Progress Report on the Admission Scheme for Mainland Talents and Professionals

(From 1 April 2017 to 30 September 2017)

I. Employment applications

The Admission Scheme for Mainland Talents and Professionals was implemented on 15 July 2003. Between 1 April 2017 and 30 September 2017, **7 201** entry applications for employment were received (monthly average: **1 200**). In the same period, **6 277** applications were approved, **229** refused and **560** withdrawn by applicant / no further action taken. As at 30 September 2017, **1 567** 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	881	405	1 286
Architecture/surveying	10	22	32
Arts/culture	1 950	14	1 964
Biotechnology	2	10	12
Catering industry	29	14	43
Commerce and trade	73	247	320
Engineering and construction	85	130	215
Financial services	291	779	1 070
Information technology	28	113	141
Legal services	16	23	39
Manufacturing industries	3	14	17
Medical and health services	22	16	38
Recreation and sports	231	24	255
Telecommunications	14	39	53
Tourism	3	9	12
Traditional Chinese medicine	4	1	5
Others	438	337	775
Total	4 080	2 197	6 277

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

III. Employers

A total of **1 166** employers are involved, of which **7** are local universities and other education institutions, **17** are partnership firms and **37** non-profit-making organisations exempted from business registration. The paid up capital of the remaining **1 105** employers are as follows:

Paid up Capital	Number of Employers	
Below HK\$1 million	741	
HK\$1 million to below HK\$10 million	96	
HK\$10 million to HK\$100 million	131	
Over HK\$100 million	137	
Total	1 105	

IV. Education attainment

Academic Attainment	Number of Approval Cases		
	Short-term employment	Long-term employment	Total
Doctoral degree and above	459	217	676
Master degree	543	778	1 321
Bachelor degree or equivalent	734	990	1 724
Other qualifications	2 344	212	2 556
Total	4 080	2 197	6 277

V. Monthly remuneration

Remuneration Range (HK\$)	Number of Approval Cases		
	Short-term employment	Long-term employment	Total
Below 20 000	1 515	334	1 849
20 000 to 29 999	1 101	495	1 596
30 000 to 39 999	617	391	1 008
40 000 to 49 999	302	218	520
50 000 to 79 999	319	442	761
80 000 to 119 999	108	185	293
120 000 to 179 999	78	77	155
180 000 to 239 999	22	29	51
240 000 to 279 999	7	12	19
280 000 and above	11	14	25
Total	4 080	2 197	6 277

VI. Cumulative total

As at the end of September 2017, a cumulative total of **122 167** entry applications for employment were received. Of these, **103 009** applications were approved (58% of which were for short-term employment), **6 430** refused and **11 161** withdrawn by applicant / required no further action. The remaining **1 567** were under processing.

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