

## Land Registry releases statistics for March

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The Land Registry today (April 2) released its statistics for March 2019.

## Land registration

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- \* The number of sale and purchase agreements for all building units received for registration in March was 6,428 (+28.6 per cent compared with February 2019 and +0.2 per cent compared with March 2018)
- \* The 12-month moving average for March was 6,260 (0.02 per cent above the 12-month moving average for February 2019 and 13.1 per cent below that for March 2018)
- \* The total consideration for sale and purchase agreements in March was \$52.8 billion (+26.8 per cent compared with February 2019 and +4.6 per cent compared with March 2018)
- \* Among the sale and purchase agreements, 5,231 were for residential units (+27.9 per cent compared with February 2019 and +22.7 per cent compared with March 2018)
- \* The total consideration for sale and purchase agreements in respect of residential units was \$45.9 billion (+27.1 per cent compared with February 2019 and +18.2 per cent compared with March 2018)

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

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- \* The number of searches of land registers made by the public in March was 465,994 (+49.3 per cent compared with February 2019 and +3.0 per cent compared with March 2018)

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

**Table 1**

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

Month : March 2019

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	2,896 ( 3,074 )	3,532 ( 3,643 )	6,428 ( 6,717 )	27,801	25,025	52,826
2.	Agreements for Sale and Purchase of Land	2	178	180	48	919	967
	Sub-total (1) + (2)	2,898	3,710	6,608	27,849	25,944	53,793
3.	Assignments of Building Units	2,855 ( 3,125 )	2,254 ( 2,401 )	5,109 ( 5,526 )	28,099	19,742	47,841
4.	Assignments of Land	3	387	390	344	1,724	2,068
	Sub-total (3) + (4)	2,858	2,641	5,499	28,443	21,466	49,909
5.	Building Mortgages/Building Legal Charges	0	0	0			
6.	Other Mortgages/Legal Charges	3,240	2,963	6,203			
	Sub-total (5) + (6)	3,240	2,963	6,203			
7.	Receipts/Discharges/Releases	2,927	3,360	6,287			
8.	Leases/Tenancy Agreements	228	103	331			
9.	Exclusion Orders	0	0	0			
10.	Others	4,262	3,995	8,257			
	Total	16,413	16,772	33,185			

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

**Table 2**

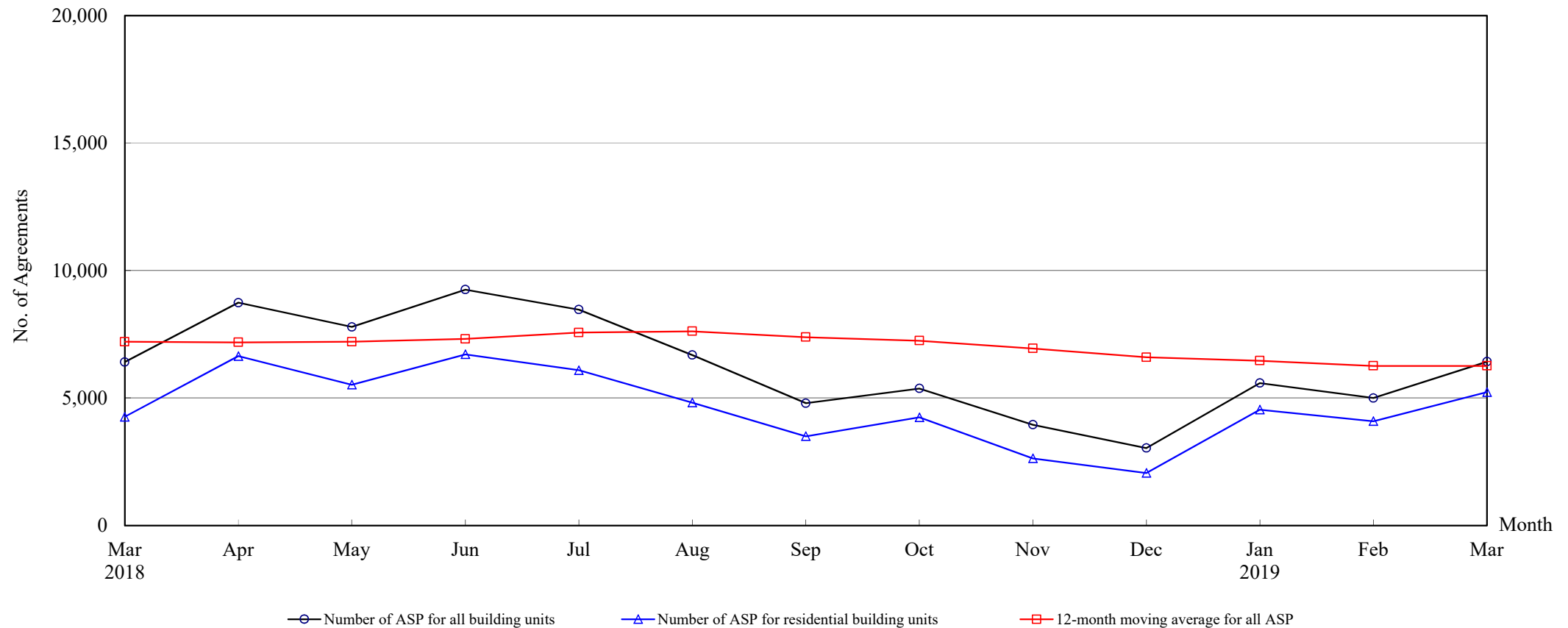
**THE LAND REGISTRY**  
**Comparison of Monthly Statistics**

Month : March 2019

Item	2019 March	2019 February	2018 March	March 2019 Increase (+) or Decrease (-) as compared with							
				February 2019		March 2018					
				No. or	Consideration	Percentage	No. or	Consideration	Percentage		
1. Agreements for Sale and Purchase of Building Units											
(a) No.	6,428	4,999	6,415	+	1,429	+	28.6	+	13	+	0.2
(b) Consideration	52,826	41,665	50,510	+	11,161	+	26.8	+	2,316	+	4.6
2. Agreements for Sale and Purchase of Land											
(a) No.	180	176	213	+	4	+	2.3	-	33	-	15.5
(b) Consideration	967	1,397	2,283	-	430	-	30.8	-	1,316	-	57.6
Sub-total of (1) + (2)											
(a) No.	6,608	5,175	6,628	+	1,433	+	27.7	-	20	-	0.3
(b) Consideration	53,793	43,062	52,793	+	10,731	+	24.9	+	1,000	+	1.9
3. Assignments of Building Units											
(a) No.	5,109	6,343	8,970	-	1,234	-	19.5	-	3,861	-	43.0
(b) Consideration	47,841	50,980	83,999	-	3,139	-	6.2	-	36,158	-	43.0
4. Assignments of Land											
(a) No.	390	311	385	+	79	+	25.4	+	5	+	1.3
(b) Consideration	2,068	1,300	1,972	+	768	+	59.1	+	96	+	4.9
Sub-total of (3) + (4)											
(a) No.	5,499	6,654	9,355	-	1,155	-	17.4	-	3,856	-	41.2
(b) Consideration	49,909	52,280	85,971	-	2,371	-	4.5	-	36,062	-	41.9
5. No. of Building Mortgages/Building Legal Charges	0	1	5	-	1	-	100.0	-	5	-	100.0
6. No. of Other Mortgages/Legal Charges	6,203	7,499	8,669	-	1,296	-	17.3	-	2,466	-	28.4
Sub-total of (5) + (6)	6,203	7,500	8,674	-	1,297	-	17.3	-	2,471	-	28.5
7. No. of Receipts/Discharges/Releases	6,287	5,721	8,612	+	566	+	9.9	-	2,325	-	27.0
8. No. of Public Search	465,994	312,119	452,217	+	153,875	+	49.3	+	13,777	+	3.0

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 March 2018 to March 2019**



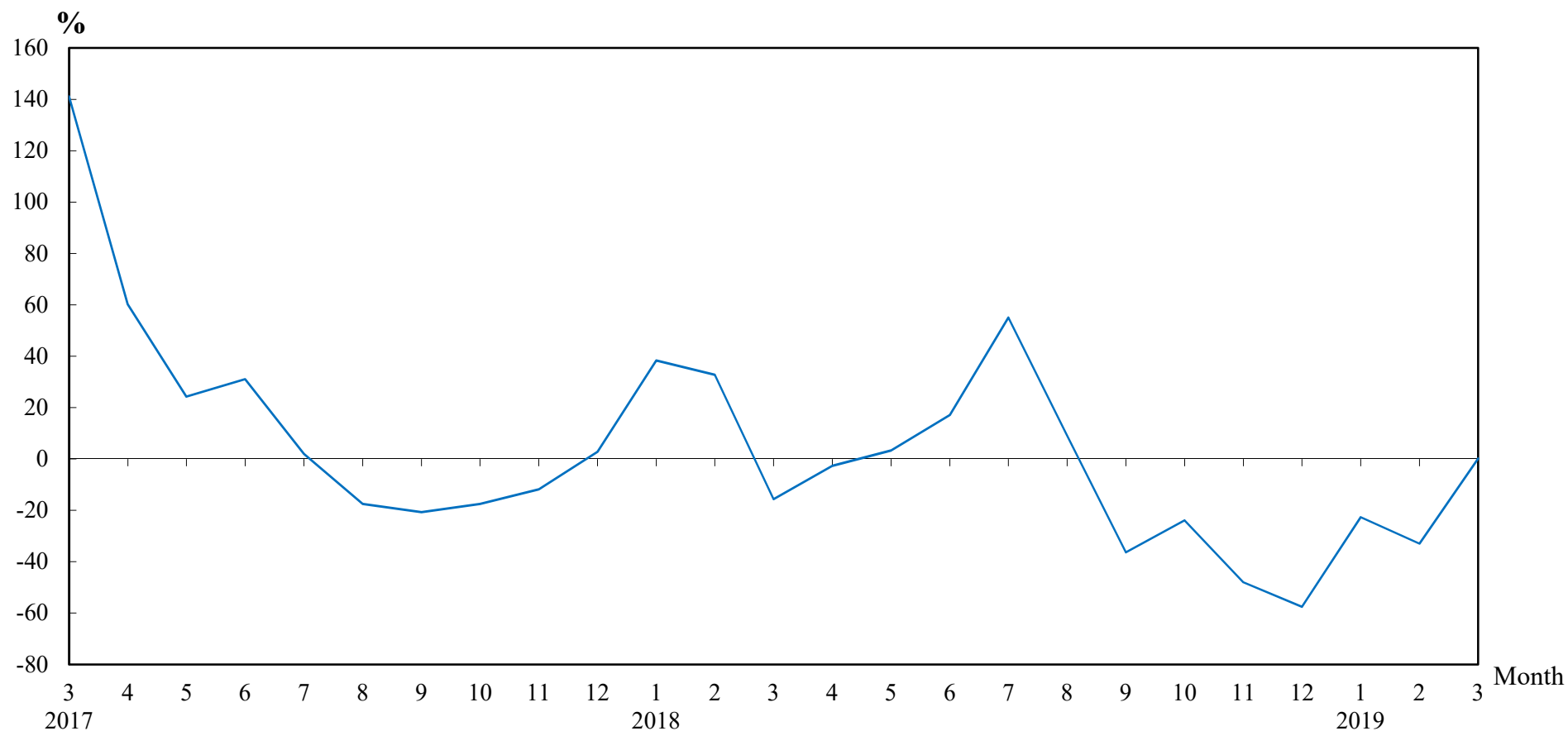
### Number of Sale and Purchase Agreements of building units

Year	2018										2019		
Month	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar
Number of ASP for all building units	6,415	8,741	7,788	9,252	8,466	6,688	4,799	5,374	3,953	3,038	5,589	4,999	6,428
Number of ASP for residential building units <sup>(1)</sup>	4,263	6,646	5,522	6,713	6,091	4,822	3,500	4,243	2,635	2,060	4,543	4,089	5,231
12-month moving average for all ASP <sup>(2)</sup>	7,206	7,186	7,207	7,319	7,569	7,616	7,388	7,247	6,943	6,599	6,463	6,259	6,260

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**



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

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**Table 5****THE LAND REGISTRY**

**Number of Sale and Purchase Agreements of residential building units and total consideration  
from March 2018 to March 2019**

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)	
2018	3	14	0	60	1	170	4	1,131	27	1,960	46	928	22	4,263	38,810	
	4	15	0	91	1	166	2	1,358	20	3,679	55	1,337	20	6,646	61,825	
	5	22	0	100	2	177	3	1,243	23	2,767	50	1,213	22	5,522	52,184	
	6	27	0	68	1	202	3	1,154	17	3,528	53	1,734	26	6,713	68,023	
	7	18	0	69	1	164	3	1,026	17	3,152	52	1,662	27	6,091	65,237	
	8	32	1	81	2	120	2	875	18	2,717	56	997	21	4,822	46,765	
	9	20	1	53	2	92	3	530	15	1,859	53	946	27	3,500	37,083	
	10	26	1	54	1	114	3	692	16	2,648	62	709	17	4,243	38,571	
	11	18	1	63	2	108	4	656	25	1,313	50	477	18	2,635	26,020	
	12	31	2	47	2	90	4	571	28	916	44	405	20	2,060	24,076	
	2019	1	18	0	58	1	110	2	801	18	1,957	43	1,599	35	4,543	44,924
		2	14	0	36	1	92	2	888	22	2,433	60	626	15	4,089	36,079
3		8	0	64	1	147	3	1,142	22	2,784	53	1,086	21	5,231	45,870	

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

**Table 6**

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

Month: March 2019

Item	District	Sale and Purchase Agreements of Building Units	
		No. of Transactions	Consideration (nearest \$million)
1.	Hong Kong	1,092	12,614
2.	Kowloon	1,804	15,187
3.	Islands	119	770
4.	North	254	864
5.	Sai Kung	524	4,679
6.	Shatin	535	4,805
7.	Tai Po	533	4,556
8.	Tsuen Wan	518	3,285
9.	Tuen Mun	373	2,397
10.	Yuen Long	676	3,669
	<b>Total</b>	6,428	52,826