# Quarterly Report on The Admission of Mainland Professionals Scheme

(From 1 July to 30 September 2002)

# **Employment applications**

Between 1 July and 30 September 2002, a total of 73 entry applications for employment were received under the Scheme, of which 40 are from the information technology (IT) sector and 33 are from the financial services sector. In the same period, 57 applications were approved and 15 were refused or withdrawn. As at end of September 2002, 27 applications were under processing.

# Breakdown of approval cases

# Field of Employment

## 2. Breakdown of the 57 approved applications is as follows:

Sector	Job category			No. of approval cases
IT	IT Management / Consultant			17
	Application Systems Development			7
	e-Business / Internet Services			2
	Hardware Support /			7
	Operation S			
	IT research / Product development / IT			4
	education and training			
Financial	Banking	managerial	0	7
Services		investment services	7	
	Securities	managerial	4	5
		others	1	
	Insurance	Actuarial work	0	0
		Others	0	
	Accounting / Auditing / Financial management			8
Total				57

3. A variety of post titles were involved in the 57 approved cases. Positions offered are particular to the structure and needs of the company. It should be noted that posts with the same title can differ substantially in terms of the level of responsibility, scope of duties and even job nature. In processing applications, Immigration Department does not take post titles at face value. Whether a post requires professional skills and whether the remuneration so offered is comparable to the market rate will be examined against the detailed job descriptions.

## **Employers**

4. A total of 37 employers are involved. The paid-up capital of 13 of them is below HK\$1 million; 8 are in the range of HK\$1 million to below HK\$10 million; 7 are in the range of HK\$10 million to below HK\$100 million; 8 are over HK\$100 million. The remaining one is a non-profit making company exempt from business registration.

#### **Educational attainment**

5. Four of the approved professionals are holders of doctoral degree, 20 hold master degree and 33 hold bachelor degree or equivalent and have relevant professional qualifications and working experience in their respective fields.

#### Monthly remuneration

6. The salary breakdown of the 57 approved applicants is as follows:

Remuneration Range (HK\$)	IT	Financial Services
15,000 to 19,999	8	1
20,000 to 29,999	18	5
30,000 to 39,999	7	4
40,000 to 49,999	0	2
50,000 to 69,999	2	5
70,000 to 99,999	2	2
100,000 to 129,999	0	1

#### **Cumulative total**

7. The Scheme was implemented on 1 June 2001. As at end of September 2002, a cumulative total of 431 entry applications for employment were received, of which 263 are from the IT sector and 164 are from the financial services sector. There were 4 applications outside the designated sectors. Of these, 228 applications were approved, 141 are from IT and 87 are from the financial services sector; 176 were refused or withdrawn; and the remaining 27 were under processing.

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