Progress Report on the Admission Scheme for Mainland Talents and Professionals

(From 1 October 2016 to 31 March 2017)

I. Employment applications

The Admission Scheme for Mainland Talents and Professionals was implemented on 15 July 2003. Between 1 October 2016 and 31 March 2017, 6 216 entry applications for employment were received (monthly average: 1 036). In the same period, 5 521 applications were approved, 203 refused and 699 withdrawn by applicant / no further action taken. As at 31 March 2017, 1 432 applications were under processing.

II. Breakdown of approval cases

	Number of Approval Cases		
Employer Sector	Short-term Employment Note	Long-term employment	Total
Academic research and education	793	282	1 075
Architecture/surveying	0	19	19
Arts/culture	1 629	11	1 640
Biotechnology	0	10	10
Catering industry	13	14	27
Commerce and trade	76	384	460
Engineering and construction	56	187	243
Financial services	106	690	796
Information technology	23	108	131
Legal services	9	41	50
Manufacturing industries	28	13	41
Medical and health services	21	15	36
Recreation and sports	212	7	219
Telecommunications	5	46	51
Tourism	1	7	8
Traditional Chinese medicine	4	0	4
Others	379	332	711
Total	3 355	2 166	5 521

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

III. Employers

A total of $1\ 232$ employers are involved, of which 10 are local universities and other education institutions, 23 are partnership firms and 35 non-profit-making organisations exempted from business registration. The paid up capital of the remaining $1\ 164$ employers are as follows:

Paid up Capital	Number of Employers	
Below HK\$1 million	739	
HK\$1 million to below HK\$10 million	152	
HK\$10 million to HK\$100 million	131	
Over HK\$100 million	142	
Total	1 164	

IV. Education attainment

Academic Attainment	Number of Approval Cases		
	Short-term employment	Long-term employment	Total
Doctoral degree and above	356	200	556
Master degree	300	763	1 063
Bachelor degree or equivalent	462	846	1 308
Other qualifications	2 237	357	2 594
Total	3 355	2 166	5 521

V. Monthly remuneration

Remuneration Range (HK\$)	Number of Approval Cases		
	Short-term employment	Long-term employment	Total
Below 20,000	1 472	330	1 802
20,000 to 29,999	593	437	1 030
30,000 to 39,999	480	408	888
40,000 to 49,999	231	253	484
50,000 to 79,999	332	374	706
80,000 to 119,999	150	187	337
120,000 to 179,999	49	94	143
180,000 to 239,999	20	35	55
240,000 to 279,999	3	8	11
280,000 and above	25	40	65
Total	3 355	2 166	5 521

VI. Cumulative total

As at the end of March 2017, a cumulative total of **114 966** entry applications for employment were received. Of these, **96 732** applications were approved (57% of which were for short-term employment), **6 201** refused and **10 601** withdrawn by applicant / required no further action. The remaining **1 432** were under processing.

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