

## Press Release

### Land Registry statistics for July

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The Land Registry today (August 2) released its statistics for July 2013.

#### Land registration

- The number of sale and purchase agreements for all building units received for registration in July was 5,489 (+18.9% compared with June but -28.8% compared with July 2012)
- The 12-month moving average for July was 8,131 (2.2% below the 12-month moving average for June but 4.1% above that for July 2012)
- The total consideration for sale and purchase agreements in July was \$27.7 billion (-10.4% compared with June and -40.9% compared with July 2012)
- Among the sale and purchase agreements, 3,986 were for residential units (+6.6% compared with June but -30.2% compared with July 2012)
- The total consideration for sale and purchase agreements in respect of residential units was \$21 billion (+12.3% compared with June but -33.9% compared with July 2012)

The statistics only include sale and purchase agreements with payment of stamp duty. Sale and purchase agreements relating to the sale of units under the Home Ownership Scheme, the Private Sector Participation Scheme and the Tenants Purchase Scheme are not included unless the premium of the unit concerned has been paid after the sale restriction period.

Figures on sale and purchase agreements received for the past 12 months, the year-on-year rate of change and breakdown figures on residential sales have also been released.

As deeds may not be lodged with the Land Registry until up to 30 days after the transaction, these statistics generally relate to land transactions in the previous month.

#### Land search

- The number of searches of land registers made by the public in July was 400,527 (+6.2% compared with June but -3% compared with July 2012)

The statistics cover searches made at the counter, through the self-service terminals and via the Integrated Registration Information System Online Services.

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Consolidated Monthly Statistics in respect of deeds received  
for registration in the Land Registry

**Table 1**

Month : July 2013

Item	Nature of Deeds	Number of Deeds received for registration			Consideration (nearest \$ million)		
		Urban	New Territories	Total	Urban	New Territories	Total
1.	Agreements for Sale and Purchase of Building Units	2,327 ( 2,664 )	3,162 ( 3,323 )	5,489 ( 5,987 )	16,061	11,596	27,657
2.	Agreements for Sale and Purchase of Land	4	164	168	2,542	627	3,169
	Sub-total (1) + (2)	2,331	3,326	5,657	18,603	12,223	30,826
3.	Assignments of Building Units	3,126 ( 3,701 )	4,176 ( 4,960 )	7,302 ( 8,661 )	28,357	21,703	50,060
4.	Assignments of Land	5	503	508	3,261	1,501	4,762
	Sub-total (3) + (4)	3,131	4,679	7,810	31,618	23,204	54,822
5.	Building Mortgages/Building Legal Charges	1	0	1			
6.	Other Mortgages/Legal Charges	3,032	4,102	7,134			
	Sub-total (5) + (6)	3,033	4,102	7,135			
7.	Receipts/Discharges/Releases	3,662	4,293	7,955			
8.	Leases/Tenancy Agreements	299	149	448			
9.	Exclusion Orders	0	0	0			
10.	Others	4,518	4,168	8,686			
	Total	16,974	20,717	37,691			

Note : Figures in brackets denote the number of units involved.

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**Comparison of Monthly Statistics**

**Table 2**

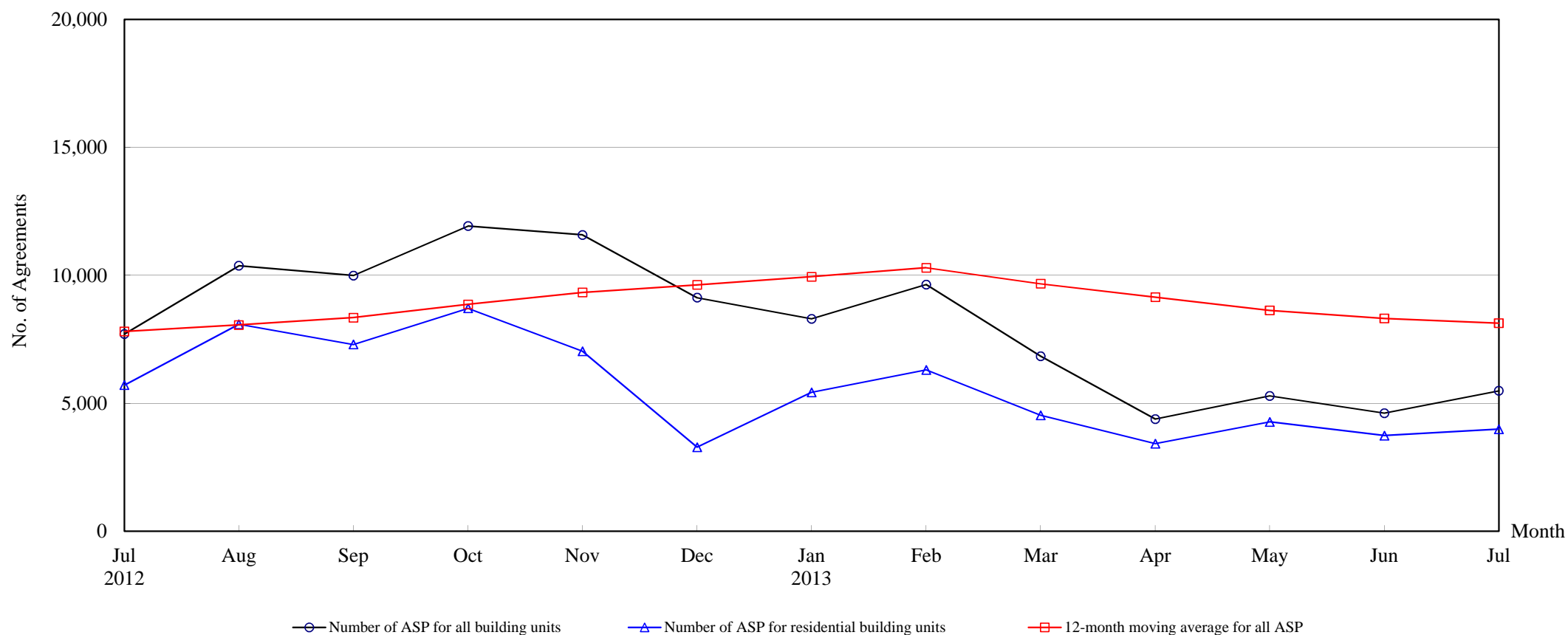
Month : July 2013

Item	2013 July	2013 June	2012 July	July 2013			
				Increase (+) or Decrease (-) as compared with			
				June 2013		July 2012	
No. or Consideration	Percentage	No. or Consideration	Percentage				
1. Agreements for Sale and Purchase of Building Units							
(a) No.	5,489	4,616	7,706	+ 873	+ 18.9	- 2,217	- 28.8
(b) Consideration	27,657	30,875	46,802	- 3,218	- 10.4	- 19,145	- 40.9
2. Agreements for Sale and Purchase of Land							
(a) No.	168	214	199	- 46	- 21.5	- 31	- 15.6
(b) Consideration	3,169	1,389	1,426	+ 1,780	+ 128.1	+ 1,743	+ 122.2
Sub-total of (1) + (2)							
(a) No.	5,657	4,830	7,905	+ 827	+ 17.1	- 2,248	- 28.4
(b) Consideration	30,826	32,264	48,228	- 1,438	- 4.5	- 17,402	- 36.1
3. Assignments of Building Units							
(a) No.	7,302	7,112	11,554	+ 190	+ 2.7	- 4,252	- 36.8
(b) Consideration	50,060	50,910	56,650	- 850	- 1.7	- 6,590	- 11.6
4. Assignments of Land							
(a) No.	508	540	646	- 32	- 5.9	- 138	- 21.4
(b) Consideration	4,762	2,326	2,015	+ 2,436	+ 104.7	+ 2,747	+ 136.3
Sub-total of (3) + (4)							
(a) No.	7,810	7,652	12,200	+ 158	+ 2.1	- 4,390	- 36.0
(b) Consideration	54,822	53,236	58,665	+ 1,586	+ 3.0	- 3,843	- 6.6
5. No. of Building Mortgages/Building Legal Charges	1	22	13	- 21	- 95.5	- 12	- 92.3
6. No. of Other Mortgages/Legal Charges	7,134	6,885	9,931	+ 249	+ 3.6	- 2,797	- 28.2
Sub-total of (5) + (6)	7,135	6,907	9,944	+ 228	+ 3.3	- 2,809	- 28.2
7. No. of Receipts/Discharges/Releases	7,955	6,964	11,055	+ 991	+ 14.2	- 3,100	- 28.0
8. No. of Public Search	400,527	377,299	413,097	+ 23,228	+ 6.2	- 12,570	- 3.0

Note : Consideration rounded to the nearest million Hong Kong dollars.

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**Chart showing the number of Sale and Purchase Agreements of**  
**building units from July 2012 to July 2013**

**Table 3**



**Number of Sale and Purchase Agreements of building units**

Year	2012						2013						
Month	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul
Number of ASP for all building units	7,706	10,377	9,990	11,928	11,581	9,129	8,302	9,643	6,841	4,387	5,288	4,616	5,489
Number of ASP for residential building units <sup>(1)</sup>	5,709	8,087	7,301	8,714	7,035	3,286	5,430	6,307	4,534	3,427	4,276	3,740	3,986
12-month moving average for all ASP <sup>(2)</sup>	7,809	8,062	8,346	8,867	9,333	9,628	9,945	10,297	9,675	9,146	8,630	8,316	8,131

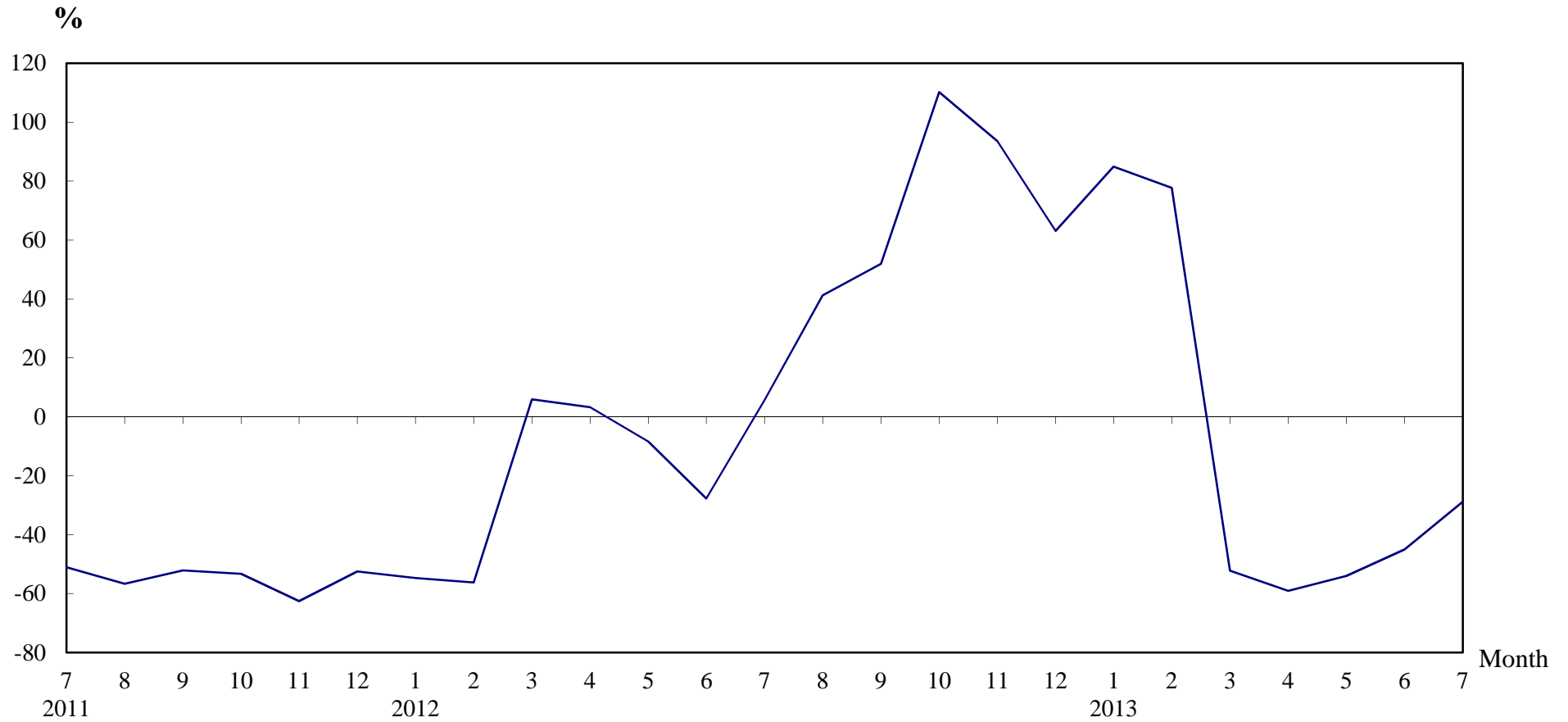
Note : (1) Sales of residential units refer to sale and purchase agreements with payment of stamp duty. These statistics do not include sales of units under the Home Ownership Scheme, the Private Sector Participation Scheme and the Tenants Purchase Scheme unless the premium of the unit concerned has been paid after the sale restriction period.

(2) 12-month moving average is calculated by dividing the sum of the figures of the previous 12 months by 12.

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**Table 4**

**Year-on-year Rate of Change in the Number of Sale and Purchase Agreements**



**Number of Sale and Purchase Agreements of residential and non-residential building units**

Year/Month	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
2011	9,917	12,401	13,501	10,386	12,536	11,601	7,291	7,348	6,579	5,675	5,982	5,597
2012	4,490	5,425	14,306	10,728	11,484	8,389	7,706	10,377	9,990	11,928	11,581	9,129
2013	8,302	9,643	6,841	4,387	5,288	4,616	5,489					

**Table 5****THE LAND REGISTRY****Number of Sale and Purchase Agreements of residential building units and total consideration  
from July 2012 to July 2013**

Year / Month		Range of Consideration ( \$ million )												Total	
		Less than 1		1 to less than 2		2 to less than 3		3 to less than 5		5 to less than 10		10 or over			
		No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	Consideration (\$ million)
2012	7	72	1	663	12	1,200	21	1,821	32	1,512	26	441	8	5,709	31,773
	8	87	1	808	10	2,060	25	3,120	39	1,496	18	516	6	8,087	39,735
	9	68	1	770	11	1,876	26	2,330	32	1,549	21	708	10	7,301	40,437
	10	62	1	595	7	1,679	19	2,705	31	2,626	30	1,047	12	8,714	54,845
	11	76	1	563	8	1,503	21	2,543	36	1,570	22	780	11	7,035	41,968
	12	65	2	362	11	864	26	1,093	33	611	19	291	9	3,286	17,160
2013	1	73	1	400	7	1,190	22	2,079	38	1,229	23	459	8	5,430	28,542
	2	42	1	355	6	1,191	19	2,187	35	1,717	27	815	13	6,307	38,694
	3	64	1	343	8	754	17	1,702	38	1,205	27	466	10	4,534	27,040
	4	37	1	255	7	662	19	1,527	45	638	19	308	9	3,427	18,715
	5	47	1	264	6	904	21	1,929	45	701	16	431	10	4,276	24,026
	6	47	1	245	7	927	25	1,493	40	808	22	220	6	3,740	18,699
	7	52	1	245	6	879	22	1,600	40	888	22	322	8	3,986	20,991

Note : Figures in percentage for individual items may not add up to 100% due to rounding.

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Monthly Statistics in respect of Sale & Purchase Agreements  
of building units received for registration on regional basis

Month: July 2013

Item	District	Sale and Purchase Agreements of Building Units	
		No. of Transactions	(nearest \$million)
1.	Hong Kong	834	6,534
2.	Kowloon	1,493	9,527
3.	Islands	111	456
4.	North	222	710
5.	Sai Kung	314	1,383
6.	Shatin	660	2,586
7.	Tai Po	192	693
8.	Tsuen Wan	769	2,945
9.	Tuen Mun	440	1,245
10.	Yuen Long	454	1,578
	<b>Total</b>	5,489	27,657