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Trade Figures for Feb. 2019

Highlights

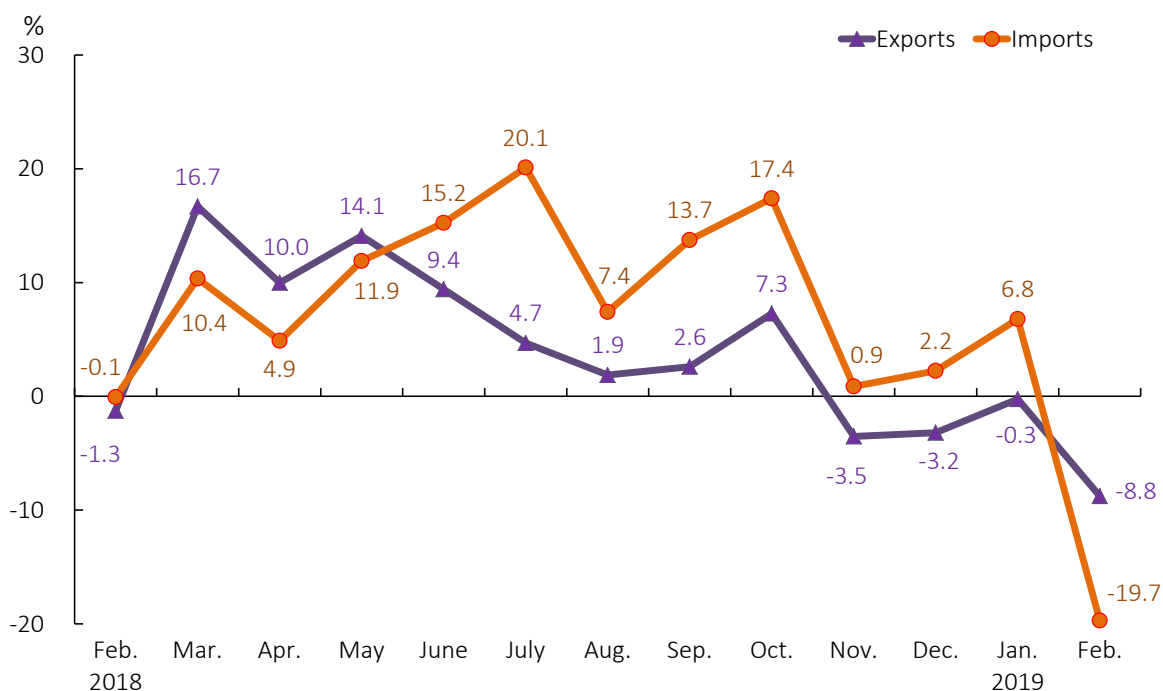
For the month of Feb. 2019, total exports contracted 8.8% year on year to US\$ 20.39 billion; total imports fell 19.7% from a year earlier to US\$ 15.47 billion. The trade balance of this month was favorable, amounting to US\$4.93 billion.

Table 1 Trade Performance for Feb. 2019

Unit : US\$ million ; %

	Feb.		Jan. - Feb.	
	Amount	Annual Change Rate	Amount	Annual Change Rate
Exports	20,394	-8.8	47,689	-4.1
Imports	15,468	-19.7	41,855	-4.8
Trade Balance	4,926	59.7	5,834	1.6

Figure 1 Annual Change Rate



Major Trading Commodities

● Exports

In Feb. 2019, compared with the same month of last year, exports of information, communication and audio-video products grew by 9.7%; however, exports of parts of electronic product, base metals and articles of base metal, machinery, plastics & rubber and articles thereof declined 8.3%, 17.7%, 12.0% and 7.9% respectively.

Table 2 Exports of Leading Export Commodities

Unit : US\$ million ; %

	Feb.			Jan. - Feb.		
	Amount	As % of All Exports	Annual Change Rate	Amount	As % of All Exports	Annual Change Rate
Parts of Electronic Product	6,421	31.5	-8.3	15,182	31.8	-3.2
Information, Communication and Audio-video Products	2,616	12.8	9.7	5,910	12.4	15.9
Base Metals and Articles of Base Metal	1,763	8.6	-17.7	4,287	9.0	-11.9
Machinery	1,575	7.7	-12.0	3,842	8.1	-3.9
Plastics & Rubber and Articles Thereof	1,559	7.6	-7.9	3,447	7.2	-10.8

● Imports

In Feb. 2019, compared with the same month of last year, imports of machinery grew by 14.6%; however, imports of parts of electronic product, mineral products, chemicals, base metals and articles of base metal declined 16.4%, 35.1%, 23.9% and 33.4% respectively.

Table 3 Imports of Leading Import Commodities

Unit : US\$ million ; %

	Feb.			Jan. - Feb.		
	Amount	As % of All Imports	Annual Change Rate	Amount	As % of All Imports	Annual Change Rate
Parts of Electronic Product	3,284	21.2	-16.4	8,802	21.0	0.0
Mineral Products	2,500	16.2	-35.1	7,544	18.0	-5.2
Petroleum	843	5.4	-50.9	3,045	7.3	-5.3
Machinery	2,206	14.3	14.6	4,868	11.6	8.9
Chemicals	1,663	10.8	-23.9	4,119	9.8	-15.7
Base Metals and Articles of Base Metal	995	6.4	-33.4	2,959	7.1	-13.6

Major Trading Partners

● Exports

In Feb. 2019, compared with the same month of last year, exports to U.S.A. grew by 13.5%; however, exports to Mainland China & Hong Kong, ASEAN, Japan and Europe declined 10.4%, 12.0%, 4.4% and 15.9% respectively.

Table 4 Exports to Key Trading Partners

Unit : US\$ million ; %

	Feb.			Jan. - Feb.		
	Amount	As % of All Exports	Annual Change Rate	Amount	As % of All Exports	Annual Change Rate
Mainland China & Hong Kong	7,458	36.6	-10.4	17,778	37.3	-8.7
ASEAN	3,553	17.4	-12.0	7,840	16.4	-13.9
Japan	1,544	7.6	-4.4	3,704	7.8	5.4
U.S.A.	2,988	14.7	13.5	6,791	14.2	17.7
Europe	1,999	9.8	-15.9	4,769	10.0	-2.0

● Imports

In Feb. 2019, compared with the same month of last year, imports from Europe grew by 1.0%; however, imports from Mainland China & Hong Kong, ASEAN, Japan, U.S.A. and Middle East declined 27.0%, 14.6%, 16.0%, 14.9% and 36.1% respectively.

Table 5 Imports from Key Trading Partners

Unit : US\$ million ; %

	Feb.			Jan. - Feb.		
	Amount	As % of All Imports	Annual Change Rate	Amount	As % of All Imports	Annual Change Rate
Mainland China & Hong Kong	2,555	16.5	-27.0	8,367	20.0	-2.9
ASEAN	1,740	11.3	-14.6	4,927	11.8	-0.8
Japan	2,854	18.5	-16.0	6,265	15.0	-11.3
U.S.A.	2,060	13.3	-14.9	5,528	13.2	9.8
Europe	2,139	13.8	1.0	5,228	12.5	-3.6
Middle East	1,216	7.9	-36.1	3,773	9.0	-8.2