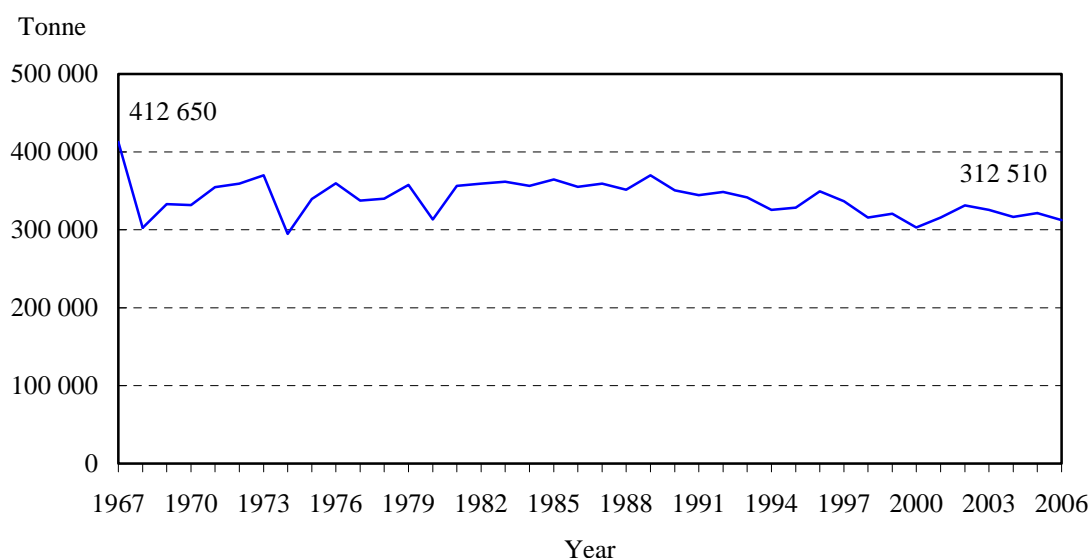


## Consumption in Rice Decreased

- In 2006, the average monthly consumption of rice was about 3.8 kg per capita.
- In Hong Kong, the rice was mainly produced in Thailand (around 90%), while the remaining mainly came from the mainland of China and Australia.
- Hong Kong people's demand for rice was obviously decreasing in the past 40 years. In 1967, the average monthly consumption of rice per capita was about 9.2 kg, which was 2.4 times that in 2006.
- The decrease of Hong Kong's consumption in rice shows that Hong Kong people's eating habit, especially for the staple food grain, has changed.

## Volume of retained imports of rice



Note: Retained imports are calculated by subtracting re-exports from imports. The volume of retained imports can roughly reflect the domestic demand for the specific type of imported merchandise.

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