Progress Report on the Admission Scheme for Mainland Talents and Professionals

(From 1 October 2015 to 31 March 2016)

I. Overall applications statistics

The Admission Scheme for Mainland Talents and Professionals was implemented on 15 July 2003. Between 1 October 2015 to 31 March 2016, **5 585** entry applications for employment were received (monthly average: **931**). In the same period, **4 832** applications were approved, **276** refused and **509** withdrawn by applicant / no further action taken. As at 31 March 2016, **1 492** applications were under processing.

II. Breakdown of approved cases by sector

Sector	Number of Approved Cases		
	Short-term * employment	Long-term employment	Total
Academic research and education	855	311	1 166
Architecture/surveying	9	10	19
Arts/culture	1 185	8	1 193
Biotechnology	0	9	9
Catering industry	12	7	19
Commerce and trade	72	267	339
Engineering & Construction	45	179	224
Financial services	88	529	617
Information technology	13	142	155
Legal services	3	40	43
Manufacturing industries	4	11	15
Medical and health services	12	17	29
Recreation and sports	164	8	172
Telecommunications	5	51	56
Tourism	1	7	8
Traditional Chinese Medicine	0	0	0
Others	389	379	768
Total	2 857	1 975	4 832

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

III. Employers

A total of **1 197** employers are involved, of which **28** are local universities and other education institutions, **26** are partnership firms and **147** non-profit-making organisations exempted from business registration. The paid up capital of the remaining **996** employers are as follows:

Paid up Capital	Number of Employers	
Below HK\$1 million	782	
HK\$1 million to below HK\$10 million	74	
HK\$10 million to HK\$100 million	75	
Over HK\$100 million	65	
Total	996	

IV. Education attainment

	Number of Approved Cases		
Academic Attainment	Short-term employment	Long-term employment	Total
Doctoral degree and above	424	197	621
Master degree	295	680	975
Bachelor degree or equivalent	501	867	1 368
Other qualifications	1 637	231	1 868
Total	2 857	1 975	4 832

V. Monthly remuneration

Remuneration Range (HK\$)	Number of Approved Cases		
	Short-term employment	Long -term employment	Total
Below 20,000	1 332	381	1 713
20,000 to 29,999	564	420	984
30,000 to 39,999	420	378	798
40,000 to 49,999	142	212	354
50,000 to 79,999	210	331	541
80,000 to 119,999	94	151	245
120,000 to 179,999	55	66	121
180,000 to 239,999	15	17	32
240,000 to 279,999	7	10	17
280,000 and above	18	9	27
Total	2 857	1 975	4 832

VI. Cumulative total

As at the end of March 2016, a cumulative total of **102 377** entry applications for employment were received. Of these, **86 009** applications were approved (57% of which were for short-term employment), **5 770** refused and **9 106** withdrawn by applicant / required no further action. The remaining **1 492** were under processing.

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