

港珠寶業出口指數下跌 未來數月出口表現或轉弱 Export Index of the Jewellery Sector Drops in 2Q18

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本港第二季整體出口表現向好。香港貿發局於6月20日公佈,2018年第二季出口指數由首季的49.4升至54.1,創29個季度以來最高水平,預測今年香港整體出口增長維持約6%,當中以電子產品及機械表現突出。香港出口指數由香港貿發局編製,指數高低代表正面或負面採購情緒,50為盛衰分界線。鐘錶業及珠寶業的指數分別下跌至49及41.3,反映兩者於未來數月的出口表現或會轉弱。

貿易價值指數(54.6)、採購指數(57.3)及就業指數(53.2)處於50點的分水嶺之上,進一步肯定整體出口信心呈改善趨勢。然而,中美雙方經貿關係陰霾未散,出口商趨向保守,預測今年香港整體出口增長維持約6%。

Hong Kong exporters remain largely positive about their business outlook despite the trade frictions between China and the United States. The HKTDC Export Index for the second quarter of 2018 (2Q18) climbed to a 29-quarter high and indicated positive sentiment among local exporters for the first time in 12 months, the HKTDC announced this week.

The HKTDC Export Index monitors the current export performance of Hong Kong traders and gauges their near-term prospects. Readings above and below 50 indicate positive and negative sentiment respectively. The 2Q18 reading stood at 54.1, up from 49.4 in 1Q18. However, prospects appeared relatively less strong for timepieces (49) and jewellery (41.3), which posted lower readings than in 1Q18.

Exporters' optimism is laced with caution, given the current trade issues between the Chinese mainland and the United States. HKTDC economists forecast Hong Kong exports to grow six per cent in 2018.