

## Press Releases

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Land Registry releases statistics for August  
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The Land Registry today (September 2) released its statistics for August 2016.

### Land registration -----

\* The number of sale and purchase agreements for all building units received for registration in August was 7,430 (+38.8 per cent compared with July and +43.0 per cent compared with August 2015)

\* The 12-month moving average for August was 4,945 (3.9 per cent above the 12-month moving average for July but 31.1 per cent below that for August 2015)

\* The total consideration for sale and purchase agreements in August was \$57.3 billion (+58.8 per cent compared with July and +50.5 per cent compared with August 2015)

\* Among the sale and purchase agreements, 5,821 were for residential units (+37.2 per cent compared with July and +49.4 per cent compared with August 2015)

\* The total consideration for sale and purchase agreements in respect of residential units was \$40.6 billion (+36.7 per cent compared with July and +30.8 per cent compared with August 2015)

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 August was 428,417 (+11.6 per cent compared with July and +4.2 per cent compared with August 2015)

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

**Table 1**

Month : August 2016

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	3,205 ( 3,760 )	4,225 ( 4,418 )	7,430 ( 8,178 )	35,863	21,468	57,331
2.	Agreements for Sale and Purchase of Land	4	214	218	1,286	971	2,257
	Sub-total (1) + (2)	3,209	4,439	7,648	37,149	22,439	59,588
3.	Assignments of Building Units	3,193 ( 3,927 )	3,216 ( 3,447 )	6,409 ( 7,374 )	30,276	13,598	43,874
4.	Assignments of Land	2	394	396	84	785	869
	Sub-total (3) + (4)	3,195	3,610	6,805	30,360	14,383	44,743
5.	Building Mortgages/Building Legal Charges	0	2	2			
6.	Other Mortgages/Legal Charges	3,461	3,474	6,935			
	Sub-total (5) + (6)	3,461	3,476	6,937			
7.	Receipts/Discharges/Releases	3,336	4,146	7,482			
8.	Leases/Tenancy Agreements	269	118	387			
9.	Exclusion Orders	0	0	0			
10.	Others	4,119	3,927	8,046			
	Total	17,589	19,716	37,305			

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

**THE LAND REGISTRY**  
**Comparison of Monthly Statistics**

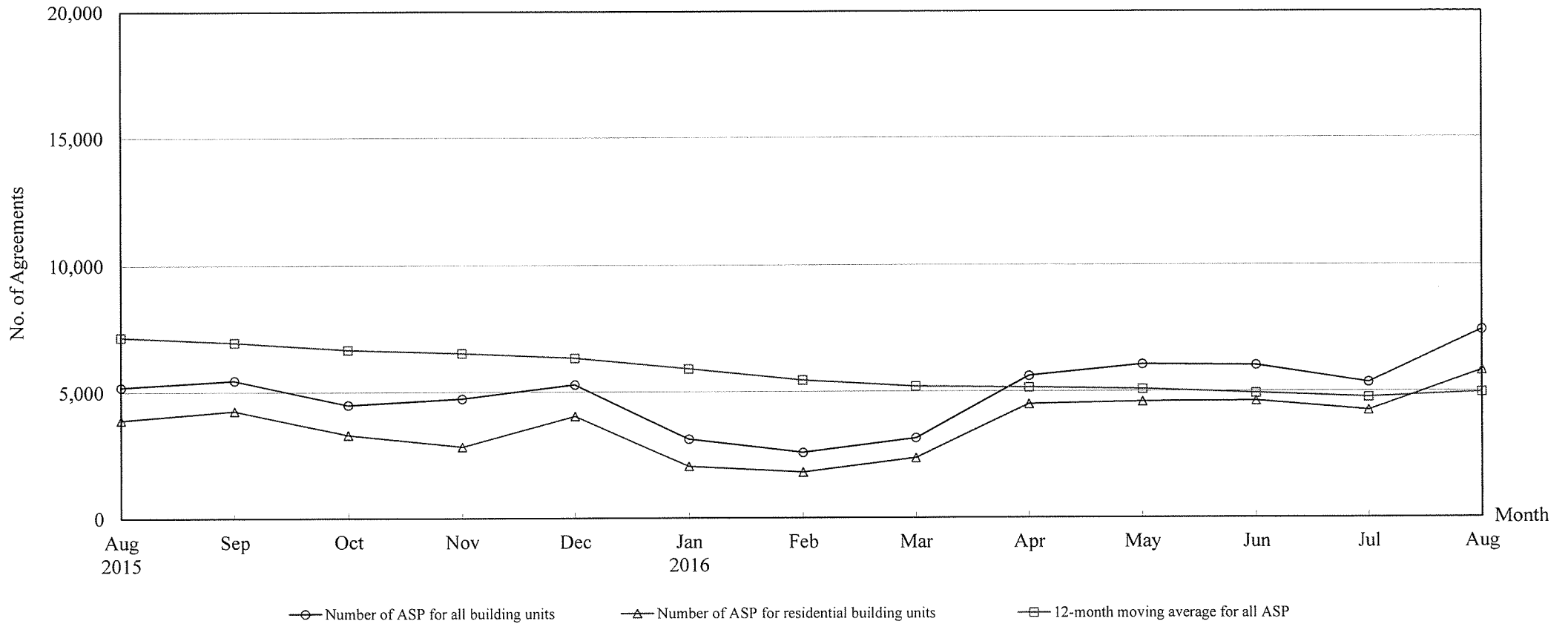
**Table 2**

Month : August 2016

Item	2016 August	2016 July	2015 August	August 2016			
				Increase (+) or Decrease (-) as compared with			
				July 2016		August 2015	
No. or Consideration	Percentage	No. or Consideration	Percentage				
1. Agreements for Sale and Purchase of Building Units							
(a) No.	7,430	5,354	5,197	+ 2,076	+ 38.8	+ 2,233	+ 43.0
(b) Consideration	57,331	36,113	38,089	+ 21,218	+ 58.8	+ 19,242	+ 50.5
2. Agreements for Sale and Purchase of Land							
(a) No.	218	193	248	+ 25	+ 13.0	- 30	- 12.1
(b) Consideration	2,257	1,782	1,602	+ 475	+ 26.7	+ 655	+ 40.9
Sub-total of (1) + (2)							
(a) No.	7,648	5,547	5,445	+ 2,101	+ 37.9	+ 2,203	+ 40.5
(b) Consideration	59,588	37,895	39,691	+ 21,693	+ 57.2	+ 19,897	+ 50.1
3. Assignments of Building Units							
(a) No.	6,409	6,360	8,553	+ 49	+ 0.8	- 2,144	- 25.1
(b) Consideration	43,874	39,468	43,820	+ 4,406	+ 11.2	+ 54	+ 0.1
4. Assignments of Land							
(a) No.	396	409	541	- 13	- 3.2	- 145	- 26.8
(b) Consideration	869	2,471	4,015	- 1,602	- 64.8	- 3,146	- 78.4
Sub-total of (3) + (4)							
(a) No.	6,805	6,769	9,094	+ 36	+ 0.5	- 2,289	- 25.2
(b) Consideration	44,743	41,939	47,835	+ 2,804	+ 6.7	- 3,092	- 6.5
5. No. of Building Mortgages/Building Legal Charges	2	2	8	0	0.0	- 6	- 75.0
6. No. of Other Mortgages/Legal Charges	6,935	6,603	8,456	+ 332	+ 5.0	- 1,521	- 18.0
Sub-total of (5) + (6)	6,937	6,605	8,464	+ 332	+ 5.0	- 1,527	- 18.0
7. No. of Receipts/Discharges/Releases	7,482	7,358	8,818	+ 124	+ 1.7	- 1,336	- 15.2
8. No. of Public Search	428,417	384,052	411,049	+ 44,365	+ 11.6	+ 17,368	+ 4.2

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 August 2015 to August 2016**



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

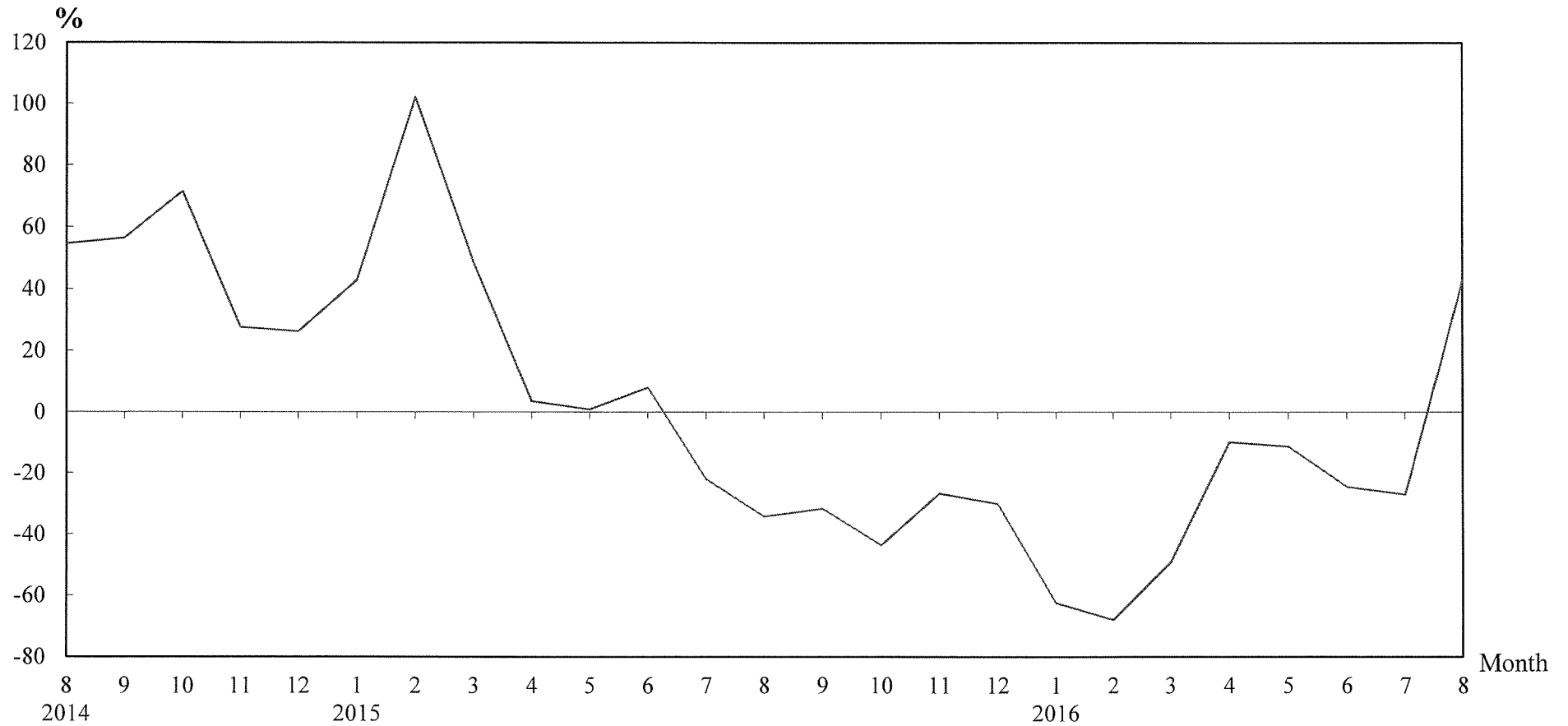
Year	2015					2016							
Month	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug
Number of ASP for all building units	5,197	5,467	4,491	4,736	5,294	3,123	2,583	3,154	5,613	6,065	6,033	5,354	7,430
Number of ASP for residential building units <sup>(1)</sup>	3,896	4,263	3,300	2,826	4,043	2,045	1,807	2,369	4,494	4,586	4,620	4,243	5,821
12-month moving average for all ASP <sup>(2)</sup>	7,181	6,970	6,680	6,537	6,347	5,914	5,458	5,203	5,152	5,088	4,925	4,759	4,945

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.

**The Land Registry**  
**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
2014	5,817	3,987	4,184	6,012	6,785	7,404	9,400	7,902	7,996	7,967	6,457	7,578
2015	8,310	8,060	6,211	6,223	6,839	7,993	7,338	5,197	5,467	4,491	4,736	5,294
2016	3,123	2,583	3,154	5,613	6,065	6,033	5,354	7,430				

**Table 5****THE LAND REGISTRY****Number of Sale and Purchase Agreements of residential building units and total consideration  
from August 2015 to August 2016**

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)
2015	8	27	1	113	3	288	7	1,276	33	1,677	43	515	13	3,896	31,065
	9	34	1	113	3	244	6	1,672	39	1,629	38	571	13	4,263	33,520
	10	22	1	97	3	259	8	1,184	36	1,348	41	390	12	3,300	22,521
	11	30	1	96	3	221	8	1,168	41	847	30	464	16	2,826	20,797
	12	28	1	118	3	269	7	1,196	30	1,939	48	493	12	4,043	29,822
2016	1	22	1	95	5	212	10	830	41	641	31	245	12	2,045	15,800
	2	18	1	80	4	241	13	774	43	505	28	189	10	1,807	11,769
	3	29	1	93	4	255	11	1,031	44	681	29	280	12	2,369	17,106
	4	27	1	127	3	380	8	1,914	43	1,371	31	675	15	4,494	34,494
	5	30	1	106	2	391	9	1,694	37	1,508	33	857	19	4,586	40,916
	6	21	0	106	2	393	9	1,909	41	1,643	36	548	12	4,620	32,603
	7	26	1	118	3	390	9	1,647	39	1,582	37	480	11	4,243	29,733
	8	25	0	130	2	516	9	2,235	38	2,223	38	692	12	5,821	40,637

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: August 2016

Item	District	Sale and Purchase Agreements of Building Units	
		No. of Transactions	(nearest \$million)
1.	Hong Kong	1,311	18,139
2.	Kowloon	1,894	17,724
3.	Islands	125	669
4.	North	187	675
5.	Sai Kung	594	3,441
6.	Shatin	872	4,667
7.	Tai Po	254	1,689
8.	Tsuen Wan	618	2,972
9.	Tuen Mun	689	2,838
10.	Yuen Long	886	4,517
	<b>Total</b>	7,430	57,331