Quarterly Report on
The Admission of Mainland Professionals Scheme
(From 1 April to 30 June 2002)

Employment applications

Between 1 April and 30 June 2002, a total of 45 entry applications for employment were received under the Scheme, of which 27 are from the information technology (IT) sector and 18 are from the financial services sector. In the same period, 29 applications were approved and 19 were refused or withdrawn.   As at end of June 2002, 26 applications were under processing.

Breakdown of approval cases

<u>Field of Employment</u>

2.   Breakdown of the 29 approved applications is as follows:

Sector	Job category			No. of approval cases
IT	IT Management / Consultant			4
	Application Systems Development			0
	e-Business / Internet Services			2
	Hardware Support / Operation Support Services			2
	IT research / Product development / IT education and training			8
Financial Services	Banking	managerial	0	1
		investment services	1	
	Securities	managerial	2	3
		others	1	
	Insurance	actuarial work	1	2
		others	1	
	Accounting /Auditing / Financial management			7
Total				29

3.　　A variety of post titles were involved in the 29 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 23 employers are involved. The paid-up capital of 5 of them is below HK$1 million; 2 are in the range of HK$1 million to below HK$10 million; 5 are in the range of HK$10 million to below HK$100 million; 9 are over HK$100 million. Of the remaining two, one is a partnership company and the other is a non-profit making company exempted from business registration.

Educational attainment

5.　　One of the approved professionals is a holder of doctoral degree, 7 hold master degree and 21 hold bachelor degree having relevant professional qualifications and working experience in their respective fields.

Monthly remuneration

6.　　The salary breakdown of the 29 approved applicants is as follows:

Remuneration Range (HK$)	IT	Financial Services
15,000 to 19,999	4	0
20,000 to 29,999	6	4
30,000 to 39,999	1	3
40,000 to 49,999	1	2
50,000 to 69,999	3	2
70,000 to 99,999	1	1
100,000 to 129,999	0	0
130,000 to 159,999	0	0
160,000 and above	0	1

Cumulative total

7.   The Scheme was implemented on 1 June 2001.   As at end of June 2002, a cumulative total of 358 entry applications for employment were received, of which 223 are from the information technology (IT) and 131 are from financial services sector.   There were 4 applications outside the designated sectors.   Of these, 171 applications were approved, 104 are from IT and 67 are from financial services sector; 161 were refused or withdrawn; and the remaining 26 were under processing.

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