Progress Report on the Admission Scheme for Mainland Talents and Professionals

(From 1 April 2020 to 30 September 2020)

I. Employment applications

The Admission Scheme for Mainland Talents and Professionals was implemented on 15 July 2003. Between 1 April 2020 to 30 September 2020, the Immigration Department ("ImmD") received **4 571** entry applications for employment (monthly average: **762**). In the same period, **3 635** applications were approved, **220** refused and **821** withdrawn by applicant / no further action taken. As at 30 September 2020, **1 825** 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	446	462	908
Architecture/surveying	5	12	17
Arts/culture	38	15	53
Biotechnology	0	21	21
Catering industry	3	11	14
Commerce and trade	29	356	385
Engineering and construction	135	284	419
Financial services	64	792	856
Information technology	26	199	225
Legal services	2	29	31
Manufacturing industries	26	33	59
Medical and health services	84	386	470
Recreation and sports	6	9	15
Telecommunications	1	51	52
Tourism	4	8	12
Traditional Chinese medicine	0	0	0
Others	17	81	98
Total	886	2 749	3 635

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

III. Employers

A total of **911** employers are involved, of which **8** are local universities and other education institutions, **14** are partnership firms and **1** non-profit-making organisations exempted from business registration. The paid up capital of the remaining **888** employers are as follows:

Paid up Capital	Number of Employers
Below HK\$1 million	663
HK\$1 million to below HK\$10 million	74
HK\$10 million to HK\$100 million	69
Over HK\$100 million	82
Total	888

IV. Education attainment

Academic Attainment	Number of Approval Cases		
	Short-term Employment	Long-term Employment	Total
Doctoral degree and above	136	259	395
Master degree	224	939	1 163
Bachelor degree or equivalent	289	1 088	1 377
Other qualifications	237	463	700
Total	886	2 749	3 635

V. Monthly remuneration

Remuneration Range (HK\$)	Number of Approval Cases		
	Short-term Employment	Long-term Employment	Total
Below 20 000	464	376	840
20 000 to 29 999	216	768	984
30 000 to 39 999	84	496	580
40 000 to 49 999	42	231	273
50 000 to 79 999	55	520	575
80 000 to 119 999	14	186	200
120 000 to 179 999	9	100	109
180 000 to 239 999	0	40	40
240 000 to 279 999	1	13	14
280 000 and above	1	19	20
Total	886	2 749	3 635

VI. Cumulative total

As at the end of September 2020, a cumulative total of **164 610** entry applications for employment were received. Of these, **139 295** applications were approved (57% of which were for short-term employment), **7 388** refused and **16 102** withdrawn by applicant / required no further action. The remaining **1 825** were under processing.

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