Progress Report on the Admission Scheme for Mainland Talents and Professionals

(From 1 April 2014 to 30 September 2014)

I. Employment applications

The Admission Scheme for Mainland Talents and Professionals was implemented on 15 July 2003. Between 1 April 2014 and 30 September 2014, **5,825** entry applications for employment were received (monthly average: **971**). In the same period, **4,805** applications were approved, **436** refused and **499** withdrawn/no further action taken. As at 30 September 2014, **1,499** applications were under processing.

II. Breakdown of approval cases

| Employer Sector | Number of Approval Cases | | |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|-------|
| | Short-term * employment | Long-term employment | Total |
| Academic research and education | 970 | 350 | 1,320 |
| Architecture/surveying | 4 | 37 | 41 |
| Arts/culture | 1,361 | 39 | 1,400 |
| Biotechnology | 0 | 4 | 4 |
| Catering industry | 26 | 9 | 35 |
| Commerce and trade | 24 | 364 | 388 |
| Engineering & Construction | 40 | 237 | 277 |
| Financial services | 92 | 581 | 673 |
| Information technology | 44 | 149 | 193 |
| Legal services | 10 | 48 | 58 |
| Manufacturing industries | 3 | 28 | 31 |
| Medical and health services | 10 | 14 | 24 |
| Recreation and sports | 35 | 14 | 49 |
| Telecommunications | 2 | 12 | 14 |
| Tourism | 1 | 17 | 18 |
| Traditional Chinese Medicine | 3 | 1 | 4 |
| Others | 100 | 176 | 276 |
| Total | 2,725 | 2,080 | 4,805 |

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

III. Employers

A total of **1,087** employers are involved, of which **20** are local universities and other education institutions, **30** are partnership firms and **104** non-profit-making companies exempted from business registration. The paid up capital of the remaining **933** employers are as follows:

| Paid up Capital | Number of Employers | |
|---------------------------------------|---------------------|--|
| Below HK\$1 million | 720 | |
| HK\$1 million to below HK\$10 million | 62 | |
| HK\$10 million to HK\$100 million | 73 | |
| Over HK\$100 million | 78 | |
| Total | 933 | |

IV. Education attainment

| Academic Attainment | Number of Approval Cases | | |
|-------------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------|-------|
| | Short-term employment | Long-term employment | Total |
| Doctoral degree | 271 | 128 | 399 |
| Master degree | 188 | 629 | 817 |
| Bachelor degree or equivalent | 1,474 | 1,117 | 2,591 |
| Other qualifications | 792 | 206 | 998 |
| Total | 2,725 | 2,080 | 4,805 |

V. Monthly remuneration

| Remuneration Range (HK\$) | Number of Approval Cases | | |
|---------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|-------|
| | Short-term employment | Long -term employment | Total |
| Below 20,000 | 2,092 | 454 | 2,546 |
| 20,000 to 29,999 | 352 | 497 | 849 |
| 30,000 to 39,999 | 159 | 341 | 500 |
| 40,000 to 49,999 | 42 | 198 | 240 |
| 50,000 to 79,999 | 56 | 360 | 416 |
| 80,000 to 119,999 | 19 | 118 | 137 |
| 120,000 to 179,999 | 2 | 72 | 74 |
| 180,000 to 239,999 | 1 | 20 | 21 |
| 240,000 to 279,999 | 0 | 10 | 10 |
| 280,000 and above | 2 | 10 | 12 |
| Total | 2,725 | 2,080 | 4,805 |

VI. Cumulative total

As at the end of September 2014, a cumulative total of **86,048** entry applications for employment were received. Of these, **72,056** applications were approved, **4,777** refused and **7,766** withdrawn/required no further action. The remaining **1,449** were under processing.

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