

## HK Records Notable Growth in Sept Jewellery Sales

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*H*ong Kong's retail sales of jewellery, watches and clocks continued to increase in September, with year-on-year figures rising 14.7 percent, provisional data released by the Census and Statistics Department showed.

Government data also revealed that from January to September this year, jewellery sales reached HK\$53.56 billion (around US\$6.87 billion), up 4.3 percent from the same period a year ago.

Overall sales across all sectors meanwhile enjoyed a 5.6 percent year-on-year rise in September.

A government spokesperson attributed the growth to improved consumer sentiment and recovery in tourist arrivals in Hong Kong, adding that a favourable job and income situation as well as continued upturn in tourism are seen to drive retail sales in the short term.