

## FACT SHEET

### Hong Kong in figures

(as at 31 August 2012)

<b>International/regional ranking</b>		
	<b>2011</b>	<b>2012</b>
<b>World competitiveness</b> (among 59 places) <sup>(1)</sup> Source: International Institute for Management Development, Switzerland	1 <sup>st</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup>
	<b>2011-2012</b>	<b>2012-2013</b>
<b>Global competitiveness index</b> (among 144 places) <sup>(2)</sup> Source: World Economic Forum	11 <sup>th</sup>	9 <sup>th</sup>
	<b>2010</b>	<b>2011</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>2011</b>	<b>2012</b>
<b>Index of economic freedom</b> (among 184 places) <sup>(5)</sup> Source: The Heritage Foundation	1 <sup>st</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup>

- Notes: (1) The top three places in the 2012 survey were Hong Kong, the United States and Switzerland respectively.  
 (2) The top three places in the 2012-2013 survey were Switzerland, Singapore and Finland respectively.  
 (3) The top three cities in the 2011 survey were Hong Kong, Taipei 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 2012 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</b>	<b>2011<sup>(8)</sup></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</b> (among 70 places) <sup>(9)</sup> Source: Economist Intelligence Unit	8 <sup>th</sup>	7 <sup>th</sup>
	<b>2010-2011</b>	<b>2012<sup>(11)</sup></b>
<b>Networked readiness index</b> (among 142 places) <sup>(10)</sup> Source: World Economic Forum	12 <sup>th</sup>	13 <sup>th</sup>
	<b>2011</b>	<b>2012</b>
<b>Best Asian city for expatriates</b> (among 49 Asian cities) <sup>(12)</sup> Source: ECA International	5 <sup>th</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>

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

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

(10) The top three places in the 2012 survey were Sweden, Singapore and Finland respectively.

(11) The reporting year for the latest networked readiness index has been changed from "2011-2012" to "2012".

(12) The top three Asian cities in the 2012 survey were Singapore, Kobe and Hong Kong respectively.

<b>Population</b>		
	<b>Mid - 2011</b>	<b>Mid - 2012<sup>(13)</sup></b>
Male	3 303 000 (46.7%)	3 318 200 (46.5%)
Female	3 768 600 (53.3%)	3 818 100 (53.5%)
<i>Total</i>	<i>7 071 600 (100%)</i>	<i>7 136 300 (100%)</i>
Daily quota under the One-Way Permit Scheme	150	150
<b>Labour force</b>		
<i>Major employment sectors</i>		
	<b>March 2011</b>	<b>March 2012</b>
Wholesale, retail and import/export trades, restaurants and hotels	1 079 275	1 083 045
Financing, insurance, real estate, and professional and business services	632 872	662 188
Social and personal services	436 239	444 627
<i>Unemployment</i>		
	<b>2011</b>	<b>May – Jul 2012<sup>(13)</sup></b>
Unemployed persons	126 700 (3.4%)	128 500 (3.4%)
<i>Total labour force</i>	<i>3 703 100</i>	<i>3 804 200</i>
<i>Median monthly employment earnings</i>		
	<b>2011</b>	<b>Apr – Jun 2012</b>
Median monthly employment earnings (HK\$)	11,300	12,000

Note: (13) Provisional figures.

<b>Gross Domestic Product (GDP)</b>		
	<b>2010</b>	<b>2011</b>
GDP at current market prices (HK\$ billion)	1,742	1,897
Per capita GDP at current market prices (HK\$)	247,938	268,213
GDP growth rate in real terms	7.1%	5.0%
Per capita GDP growth rate in real terms	6.3%	4.3%
	<b>2011</b>	<b>2012</b>
Per capita GDP world ranking	26 <sup>th</sup>	25 <sup>th</sup>
<b>International investment position (HK\$ billion)</b>		
	<b>2010</b>	<b>2011<sup>(15)</sup></b>
Hong Kong external assets	22,277	23,228
Hong Kong external liabilities	17,142	17,771
Net international investment position <sup>(14)</sup>	5,136	5,457
<b>Hang Seng Index</b>		
	<b>31 Aug 2011</b>	<b>31 Aug 2012</b>
Hang Seng Index	20 535	19 483
<b>Inflation</b>		
	<b>2011</b>	<b>Jul 2012</b>
Rate of change in the Composite Consumer Price Index	+5.3%	+1.6%

Notes: (14) The difference between Hong Kong external assets and Hong Kong external liabilities may not tally with the corresponding net international investment position due to rounding.

(15) Provisional figures.

<b>Government revenue and spending (HK\$ billion)</b>		
	<b>2011-2012 (Consolidated account)</b>	<b>Apr - Jul 2012</b>
Government revenue	437.7	99.4
Government expenditure	364.0	121.0
Consolidated surplus (+) / deficit (-)	+73.7	-21.6
	<b>2011-2012 (Revised estimate)</b>	<b>2012-2013 (Estimate)</b>
Consolidated surplus (+) / deficit (-) as % of GDP	+3.5%	-0.2%
<b>Recurrent public expenditure by function (HK\$ billion)<sup>(16)</sup></b>		
	<b>2011-2012 (Revised estimate)</b>	<b>2012-2013 (Estimate)</b>
Education	56.1 (21.6%)	59.7 (21.3%)
Health	41.5 (16.0%)	44.7 (15.9%)
Social welfare	40.4 (15.6%)	44.0 (15.7%)
Support	33.3 (12.8%)	39.1 (13.9%)
Security	29.3 (11.3%)	30.5 (10.9%)
Infrastructure	16.3 (6.3%)	17.1 (6.1%)
Economic	12.4 (4.8%)	13.2 (4.7%)
Housing	11.0 (4.2%)	11.6 (4.2%)
Environment and food	10.4 (4.0%)	11.2 (4.0%)
Community and external affairs	8.6 (3.3%)	9.1 (3.3%)
<i>Total</i>	<i>259.4 (100%)</i>	<i>280.3 (100%)</i>

Note: (16) Figures may not add up to the total due to rounding.

<b>Civil service</b>		
	<b>31 Dec 2011</b>	<b>30 Jun 2012</b>
Establishment	166 960	167 880
Strength	160 060	160 751
	<b>2010-2011</b>	<b>2011-2012</b>
Staff-related expenditure (HK\$ billion)	72.6	78.3
As % of government operating expenditure	30.3%	26.4%
<b>Fiscal reserves (HK\$ billion)</b>		
	<b>31 Jul 2011</b>	<b>31 Jul 2012</b>
Fiscal reserves	588.3	647.5
<b>Exchange Fund (HK\$ billion)</b>		
	<b>31 Jul 2011</b>	<b>31 Jul 2012</b>
Total assets	2,491.0	2,607.8
Total liabilities	1,867.4	2,022.6
Accumulated surplus <sup>(17)</sup>	623.6	585.2
<b>Foreign currency reserves</b>		
	<b>31 Jul 2011</b>	<b>31 Jul 2012<sup>(18)</sup></b>
Foreign currency reserves (US\$ billion)	278.8	296.2
<b>External merchandise trade statistics (HK\$ billion)</b>		
	<b>2011</b>	<b>Jan - Jul 2012</b>
Total exports	3,337.3	1,895.4
Imports	3,764.6	2,157.2
Trade balance <sup>(19)</sup>	-427.3	-261.8

Notes: (17) The difference between total assets and total liabilities of Exchange Fund may not tally with the corresponding accumulated surplus due to rounding.

(18) Provisional figures.

(19) The difference between total exports and imports may not tally with the corresponding trade balance on goods due to rounding.

<b>External merchandise trade by main country/territory (HK\$ billion)</b>		
	<b>2011</b>	<b>Jan - Jul 2012</b>
<b>Total exports</b>		
The Mainland	1,747.4 (52.4%)	1,009.6 (53.3%)
The United States	330.8 (9.9%)	186.1 (9.8%)
Japan	135.2 (4.0%)	79.6 (4.2%)
<i>Total (including other countries and territories)</i>	<i>3,337.3 (100%)</i>	<i>1,895.4 (100%)</i>
<b>Imports</b>		
The Mainland	1,696.8 (45.1%)	985.1 (45.7%)
Japan	318.6 (8.5%)	175.8 (8.1%)
The United States	211.4 (5.6%)	116.8 (5.4%)
<i>Total (including other countries and territories)</i>	<i>3,764.6 (100%)</i>	<i>2,157.2 (100%)</i>
<b>Trade balance <sup>(20)</sup></b>		
The United States	+119.4	+69.3
The Mainland	+50.5	+24.5
Japan	-183.4	-96.2
<i>Overall (all countries and territories)</i>	<i>-427.3</i>	<i>-261.8</i>
<b>Trade in services (HK\$ billion)</b>		
	<b>2011</b>	<b>Apr – Jun 2012<sup>(22)</sup></b>
Exports of services	945.5	229.0
Imports of services	435.0	104.1
Trade balance <sup>(21)</sup>	510.6	124.9

Notes: (20) The difference between total exports and imports may not tally with the corresponding trade balance on goods due to rounding.

(21) The difference between exports of services and imports of services may not tally with the corresponding trade balance on services due to rounding.

(22) Provisional figures.

<b>Tourism</b>		
<i>Visitor arrivals by country/territory of residence</i>		
	<b>2011</b>	<b>Jan - Jul 2012</b>
The Mainland	28 100 129 (67.0%)	18 847 152 (70.6%)
Taiwan	2 148 733 (5.1%)	1 196 702 (4.5%)
Japan	1 283 687 (3.1%)	760 510 (2.8%)
The United States	1 212 336 (2.9%)	696 376 (2.6%)
South Korea	1 020 996 (2.4%)	620 066 (2.3%)
Macao	843 221 (2.0%)	470 562 (1.8%)
The United Kingdom	506 557 (1.2%)	311 938 (1.2%)
<i>Total (including visitors from other countries and territories)</i>	<i>41 921 310 (100%)</i>	<i>26 692 540 (100%)</i>
<i>Per capita spending of overnight visitors by country/territory of residence (HK\$)</i>		
	<b>2010</b>	<b>2011</b>
The Mainland	7,453	8,220
The United Kingdom	6,924	7,229
The United States	6,274	7,148
Taiwan	5,197	5,860
Japan	5,213	5,763
Macao	3,824	4,363
South Korea	4,643	4,349
<i>Overall (all overnight visitors)</i>	<i>6,728</i>	<i>7,470</i>

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