

**The Land Registry Monthly Press Release  
Figures on Agreements for Sale and Purchase  
and Statistical Tables on Instruments  
Received for Registration in August 2007**

The total number of sale and purchase agreements for all types of building units received for registration in the Land Registry in August 2007 was 13,664. This was an increase of 22.9% over July 2007 and 58.3% compared with August 2006. Using a 12-month moving average, the figure for August 2007 represented an increase of 4.2% over July 2007 and 30.4% compared with August 2006. The total consideration of these agreements in the month was \$44.2 billion, up 16.3% over July 2007 and 76.3% compared with the amount for August 2006.

Among the 13,664 sale and purchase agreements, 11,480 were sale and purchase agreements for residential units. This was an increase of 24.9% over July 2007 and 63.3% compared with August 2006. The total consideration of these agreements in the month was \$36.8 billion, up 27.9% over July 2007 and 74.7% compared with the amount for August 2006. Sales of residential units refer to the 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 except those after payment of premium.

The figures are contained in the monthly statistics released today by the Land Registry on deeds relating to property transactions received for registration in the Land Registry in August 2007.

Relevant statistics for July 2007 and August 2006 are provided for comparison. 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 are also 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.

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

Month : August 2007

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	7,171 ( 8,087 )	6,493 ( 7,094 )	13,664 ( 15,181 )	30,326	13,870	44,196
2.	Agreements for Sale and Purchase of Land	20	203	223	1,388	1,023	2,411
	Sub-total (1) + (2)	7,191	6,696	13,887	31,714	14,893	46,607
3.	Assignments of Building Units	7,925 ( 9,142 )	6,627 ( 7,172 )	14,552 ( 16,314 )	31,013	12,880	43,893
4.	Assignments of Land	30	523	553	3,640	941	4,581
	Sub-total (3) + (4)	7,955	7,150	15,105	34,653	13,821	48,474
5.	Building Mortgages/Building Legal Charges	1	10	11			
6.	Other Mortgages/Legal Charges	6,747	5,982	12,729			
	Sub-total (5) + (6)	6,748	5,992	12,740			
7.	Receipts/Discharges/Releases	7,454	7,001	14,455			
8.	Leases/Tenancy Agreements	358	219	577			
9.	Exclusion Orders	0	0	0			
10.	Others	6,692	4,959	11,651			
	Total	36,398	32,017	68,415			

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

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**Comparison of Monthly Statistics**

**Table 2**

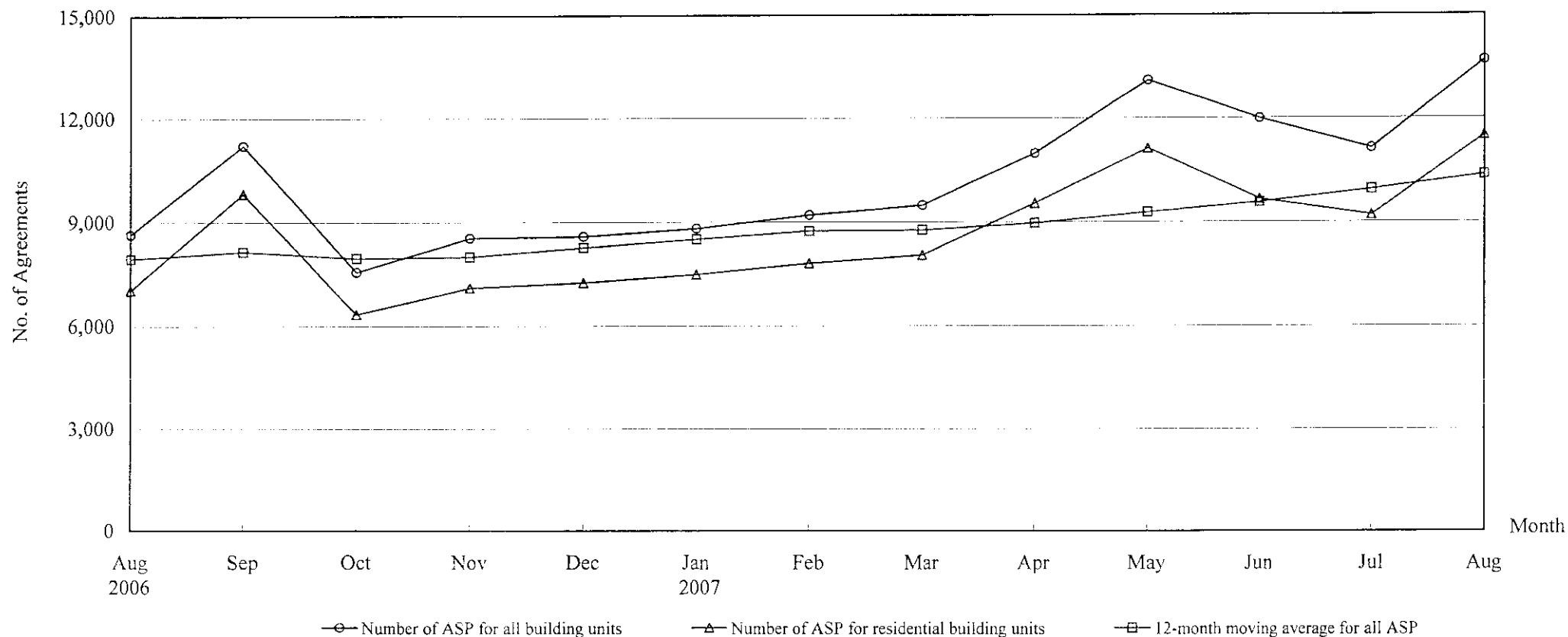
Month : August 2007

Item	2007 August	2007 July	2006 August	August 2007 Increase (+) or Decrease (-) as compared with				
				July 2007		August 2006		
				No. or Consideration	Percentage	No. or Consideration	Percentage	
1. Agreements for Sale and Purchase of Building Units								
(a) No.	13,664	11,121	8,634	+ 2,543	+ 22.9	+ 5,030	+ 58.3	
(b) Consideration	44,196	38,009	25,064	+ 6,187	+ 16.3	+ 19,132	+ 76.3	
2. Agreements for Sale and Purchase of Land								
(a) No.	223	186	176	+ 37	+ 19.9	+ 47	+ 26.7	
(b) Consideration	2,411	2,910	1,882	- 499	- 17.1	+ 529	+ 28.1	
Sub-total of (1) + (2)								
(a) No.	13,887	11,307	8,810	+ 2,580	+ 22.8	+ 5,077	+ 57.6	
(b) Consideration	46,607	40,919	26,946	+ 5,688	+ 13.9	+ 19,661	+ 73.0	
3. Assignments of Building Units								
(a) No.	14,552	15,071	11,738	- 519	- 3.4	+ 2,814	+ 24.0	
(b) Consideration	43,893	42,881	31,843	+ 1,012	+ 2.4	+ 12,050	+ 37.8	
4. Assignments of Land								
(a) No.	553	513	591	+ 40	+ 7.8	- 38	- 6.4	
(b) Consideration	4,581	2,010	4,156	+ 2,571	+ 127.9	+ 425	+ 10.2	
Sub-total of (3) + (4)								
(a) No.	15,105	15,584	12,329	- 479	- 3.1	+ 2,776	+ 22.5	
(b) Consideration	48,474	44,891	35,999	+ 3,583	+ 8.0	+ 12,475	+ 34.7	
5. No. of Building Mortgages/Building Legal Charges	11	8	14	+ 3	+ 37.5	- 3	- 21.4	
6. No. of Other Mortgages/Legal Charges	12,729	13,396	9,247	- 667	- 5.0	+ 3,482	+ 37.7	
Sub-total of (5) + (6)	12,740	13,404	9,261	- 664	- 5.0	+ 3,479	+ 37.6	
7. No. of Receipts/Discharges/Releases	14,455	13,438	11,625	+ 1,017	+ 7.6	+ 2,830	+ 24.3	

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 August 2006 to August 2007**

**Table 3**



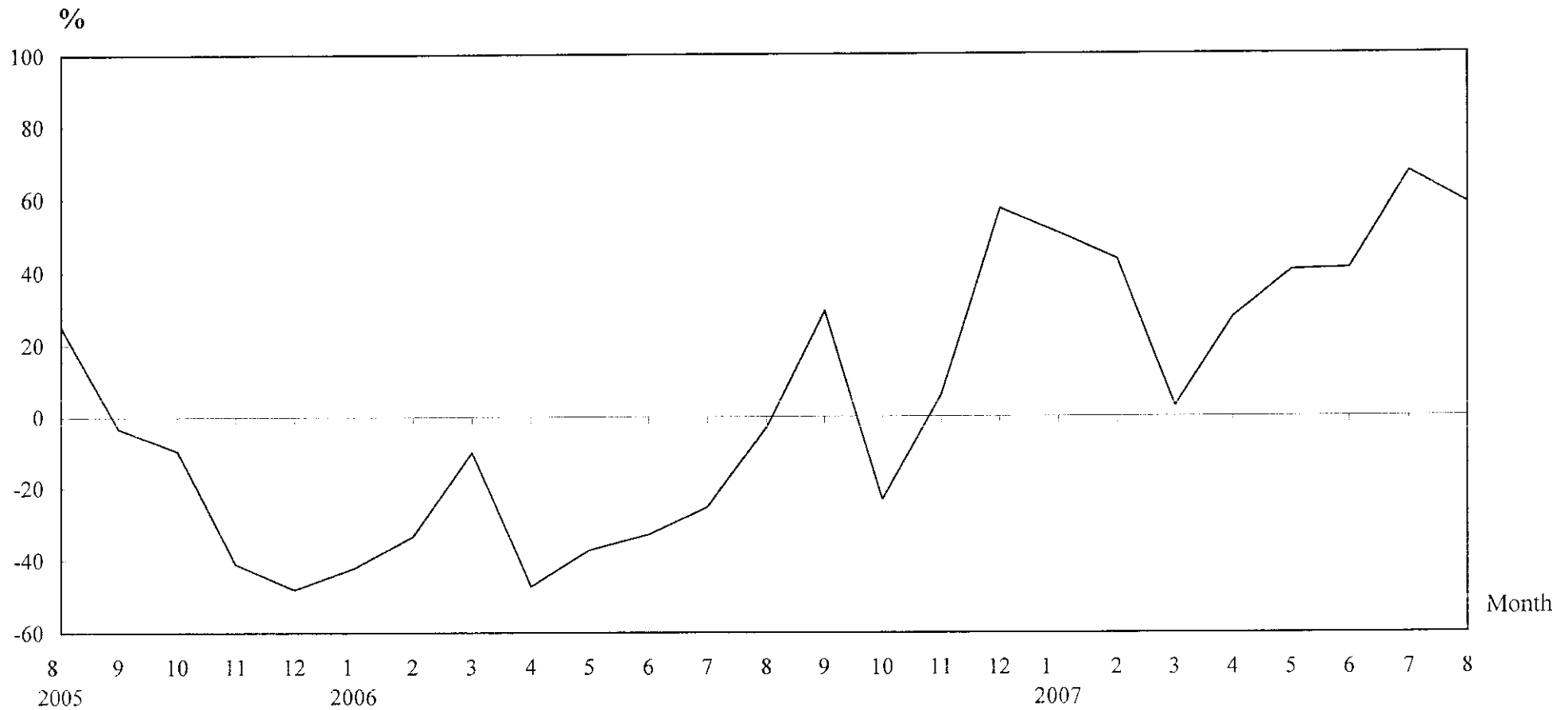
**Number of Sale and Purchase Agreements of building units**

Year	2006					2007							
Month	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug
Number of ASP for all building units	8,634	11,206	7,554	8,539	8,579	8,807	9,188	9,470	10,973	13,090	11,979	11,121	13,664
Number of ASP for residential building units	7,032	9,811	6,335	7,106	7,255	7,485	7,804	8,039	9,530	11,110	9,653	9,188	11,480
12-month moving average for all ASP	7,938	8,149	7,957	7,997	8,257	8,503	8,735	8,756	8,954	9,267	9,557	9,928	10,348

Note : 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 except those after payment of premium.

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

**Table 4**



**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
2005	10,138	9,631	10,238	16,280	14,853	12,672	8,933	8,907	8,670	9,861	8,058	5,456
2006	5,855	6,413	9,208	8,598	9,332	8,508	6,661	8,634	11,206	7,554	8,539	8,579
2007	8,807	9,188	9,470	10,973	13,090	11,979	11,121	13,664				

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### Number of Sale and Purchase Agreements of residential building units and total consideration from August 2006 to August 2007

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)
2006	8	1,632	23	2,232	32	1,326	19	1,108	16	521	7	213	3	7,032	21,036
	9	1,713	17	2,242	23	2,739	28	2,164	22	725	7	228	2	9,811	28,968
	10	1,515	24	2,108	33	1,103	17	938	15	468	7	203	3	6,335	18,152
	11	1,885	27	2,525	36	1,080	15	881	12	501	7	234	3	7,106	19,461
	12	1,661	23	2,505	35	1,081	15	962	13	739	10	307	4	7,255	22,370
2007	1	1,791	24	2,631	35	1,284	17	928	12	564	8	287	4	7,485	21,351
	2	1,636	21	2,852	37	1,485	19	1,024	13	504	6	303	4	7,804	22,132
	3	1,700	21	2,995	37	1,343	17	1,049	13	609	8	343	4	8,039	25,191
	4	1,747	18	3,514	37	1,228	13	1,497	16	730	8	814	9	9,530	39,442
	5	2,215	20	4,054	36	1,707	15	1,605	14	918	8	611	5	11,110	38,187
	6	1,819	19	3,543	37	1,632	17	1,483	15	790	8	386	4	9,653	31,680
	7	1,621	18	3,290	36	1,704	19	1,424	15	761	8	388	4	9,188	28,732
	8	1,814	16	4,533	39	2,153	19	1,665	15	836	7	479	4	11,480	36,760

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: August 2007

Item	District	Sale and Purchase Agreements of Building Units	
		No. of Transactions	Consideration (nearest \$million)
1.	Hong Kong	3,155	17,624
2.	Kowloon	4,016	12,702
3.	Islands	525	1,563
4.	North	457	701
5.	Sai Kung	814	2,262
6.	Shatin	1,005	2,155
7.	Tai Po	588	1,272
8.	Tsuen Wan	1,431	3,552
9.	Tuen Mun	891	1,116
10.	Yuen Long	782	1,249
	<b>Total</b>	13,664	44,196