2012 (Estimate)</b>
Consolidated surplus (+) / deficit (-) as % of GDP	+4.1%	-0.5% <sup>(14)</sup>
<b>Recurrent public expenditure by function (HK\$ billion)<sup>(15)</sup></b>		
	<b>2010-2011 (Revised estimate)</b>	<b>2011-2012 (Estimate)</b>
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>

Notes: (14) This figure is based on the GDP estimate released by the Government on 23 February 2011 and the revised figure of consolidated surplus/deficit forecasted for the year.

(15) Figures may not add up to the total due to rounding.

<b>Civil service</b>		
	<b>31 Dec 2010</b>	<b>30 Sep 2011</b>
Establishment	165 071	166 626
Strength	158 273	159 202
	<b>2009-2010</b>	<b>2010-2011</b>
Staff-related expenditure (HK\$ billion)	71.1	72.6
As % of government operating expenditure	30.3%	30.3%
<b>Fiscal reserves (HK\$ billion)</b>		
	<b>30 Nov 2010</b>	<b>30 Nov 2011</b>
Fiscal reserves	537.5	616.6
<b>Exchange Fund (HK\$ billion)</b>		
	<b>30 Nov 2010</b>	<b>30 Nov 2011</b>
Total assets	2,391.4	2,490.4
Total liabilities	1,809.5	1,923.5
Accumulated surplus	582.0	566.9
<b>Foreign currency reserves</b>		
	<b>30 Nov 2010</b>	<b>30 Nov 2011<sup>(16)</sup></b>
Foreign currency reserves (US\$ billion)	266.1	282.5
<b>External merchandise trade statistics (HK\$ billion)</b>		
	<b>2010</b>	<b>Jan – Nov 2011<sup>(16)</sup></b>
Total exports	3,031.0	3,069.3
Imports	3,364.8	3,446.8
Trade balance	-333.8	-377.5

Note: (16) Provisional figures.

<b>External merchandise trade by main country/territory (HK\$ billion)</b>		
	<b>2010</b>	<b>Jan – Nov 2011<sup>(17)</sup></b>
<b><i>Total exports</i></b>		
The Mainland	1,598.2 (52.7%)	1,604.4 (52.3%)
The United States	332.1 (11.0%)	305.4 (10.0%)
Japan	127.6 (4.2%)	122.9 (4.0%)
<i>Total (plus other countries and territories)</i>	<i>3,031.0 (100%)</i>	<i>3,069.3 (100%)</i>
<b><i>Imports</i></b>		
The Mainland	1,529.8 (45.5%)	1,548.4 (44.9%)
Japan	308.2 (9.2%)	293.5 (8.5%)
The United States	179.2 (5.3%)	192.8 (5.6%)
<i>Total (plus other countries and territories)</i>	<i>3,364.8 (100%)</i>	<i>3,446.8 (100%)</i>
<b><i>Trade balance</i></b>		
The United States	+152.9	+112.6
The Mainland	+68.5	+56.0
Japan	-180.5	-170.6
<i>Overall (all countries and territories)</i>	<i>-333.8</i>	<i>-377.5</i>
<b>Trade in services (HK\$ billion)</b>		
	<b>2010</b>	<b>Jul – Sep 2011<sup>(17)</sup></b>
Exports of services	826.9	250.3
Imports of services	395.2	114.4
Trade balance	431.7	135.9

Note: (17) Provisional figures.

<b>Tourism</b>		
<i>Visitor arrivals by country/territory of residence</i>		
	<b>2010</b>	<b>Jan – Nov 2011</b>
The Mainland	22 684 388 (63.0%)	25 270 370 (66.9%)
Taiwan	2 164 750 (6.0%)	1 976 349 (5.2%)
Japan	1 316 618 (3.7%)	1 154 281 (3.1%)
The United States	1 171 419 (3.3%)	1 109 031 (2.9%)
South Korea	891 024 (2.5%)	922 715 (2.4%)
Macao	780 388 (2.2%)	745 020 (2.0%)
The United Kingdom	515 693 (1.4%)	467 818 (1.2%)
<i>Total (plus visitors from other countries and territories)</i>	<i>36 030 331 (100%)</i>	<i>37 770 230 (100%)</i>
<i>Per capita spending of overnight visitors by country/territory of residence (HK\$)</i>		
	<b>2009</b>	<b>2010</b>
The Mainland	6,620	7,453
The United Kingdom	4,902	6,924
The United States	4,872	6,274
Japan	3,976	5,213
Taiwan	5,117	5,197
South Korea	3,733	4,643
Macao	3,069	3,824
<i>Overall (all overnight visitors)</i>	<i>5,770</i>	<i>6,728</i>

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