

ExCo Non-official Members visit University of Hong Kong-Shenzhen Hospital (with photos)

The following is issued on behalf of the Executive Council Secretariat:

Non-official Members of the Executive Council (ExCo Members) today (November 26) visited the University of Hong Kong-Shenzhen Hospital (HKU-SZ Hospital) to learn about the hospital's development and medical and healthcare services provided to Hong Kong elderly people living in Shenzhen.

Accompanied by the HKU-SZ Hospital Chief Executive, Professor Lo Chung-mau, the ExCo Members first toured the Clinical Skills Simulation Training Centre, which introduced the first trauma life support advanced training on the Mainland and is equipped with a simulated operation room and a simulated ward. The Centre provides training in areas including clinical skills, communication skills, emergency decision-making and crisis management for doctors, nurses and paramedical staff.

The ExCo Members then proceeded to the hospital's Smart Pharmacy, and observed the running of the automatic dispensing equipment and the medicine management system and learnt about its participation in clinical trials research on new drugs.

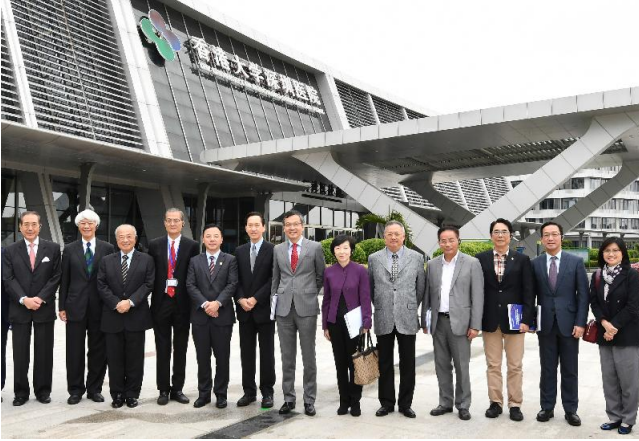
Fully funded by the Shenzhen Municipal Government and managed by the University of Hong Kong, the HKU-SZ Hospital is a key project of Hong Kong-Shenzhen co-operation and has made important contributions to the medical development of the two places. The Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) Government launched the Elderly Health Care Voucher (EHV) Pilot Scheme at the HKU-SZ Hospital in 2015 to enable eligible Hong Kong elderly persons to use EHV's to pay for the fees of outpatient services provided by designated clinics/departments at the hospital. Since the launch of the Pilot Scheme, more than 3 100 eligible Hong Kong elderly persons have used EHV's at the HKU-SZ Hospital.

To understand the hospital's medical facilities for the care of both the young and the aged, the ExCo Members also called on the Paediatric Orthopaedics and Surgery Ward and the Chinese Medicine Clinic, which is the service most frequented by elderly patients using EHV's.

The ExCo members acknowledged the hospital's quality medical services through the introduction of advanced international medical technology, facilities, treatment modes and hospital management, noting that the hospital is dedicated to benefiting citizens, not only Shenzhen locals and other Mainland citizens but also people from Hong Kong. They expressed the hope that the hospital would continue to upgrade its services and facilities to cater to the medical needs of citizens of the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao

Greater Bay Area, and contribute its expertise to medical development.

Non-official Members joining the visit today were Convenor Mr Bernard Chan, Professor Arthur Li, Mr Chow Chung-kong, Mrs Fanny Law, Mr Ip Kwok-him, Mr Tommy Cheung, Mr Joseph Yam, Mr Wong Kwok-kin, Dr Lam Ching-choi and Mr Kenneth Lau.



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[External merchandise trade statistics for October 2018](#)

The Census and Statistics Department (C&SD) released today (November 26) the external merchandise trade statistics for October 2018. In October 2018, the values of Hong Kong's total exports and imports of goods both recorded year-on-year increases, at 14.6% and 13.1% respectively.

In October 2018, the value of total exports of goods increased by 14.6% over a year earlier to \$383.7 billion, after a year-on-year increase of 4.5% in September 2018. Concurrently, the value of imports of goods increased by 13.1% over a year earlier to \$428.1 billion in October 2018, after a year-on-year increase of 4.8% in September 2018. A visible trade deficit of \$44.5 billion, equivalent to 10.4% of the value of imports of goods, was recorded in October 2018.

For the first 10 months of 2018 as a whole, the value of total exports of goods rose by 9.8% over the same period in 2017. Concurrently, the value of imports of goods increased by 11.1%. A visible trade deficit of \$466.3 billion, equivalent to 11.9% of the value of imports of goods, was recorded in the first 10 months of 2018.

Comparing the three-month period ending October 2018 with the preceding three months on a seasonally adjusted basis, the value of total exports of goods increased by 2.0%. Meanwhile, the value of imports of goods increased by 1.4%.

Analysis by country/territory

Comparing October 2018 with October 2017, total exports to Asia as a whole grew by 14.1%. In this region, increases were registered in the values of total exports to some major destinations, in particular Malaysia (+37.9%),

Singapore (+18.0%), the mainland of China (the Mainland) (+17.8%), the Philippines (+16.8%) and Korea (+14.4%). On the other hand, decreases were recorded in the values of total exports to Taiwan (-19.1%) and Japan (-8.3%).

Apart from destinations in Asia, increases were registered in the values of total exports to some major destinations in other regions, in particular the United Kingdom (+11.6%), the USA (+10.3%) and Germany (+4.2%).

Over the same period of comparison, increases were registered in the values of imports from some major suppliers, in particular Malaysia (+30.0%), the Mainland (+18.0%), the USA (+14.8%), Korea (+13.8%), Japan (+13.1%) and Singapore (+10.7%). Concurrently, decreases were recorded in the values of imports from the Philippines (-8.1%) and Taiwan (-3.6%).

For the first 10 months of 2018 as a whole, year-on-year increases were registered in the values of total exports to most major destinations, in particular the Mainland (+12.3%), Singapore (+10.8%), Thailand (+10.4%), the USA (+9.5%), the Netherlands (+8.8%) and Vietnam (+8.4%). However, a year-on-year decrease was registered in the value of total exports to India (-11.2%).

Over the same period of comparison, year-on-year increases were registered in the values of imports from most major suppliers, in particular Malaysia (+77.4%), Korea (+19.2%), the Mainland (+9.9%), the USA (+9.2%), Taiwan (+8.9%) and Singapore (+8.8%). On the other hand, a year-on-year decrease was registered in the value of imports from India (-13.3%).

Analysis by major commodity

Comparing October 2018 with October 2017, increases were registered in the values of total exports of most principal commodity divisions, in particular "electrical machinery, apparatus and appliances, and electrical parts thereof" (by \$25.7 billion or 21.4%), "telecommunications and sound recording and reproducing apparatus and equipment" (by \$14.8 billion or 21.7%) and "miscellaneous manufactured articles (mainly jewellery, goldsmiths' and silversmiths' wares)" (by \$4.0 billion or 21.1%).

Over the same period of comparison, increases were registered in the values of imports of most principal commodity divisions, in particular "telecommunications and sound recording and reproducing apparatus and equipment" (by \$16.5 billion or 24.8%), "electrical machinery, apparatus and appliances, and electrical parts thereof" (by \$13.0 billion or 9.4%) and "office machines and automatic data processing machines" (by \$6.6 billion or 21.4%).

For the first 10 months of 2018 as a whole, year-on-year increases were registered in the values of total exports of most principal commodity divisions, in particular "electrical machinery, apparatus and appliances, and electrical parts thereof" (by \$206.4 billion or 18.4%), "office machines and automatic data processing machines" (by \$46.5 billion or 14.3%) and "miscellaneous manufactured articles (mainly jewellery, goldsmiths' and silversmiths' wares)" (by \$30.0 billion or 17.8%). However, a year-on-year

decrease was registered in the value of total exports of "non-metallic mineral manufactures" (by \$14.7 billion or -9.0%).

Over the same period of comparison, year-on-year increases were registered in the values of imports of most principal commodity divisions, in particular "electrical machinery, apparatus and appliances, and electrical parts thereof" (by \$197.5 billion or 15.4%), "office machines and automatic data processing machines" (by \$66.8 billion or 23.7%) and "petroleum, petroleum products and related materials" (by \$22.2 billion or 38.0%).

Commentary

A Government spokesman noted that the value of merchandise exports picked up to record a double-digit growth in October after a visible deceleration in September, with exports to many major markets (including the US, the European Union, the Mainland and many other Asian markets) showing accelerated growth.

However, the external environment is subject to increasing downside risks. Global economic growth has lost some momentum lately. The impacts of the US-Mainland trade conflicts on Hong Kong's merchandise exports are likely to become more apparent in the coming months if the conflicts drag on or escalate. The Government will continue to monitor the situation closely.

Further information

Table 1 at the annex presents the analysis of external merchandise trade statistics for October 2018. Table 2 presents the original monthly trade statistics from January 2015 to October 2018, and Table 3 gives the seasonally adjusted series for the same period.

The values of total exports of goods to 10 main destinations for October 2018 are shown in Table 4, whereas the values of imports of goods from 10 main suppliers are given in Table 5.

Tables 6 and 7 show the values of total exports and imports of 10 principal commodity divisions for October 2018.

All the merchandise trade statistics described here are measured at current prices and no account has been taken of changes in prices between the periods of comparison. A separate analysis of the volume and price movements of external merchandise trade for October 2018 will be released in mid-December 2018.

The October 2018 issue of "Hong Kong External Merchandise Trade" contains detailed analysis on the performance of Hong Kong's external merchandise trade in October 2018 and will be available in mid-December 2018. Users can download the publication free of charge at the website of the C&SD (www.censtatd.gov.hk/hkstat/sub/sp230.jsp).

Enquiries on merchandise trade statistics may be directed to the Trade

[HA starts intake of residents at Hoi Ying Estate \(with photos\)](#)

The Hong Kong Housing Authority (HA) always endeavours to provide affordable public rental housing (PRH) to low-income families with housing needs. The newly completed Hoi Ying Estate at Lai Ying Street, Cheung Sha Wan, started the intake process today (November 26), offering homes to about 3 400 people.

Hoi Ying Estate consists of two non-standard domestic blocks, namely Ying Fai House and Ying Cheong House. The blocks are 33 and 40 storeys high respectively, providing a total of 1 319 PRH units. The various flat types include one/two-person, two/three-person, one-bedroom and two-bedroom with the smallest flat size at about 14 square metres and the largest at about 37 square metres. The monthly rents range from \$1,210 to \$3,201.

"Some of the flats are installed with acoustic windows and acoustic fins to reduce the impact of road traffic noise," a spokesman for the HA said.

"There is a landscape garden, a children's play area, a fitness area for both adults and elderly, and a table-tennis table for the enjoyment of the residents," the spokesman added.

To meet the daily needs of residents, the estate provides retail facilities including a supermarket, eateries and a convenience store, in addition to a medical clinic. Also for the convenience of the residents, there are covered walkways connecting the domestic blocks with the shops.



Effective Exchange Rate Index

The effective exchange rate index for the Hong Kong dollar on Monday, November 26, 2018 is 105.8 (same as last Saturday's index).

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