

## Press Release

### Land Registry statistics for January

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The Land Registry today (February 4) released its statistics for January 2013.

#### Land registration

- The number of sale and purchase agreements for all building units received for registration in January was 8,302 (-9.1% compared with December 2012 but +84.9% compared with January 2012)
- The 12-month moving average for January was 9,945 (3.3% above the 12-month moving average for December 2012 and 15.4% above that for January 2012)
- The total consideration for sale and purchase agreements in January was \$50.1 billion (+20.7% compared with December 2012 and +80.3% compared with January 2012)
- Among the sale and purchase agreements, 5,430 were for residential units (+65.2% compared with December 2012 and +54.8% compared with January 2012)
- The total consideration for sale and purchase agreements in respect of residential units was \$28.5 billion (+66.3% compared with December 2012 and +28.6% compared with January 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 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 January was 458,388 (+25.1% compared with December 2012 and +63.3% compared with January 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 : January 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	4,031 ( 4,543 )	4,271 ( 4,680 )	8,302 ( 9,223 )	32,526	17,605	50,131
2.	Agreements for Sale and Purchase of Land	5	176	181	521	1,322	1,843
	Sub-total (1) + (2)	4,036	4,447	8,483	33,047	18,927	51,974
3.	Assignments of Building Units	5,894 ( 6,714 )	8,464 ( 9,606 )	14,358 ( 16,320 )	43,360	19,545	62,905
4.	Assignments of Land	15	773	788	2,579	1,647	4,226
	Sub-total (3) + (4)	5,909	9,237	15,146	45,939	21,192	67,131
5.	Building Mortgages/Building Legal Charges	2	19	21			
6.	Other Mortgages/Legal Charges	4,522	5,050	9,572			
	Sub-total (5) + (6)	4,524	5,069	9,593			
7.	Receipts/Discharges/Releases	4,989	5,832	10,821			
8.	Leases/Tenancy Agreements	260	132	392			
9.	Exclusion Orders	0	0	0			
10.	Others	4,807	5,485	10,292			
	Total	24,525	30,202	54,727			

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

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**Comparison of Monthly Statistics**

**Table 2**

Month : January 2013

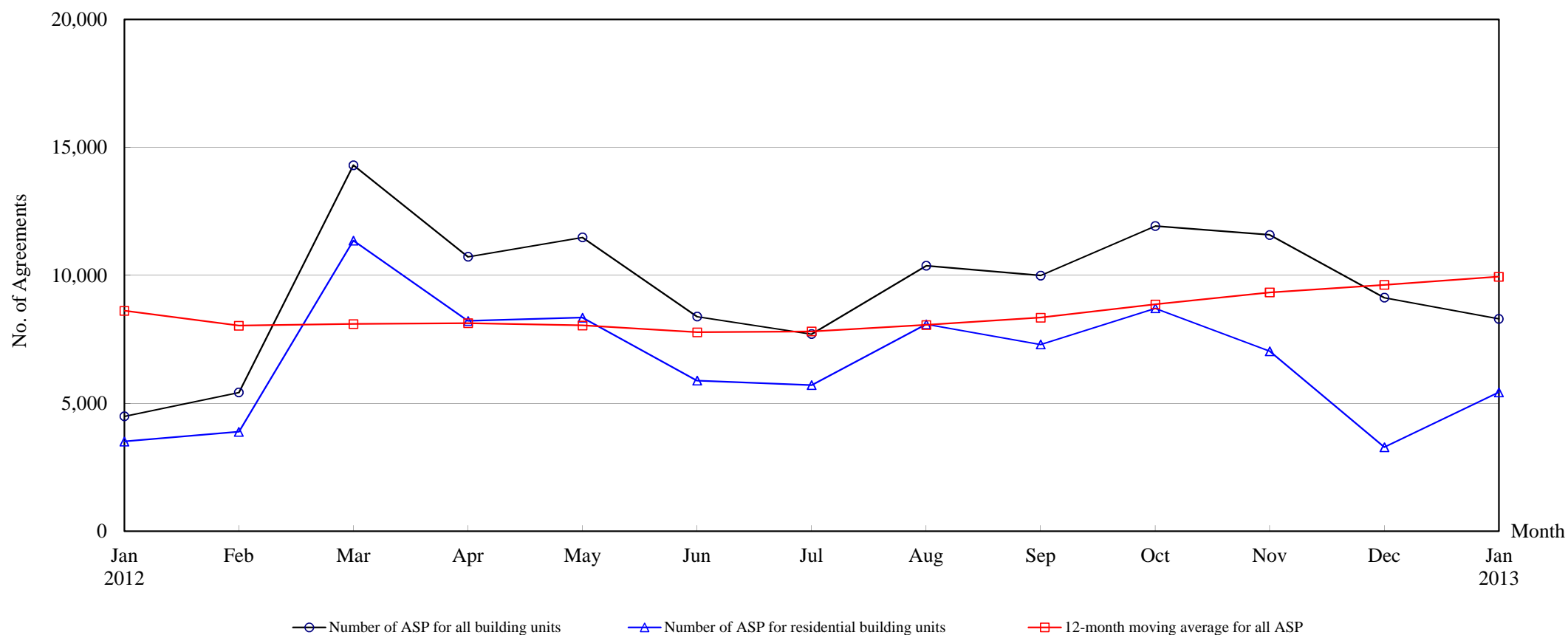
Item	2013 January	2012 December	2012 January	January 2013					
				Increase (+) or Decrease (-) as compared with					
				December 2012		January 2012			
No. or	Consideration	Percentage	No. or	Consideration	Percentage				
1. Agreements for Sale and Purchase of Building Units									
(a) No.	8,302	9,129	4,490	-	827	-	9.1	+ 3,812	+ 84.9
(b) Consideration	50,131	41,547	27,809	+	8,584	+	20.7	+ 22,322	+ 80.3
2. Agreements for Sale and Purchase of Land									
(a) No.	181	186	149	-	5	-	2.7	+ 32	+ 21.5
(b) Consideration	1,843	2,626	907	-	783	-	29.8	+ 936	+ 103.2
Sub-total of (1) + (2)									
(a) No.	8,483	9,315	4,639	-	832	-	8.9	+ 3,844	+ 82.9
(b) Consideration	51,974	44,173	28,716	+	7,801	+	17.7	+ 23,258	+ 81.0
3. Assignments of Building Units									
(a) No.	14,358	12,020	6,349	+	2,338	+	19.5	+ 8,009	+ 126.1
(b) Consideration	62,905	73,104	27,793	-	10,199	-	14.0	+ 35,112	+ 126.3
4. Assignments of Land									
(a) No.	788	650	541	+	138	+	21.2	+ 247	+ 45.7
(b) Consideration	4,226	5,438	1,351	-	1,212	-	22.3	+ 2,875	+ 212.8
Sub-total of (3) + (4)									
(a) No.	15,146	12,670	6,890	+	2,476	+	19.5	+ 8,256	+ 119.8
(b) Consideration	67,131	78,542	29,144	-	11,411	-	14.5	+ 37,987	+ 130.3
5. No. of Building Mortgages/Building Legal Charges	21	5	25	+	16	+	320.0	- 4	- 16.0
6. No. of Other Mortgages/Legal Charges	9,572	9,221	5,096	+	351	+	3.8	+ 4,476	+ 87.8
Sub-total of (5) + (6)	9,593	9,226	5,121	+	367	+	4.0	+ 4,472	+ 87.3
7. No. of Receipts/Discharges/Releases	10,821	9,215	6,382	+	1,606	+	17.4	+ 4,439	+ 69.6
8. No. of Public Search	458,388	366,411	280,782	+	91,977	+	25.1	+ 177,606	+ 63.3

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 January 2012 to January 2013

**Table 3**



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

Year	2012												2013
Month	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan
Number of ASP for all building units	4,490	5,425	14,306	10,728	11,484	8,389	7,706	10,377	9,990	11,928	11,581	9,129	8,302
Number of ASP for residential building units <sup>(1)</sup>	3,507	3,884	11,358	8,217	8,349	5,886	5,709	8,087	7,301	8,714	7,035	3,286	5,430
12-month moving average for all ASP <sup>(2)</sup>	8,616	8,034	8,101	8,130	8,042	7,775	7,809	8,062	8,346	8,867	9,333	9,628	9,945

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 except those after payment of premium.

(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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**Number of Sale and Purchase Agreements of residential building units and total consideration  
from January 2012 to January 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	1	82	2	644	18	787	22	728	21	881	25	385	11	3,507	22,187
	2	91	2	771	20	1,050	27	965	25	713	18	294	8	3,884	19,031
	3	114	1	1,729	15	3,138	28	3,176	28	2,181	19	1,020	9	11,358	59,040
	4	95	1	1,168	14	2,271	28	2,311	28	1,660	20	712	9	8,217	44,677
	5	105	1	1,067	13	2,165	26	2,638	32	1,652	20	722	9	8,349	47,352
	6	93	2	808	14	1,475	25	1,682	29	1,306	22	522	9	5,886	34,070
	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

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: January 2013

Item	District	Sale and Purchase Agreements of Building Units	
		No. of Transactions	(nearest \$million)
1.	Hong Kong	1,446	13,696
2.	Kowloon	2,585	18,830
3.	Islands	120	885
4.	North	228	663
5.	Sai Kung	384	1,952
6.	Shatin	678	3,346
7.	Tai Po	264	1,228
8.	Tsuen Wan	1,241	5,265
9.	Tuen Mun	539	1,543
10.	Yuen Long	817	2,723
	<b>Total</b>	8,302	50,131