

For information

LegCo Panel on Security

Progress Report on

Admission Scheme for Mainland Talents and Professionals

(From 15 July 2003 to 31 October 2003)

Purpose

This report provides statistics on applications received under the Admission Scheme for Mainland Talents and Professionals between the period of 15 July and 31 October 2003.

Background

2. The Admission Scheme for Mainland Talents and Professionals was implemented on 15 July 2003. It replaces the Admission of Talents Scheme and Admission of Mainland Professionals Scheme which were more restrictive in scope. Under the new Scheme which is quota-free and non-sector specific, Mainland residents who satisfy the eligibility criteria may apply to work in Hong Kong. Successful applicants may also apply to bring their spouse and unmarried dependent children into Hong Kong. Details of the Scheme can be found in the Legislative Council brief (SBCR 2/2091/03) dated 11 March 2003.

Latest progress

3. Between 15 July 2003 and 31 October 2003, we received 1,076 applications. Of these, 735 applications were approved, 26 refused, 58 withdrawn/with no further action taken and, as at 31 October 2003, 257 applications were under processing. Detailed statistics are at Annex. We will provide LegCo with reports on the Scheme on a regular basis.

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Breakdown of approved cases by sector

Employer Sector	Number of approved cases		Total
	Short-term * Employment	Long -term Employment	
Architecture/surveying	0	4	4
Arts/culture	14	9	23
Biotechnology	1	8	9
Commerce and trade	2	44	46
Catering industry	0	3	3
Academic research and education	373	151	524
Engineering & Construction	0	8	8
Financial services	1	28	29
Information technology	2	16	18
Legal services	0	12	12
Manufacturing industries	0	11	11
Medical and health services	0	0	0
Recreation and sports	6	3	9
Traditional Chinese Medicine	6	16	22
Telecommunications	0	10	10
Tourism	1	4	5
Others	0	2	2
Total	406	329	735

* Short-term employment applications are those with employment period of less than 12 months.

Employers

A total of 169 employers are involved. 14 employers are local universities or institutes, one is a government department, nine are partnership firms, and 15 are non-profit-making companies exempted from business registration. The paid up capital of the remaining 130 employers is set out below.

Paid up Capital	Number
Below HK\$1 million	50
HK\$1 million to below 10 million	28
HK\$10 million to 100 million	26
Over HK\$100 million	26
Total	130

Education attainment

Academic Attainment	Number of approved cases		Total
	Short-term Employment	Long-term Employment	
Doctoral degree	175	87	262
Master degree	105	107	212
Bachelor degree or equivalent	101	93	194
Other qualifications	25	42	67
Total	406	329	735

Monthly remuneration

Remuneration Range (HK\$)	Number of approved cases		Total
	Short-term* Employment	Long-term* Employment	
Below 20,000	266	142	408
20,000 to 29,999	103	79	182
30,000 to 39,999	20	56	76
40,000 to 49,999	9	25	34
50,000 to 79,999	5	15	20
80,000 to 119,999	1	5	6
120,000 to 179,999	1	6	7
180,000 to 239,999	0	0	0
240,000 to 299,999	0	0	0
300,000 and above	1	1	2
Total	406	329	735

* The median monthly salary in the case of short-term employment is \$17,000, and in the case of long-term employment is \$20,000.