Progress Report on the Admission Scheme for Mainland Talents and Professionals

(From 1 October 2017 to 31 March 2018)

I. Employment applications

The Admission Scheme for Mainland Talents and Professionals was implemented on 15 July 2003. Between 1 October 2017 and 31 March 2018, **7 391** entry applications for employment were received (monthly average: **1 232**). In the same period, **6 471** applications were approved, **107** refused and **635** withdrawn by applicant / no further action taken. As at 31 March 2018, **1 745** applications were under processing.

II. Breakdown of approval cases

Employer Sector	Number of Approval Cases		
	Short-term Employment ^{Note}	Long-term employment	Total
Academic research and education	781	283	1 064
Architecture/surveying	15	23	38
Arts/culture	2 220	14	2 234
Biotechnology	4	3	7
Catering industry	16	15	31
Commerce and trade	99	366	465
Engineering and construction	60	148	208
Financial services	147	906	1 053
Information technology	61	147	208
Legal services	4	33	37
Manufacturing industries	11	24	35
Medical and health services	25	22	47
Recreation and sports	224	13	237
Telecommunications	22	46	68
Tourism	2	5	7
Traditional Chinese medicine	4	1	5
Others	401	326	727
Total	4 096	2 375	6 471

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

III. Employers

A total of **1** 355 employers are involved, of which **7** are local universities and other education institutions, **23** are partnership firms and **28** non-profit-making organisations exempted from business registration. The paid up capital of the remaining **1** 297 employers are as follows:

Paid up Capital	Number of Employers
Below HK\$1 million	881
HK\$1 million to below HK\$10 million	145
HK\$10 million to HK\$100 million	123
Over HK\$100 million	148
Total	1 297

IV. Education attainment

Academic Attainment	Number of Approval Cases		
	Short-term employment	Long-term employment	Total
Doctoral degree and above	401	223	624
Master degree	390	976	1 366
Bachelor degree or equivalent	614	960	1 574
Other qualifications	2 691	216	2 907
Total	4 096	2 375	6 471

V. Monthly remuneration

Remuneration Range (HK\$)	Number of Approval Cases		
	Short-term employment	Long-term employment	Total
Below 20 000	1 804	283	2 087
20 000 to 29 999	845	543	1 388
30 000 to 39 999	544	406	950
40 000 to 49 999	232	252	484
50 000 to 79 999	343	495	838
80 000 to 119 999	142	231	373
120 000 to 179 999	107	86	193
180 000 to 239 999	38	32	70
240 000 to 279 999	10	23	33
280 000 and above	31	24	55
Total	4 096	2 375	6 471

VI. Cumulative total

As at the end of March 2018, a cumulative total of **129 558** entry applications for employment were received. Of these, **109 480** applications were approved (58% of which were for short-term employment), **6 537** refused and **11 796** withdrawn by applicant / required no further action. The remaining **1 745** were under processing.

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