

## Press Release

### Land Registry statistics for April

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The Land Registry today (May 5) released its statistics for April 2015.

#### Land registration

- The number of sale and purchase agreements for all building units received for registration in April was 6,223 (+0.2% compared with March and +3.5% compared with April 2014)
- The 12-month moving average for April was 7,524 (0.2% above the 12-month moving average for March and 47.2% above that for April 2014)
- The total consideration for sale and purchase agreements in April was \$44.6 billion (-22.1% compared with March but +23.6% compared with April 2014)
- Among the sale and purchase agreements, 4,549 were for residential units (+5.1% compared with March but -4.9% compared with April 2014)
- The total consideration for sale and purchase agreements in respect of residential units was \$34.9 billion (+9.6% compared with March and +19.9% compared with April 2014)

Statistics on sales of residential units do not include sale and purchase agreements relating to 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.

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 April was 405,852 (-8.8% compared with March but +8.1% compared with April 2014)

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

**THE LAND REGISTRY**  
Consolidated Monthly Statistics in respect of deeds received  
for registration in the Land Registry

**Table 1**

Month : April 2015

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	2,393 ( 2,707 )	3,830 ( 4,330 )	6,223 ( 7,037 )	22,674	21,913	44,587
2.	Agreements for Sale and Purchase of Land	3	232	235	421	1,045	1,466
	Sub-total (1) + (2)	2,396	4,062	6,458	23,095	22,958	46,053
3.	Assignments of Building Units	3,959 ( 4,455 )	5,459 ( 6,135 )	9,418 ( 10,590 )	26,795	24,741	51,536
4.	Assignments of Land	7	565	572	1,393	1,993	3,386
	Sub-total (3) + (4)	3,966	6,024	9,990	28,188	26,734	54,922
5.	Building Mortgages/Building Legal Charges	0	1	1			
6.	Other Mortgages/Legal Charges	3,618	5,315	8,933			
	Sub-total (5) + (6)	3,618	5,316	8,934			
7.	Receipts/Discharges/Releases	3,934	4,933	8,867			
8.	Leases/Tenancy Agreements	235	135	370			
9.	Exclusion Orders	0	0	0			
10.	Others	4,148	4,360	8,508			
	Total	18,297	24,830	43,127			

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

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**Comparison of Monthly Statistics**

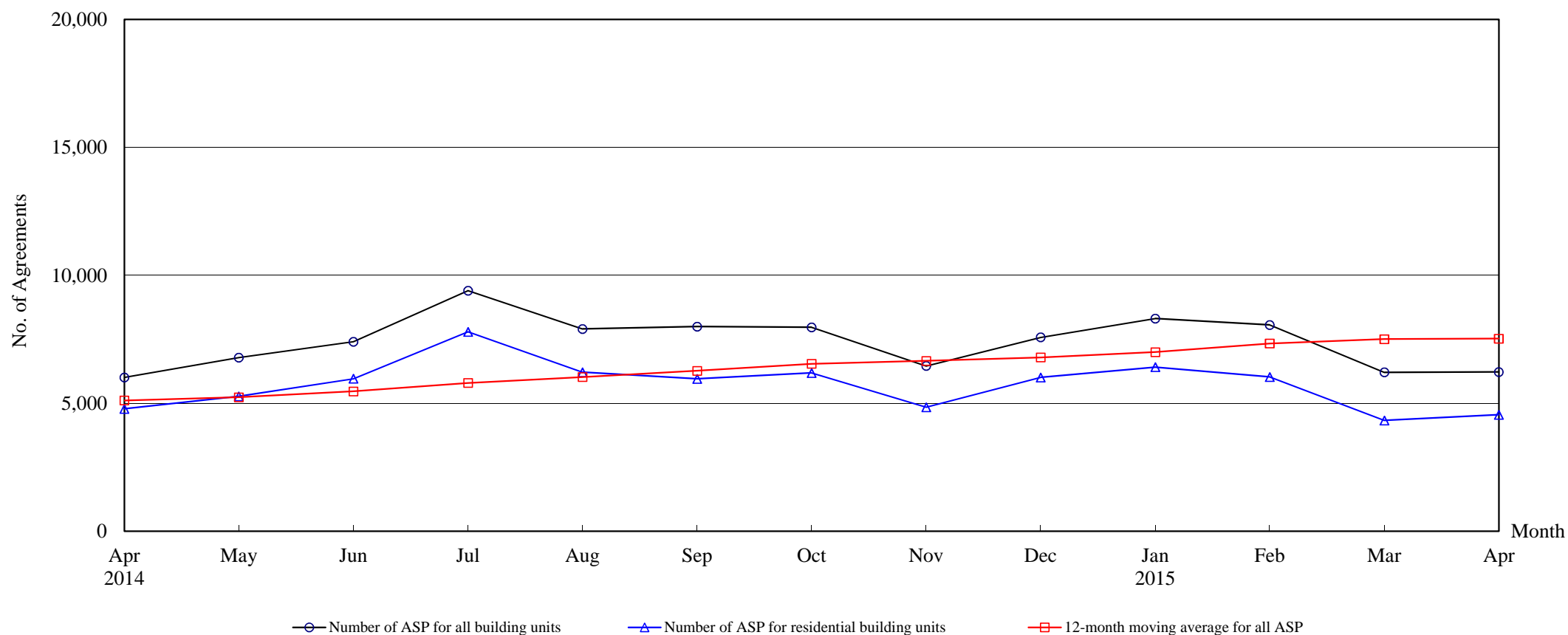
**Table 2**

Month : April 2015

Item	2015 April	2015 March	2014 April	April 2015			
				Increase (+) or Decrease (-) as compared with			
				March 2015		April 2014	
No. or Consideration	Percentage	No. or Consideration	Percentage				
<b>1. Agreements for Sale and Purchase of Building Units</b>							
(a) No.	6,223	6,211	6,012	+ 12	+ 0.2	+ 211	+ 3.5
(b) Consideration	44,587	57,207	36,068	- 12,620	- 22.1	+ 8,519	+ 23.6
<b>2. Agreements for Sale and Purchase of Land</b>							
(a) No.	235	285	166	- 50	- 17.5	+ 69	+ 41.6
(b) Consideration	1,466	12,698	1,799	- 11,232	- 88.5	- 333	- 18.5
<b>Sub-total of (1) + (2)</b>							
(a) No.	6,458	6,496	6,178	- 38	- 0.6	+ 280	+ 4.5
(b) Consideration	46,053	69,905	37,867	- 23,852	- 34.1	+ 8,186	+ 21.6
<b>3. Assignments of Building Units</b>							
(a) No.	9,418	8,614	6,012	+ 804	+ 9.3	+ 3,406	+ 56.7
(b) Consideration	51,536	59,093	31,659	- 7,557	- 12.8	+ 19,877	+ 62.8
<b>4. Assignments of Land</b>							
(a) No.	572	570	482	+ 2	+ 0.4	+ 90	+ 18.7
(b) Consideration	3,386	18,183	2,489	- 14,797	- 81.4	+ 897	+ 36.0
<b>Sub-total of (3) + (4)</b>							
(a) No.	9,990	9,184	6,494	+ 806	+ 8.8	+ 3,496	+ 53.8
(b) Consideration	54,922	77,276	34,148	- 22,354	- 28.9	+ 20,774	+ 60.8
<b>5. No. of Building Mortgages/Building Legal Charges</b>	1	7	11	- 6	- 85.7	- 10	- 90.9
<b>6. No. of Other Mortgages/Legal Charges</b>	8,933	8,217	5,673	+ 716	+ 8.7	+ 3,260	+ 57.5
<b>Sub-total of (5) + (6)</b>	8,934	8,224	5,684	+ 710	+ 8.6	+ 3,250	+ 57.2
<b>7. No. of Receipts/Discharges/Releases</b>	8,867	9,265	6,167	- 398	- 4.3	+ 2,700	+ 43.8
<b>8. No. of Public Search</b>	405,852	444,935	375,565	- 39,083	- 8.8	+ 30,287	+ 8.1

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

**The Land Registry**  
**Chart showing the number of Sale and Purchase Agreements of**  
**building units from April 2014 to April 2015**



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

Year	2014										2015			
Month	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	
Number of ASP for all building units	6,012	6,785	7,404	9,400	7,902	7,996	7,967	6,457	7,578	8,310	8,060	6,211	6,223	
Number of ASP for residential building units <sup>(1)</sup>	4,781	5,270	5,960	7,792	6,212	5,958	6,189	4,848	6,009	6,412	6,027	4,329	4,549	
12-month moving average for all ASP <sup>(2)</sup>	5,111	5,236	5,468	5,794	6,026	6,267	6,543	6,660	6,791	6,999	7,338	7,507	7,524	

Note : (1) Statistics on sales of residential units 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.



**Table 5****THE LAND REGISTRY****Number of Sale and Purchase Agreements of residential building units and total consideration  
from April 2014 to April 2015**

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)
2014	4	32	1	221	5	804	17	1,842	39	1,449	30	433	9	4,781	29,117
	5	30	1	259	5	975	19	2,112	40	1,389	26	505	10	5,270	31,862
	6	27	0	258	4	948	16	2,150	36	2,095	35	482	8	5,960	33,877
	7	38	0	232	3	1,000	13	2,534	33	2,671	34	1,317	17	7,792	57,113
	8	30	0	221	4	789	13	2,158	35	2,306	37	708	11	6,212	42,035
	9	28	0	220	4	827	14	2,279	38	1,850	31	754	13	5,958	42,164
	10	34	1	196	3	726	12	2,089	34	2,051	33	1,093	18	6,189	49,704
	11	32	1	185	4	563	12	1,802	37	1,657	34	609	13	4,848	34,821
	12	26	0	180	3	569	9	2,108	35	2,374	40	752	13	6,009	43,831
2015	1	32	0	193	3	586	9	2,523	39	2,450	38	628	10	6,412	43,209
	2	29	0	182	3	506	8	2,309	38	2,329	39	672	11	6,027	40,851
	3	35	1	154	4	412	10	1,559	36	1,606	37	563	13	4,329	31,843
	4	24	1	154	3	337	7	1,243	27	2,140	47	651	14	4,549	34,899

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

## THE LAND REGISTRY

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

Month: April 2015

Item	District	Sale and Purchase Agreements of Building Units	
		No. of Transactions	(nearest \$million)
1.	Hong Kong	936	11,416
2.	Kowloon	1,457	11,258
3.	Islands	172	1,062
4.	North	165	734
5.	Sai Kung	1,285	9,614
6.	Shatin	471	2,917
7.	Tai Po	239	1,488
8.	Tsuen Wan	570	3,003
9.	Tuen Mun	400	1,412
10.	Yuen Long	528	1,683
	<b>Total</b>	6,223	44,587