Progress Report on the Admission Scheme for Mainland Talents and Professionals

(From 1 April 2019 to 30 September 2019)

I. Employment applications

The Admission Scheme for Mainland Talents and Professionals was implemented on 15 July 2003. Between 1 April 2019 and 30 September 2019, **8 774** entry applications for employment were received (monthly average: **1 463**). In the same period, **7 716** applications were approved, **158** refused and **717** withdrawn by applicant / no further action taken. As at 30 September 2019, **1 936** 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	846	508	1 354
Architecture/surveying	14	29	43
Arts/culture	2 121	28	2 149
Biotechnology	0	5	5
Catering industry	24	34	58
Commerce and trade	24	405	429
Engineering and construction	122	217	339
Financial services	158	1 170	1 328
Information technology	25	253	278
Legal services	11	65	76
Manufacturing industries	4	32	36
Medical and health services	21	29	50
Recreation and sports	110	21	131
Telecommunications	8	49	57
Tourism	0	10	10
Traditional Chinese medicine	1	0	1
Others	799	573	1 372
Total	4 288	3 428	7 716

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

III. Employers

A total of **1 414** employers are involved, of which **10** are local universities and other education institutions, **23** are partnership firms and **23** non-profit-making organisations exempted from business registration. The paid up capital of the remaining **1 358** employers are as follows:

Paid up Capital	Number of Employers
Below HK\$1 million	1 049
HK\$1 million to below HK\$10 million	107
HK\$10 million to HK\$100 million	96
Over HK\$100 million	106
Total	1 358

IV. Education attainment

Academic Attainment	Number of Approval Cases		
	Short-term Employment	Long-term Employment	Total
Doctoral degree and above	390	292	682
Master degree	439	1 394	1 833
Bachelor degree or equivalent	729	1 379	2 108
Other qualifications	2 730	363	3 093
Total	4 288	3 428	7 716

V. Monthly remuneration

Remuneration Range (HK\$)	Number of Approval Cases		
	Short-term Employment	Long-term Employment	Total
Below 20 000	2 673	542	3 215
20 000 to 29 999	477	740	1 217
30 000 to 39 999	553	620	1 173
40 000 to 49 999	174	343	517
50 000 to 79 999	202	714	916
80 000 to 119 999	126	296	422
120 000 to 179 999	56	104	160
180 000 to 239 999	8	34	42
240 000 to 279 999	9	12	21
280 000 and above	10	23	33
Total	4 288	3 428	7 716

VI. Cumulative total

As at the end of September 2019, a cumulative total of **154 239** entry applications for employment were received. Of these, **131 379** applications were approved (58% of which were for short-term employment), **6 945** refused and **13 979** withdrawn by applicant / required no further action. The remaining **1 936** were under processing.

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