Progress Report on The Admission Scheme for Mainland Talents and Professionals (From 1st October 2006 to 31st March 2007)

I. **Employment applications**

The Scheme was implemented on 15th July 2003. Between 1st October 2006 to 31st March 2007, **2 774** entry applications for employment were received (monthly average: 462). In the same period, 2 543 applications were approved, 53 refused and 203 withdrawn/no further action taken. As at 31st March 2007, **385** applications were under processing.

II. Breakdown of approval cases

	Number			
Employer Sector	Short-term * employment	Long -term employment	Total	
Architecture/surveying	2	11	13	
Arts/culture	239	17	256	
Biotechnology	0	3	3	
Commerce and trade	94	295	389	
Catering industry	14	22	36	
Academic research and education	958	247	1205	
Engineering & Construction	32	37	69	
Financial services	25	251	276	
Information technology	27	55	82	
Legal services	11	40	51	
Manufacturing industries	2	47	49	
Medical and health services	8	6	14	
Recreation and sports	18	14	32	
Traditional Chinese Medicine	3	6	9	
Telecommunications	3	31	34	
Tourism	8	17	25	
Others	0	0	0	
Total	1444	1099	2543	

^{*} Short-term applications refer to employment for less than 12 months.

III. Employers

A total of **409** employers are involved. **15** employers are local universities and other educational institutions, **8** are government departments, **14** are partnership firms, and **21** are non-profit-making companies exempted from business registration. The breakdown of the paid up capital of the remaining **351** employers is as follows:

Paid up Capital	Number
Below HK\$1 million	181
HK\$1 million to below 10 million	66
HK\$10 million to 100 million	34
Over HK\$100 million	70
Total	351

IV. Education attainment

The breakdown of the education attainment of the approved applicants is as follows:

	Number		
Academic Attainment	Short-term employment	Long -term employmen t	Total
Doctoral degree	465	126	591
Master degree	269	427	696
Bachelor degree or equivalent	351	389	740
Other qualifications	359	157	516
Total	1444	1099	2543

V. Monthly remuneration

The breakdown of the monthly remuneration of the approved applicants is as follows:

	Number		
Remuneration Range (HK\$)	Short-term employment	Long -term employment	Total
Below 20,000	1067	497	1564
20,000 to 29,999	248	265	513
30,000 to 39,999	60	133	193
40,000 to 49,999	16	69	85
50,000 to 79,999	20	73	93

Remuneration Range (HK\$)	Number		
	Short-term employment	Long -term employment	Total
80,000 to 119,999	7	39	46
120,000 to 179,999	19	13	32
180,000 to 239,999	1	3	4
240,000 to 299,999	3	2	5
300,000 and above	3	5	8
Total	1444	1099	2543

VI. Cumulative total

As at the end of March 2007, a cumulative total of $17\,986$ entry applications for employment were received. Of these, $15\,400$ applications were approved, 676 were refused, $1\,525$ withdrawn/no further action; and the remaining 385 applications were under processing.

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