

**Progress Report on the
Admission Scheme for Mainland Talents and Professionals**

(From 1 October 2018 to 31 March 2019)

I. Employment applications

The Admission Scheme for Mainland Talents and Professionals was implemented on 15 July 2003. Between 1 October 2018 and 31 March 2019, **8 008** entry applications for employment were received (monthly average: **1 335**). In the same period, **7 093** applications were approved, **124** refused and **842** withdrawn by applicant / no further action taken. As at 31 March 2019, **1 753** applications were under processing.

II. Breakdown of approval cases

| Employer Sector | Number of Approval Cases | | Total |
|---------------------------------|--|-------------------------|--------------|
| | Short-term Employment ^{Note} | Long-term employment | |
| Academic research and education | 778 | 314 | 1 092 |
| Architecture/surveying | 19 | 21 | 40 |
| Arts/culture | 2 353 | 14 | 2 367 |
| Biotechnology | 1 | 9 | 10 |
| Catering industry | 20 | 17 | 37 |
| Commerce and trade | 43 | 374 | 417 |
| Engineering and construction | 93 | 152 | 245 |
| Financial services | 132 | 856 | 988 |
| Information technology | 26 | 185 | 211 |
| Legal services | 8 | 46 | 54 |
| Manufacturing industries | 15 | 37 | 52 |
| Medical and health services | 34 | 16 | 50 |
| Recreation and sports | 240 | 13 | 253 |
| Telecommunications | 3 | 43 | 46 |
| Tourism | 39 | 8 | 47 |
| Traditional Chinese medicine | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Others | 686 | 498 | 1 184 |
| Total | 4 490 | 2 603 | 7 093 |

Note: Short-term applications refer to those with employment period of less than 12 months.

III. Employers

A total of **1 349** employers are involved, of which **6** are local universities and other education institutions, **22** are partnership firms and **28** non-profit-making organisations exempted from business registration. The paid up capital of the remaining **1 293** employers are as follows:

| Paid up Capital | Number of Employers |
|---------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Below HK\$1 million | 963 |
| HK\$1 million to below HK\$10 million | 114 |
| HK\$10 million to HK\$100 million | 107 |
| Over HK\$100 million | 109 |
| Total | 1 293 |

IV. Education attainment

| Academic Attainment | Number of Approval Cases | | Total |
|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------|
| | Short-term employment | Long-term employment | |
| Doctoral degree and above | 409 | 279 | 688 |
| Master degree | 368 | 1 088 | 1 456 |
| Bachelor degree or equivalent | 574 | 1 022 | 1 596 |
| Other qualifications | 3 139 | 214 | 3 353 |
| Total | 4 490 | 2 603 | 7 093 |

V. Monthly remuneration

| Remuneration Range (HK\$) | Number of Approval Cases | | Total |
|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------|
| | Short-term employment | Long-term employment | |
| Below 20 000 | 3 008 | 335 | 3 343 |
| 20 000 to 29 999 | 490 | 539 | 1 029 |
| 30 000 to 39 999 | 376 | 480 | 856 |
| 40 000 to 49 999 | 165 | 273 | 438 |
| 50 000 to 79 999 | 252 | 527 | 779 |
| 80 000 to 119 999 | 126 | 241 | 367 |
| 120 000 to 179 999 | 40 | 121 | 161 |
| 180 000 to 239 999 | 11 | 41 | 52 |
| 240 000 to 279 999 | 9 | 13 | 22 |
| 280 000 and above | 13 | 33 | 46 |
| Total | 4 490 | 2 603 | 7 093 |

VI. Cumulative total

As at the end of March 2019, a cumulative total of **145 465** entry applications for employment were received. Of these, **123 663** applications were approved (58% of which were for short-term employment), **6 787** refused and **13 262** withdrawn by applicant / required no further action. The remaining **1 753** were under processing.

Immigration Department
April 2019