<u>Meeting on 30 March 2000</u>

**<u>Length and Costs of Courses offered by the Vocational Training Council
and the Employment Rates of Graduates</u>**

<u>(I) Industrial Training Courses offered by Industrial Training Centres</u>

<u>(A)   Length of Courses</u>

The Industrial Training Centres of the Vocational Training Council offer courses ranging from Craft/Clerical/Operative to Technologist/Managerial levels. The duration of full-time long courses is usually one year (44 weeks). The duration of short courses ranges from 1 day to 22 weeks. Part-time courses have training duration ranging from 2 hours to some 300 hours. Most of the full-time long courses are pre-employment courses while the majority of the short and part-time courses are skills upgrading courses.

<u>(B)   Unit Costs of Industrial Training Courses</u>

In 1999/2000, the average unit cost per place for 1-year (44 weeks) full-time courses is $75,548. For short courses which last from several hours to over six months, the average cost per hour is $64.

(II) Technical Education Courses offered by the Hong Kong Institute of Vocational Education

(A)　　　Length of Courses

The Hong Kong Institute of Vocational Education (IVE) of the Vocational Training Council offers courses ranging from craft to sub-degree levels. Under the new IVE course structure, Higher Diplomas are either three-year full-time or two-year part-time evening programmes. Higher Certificates are two-year part-time evening or part-time day-release courses. Diplomas are two-year full-time courses. Certificates are two-year part-time courses. Foundation Diploma is a one-year full-time course. Part-time Foundation Certificate is a two-year programme. Vocational Certificate courses are of one to three years in duration.

(B)　Unit Costs of Technical Education Courses

In 1999/2000, the average unit cost for a full-time Higher Technician level course place is $114,711. For part-time-day-release and part-time-evening courses, the average unit costs per place are $29,593 and $12,728 respectively.

The average unit cost for a full-time Technician course place is $73,297. For part-time-day-release and part-time-evening courses, the average unit costs per place are $21,094 and $6,493 respectively.

For the same year, the average unit cost for a full-time Craft level course place is $58,322. For part-time-day-release and part-time-evening courses, the average unit costs per place are $17,227 and $5,826 respectively.

(C) Employment Statistics of Trainees After Completing FT Pre-employment Courses with Job Placement Service by Training Centre

(status as in January 2000)

Training Centre	Courses Completed (No.)	Classes Completed (No.)	Trainees Completed Training in 1998-1999									(8)* Employment Rate (%)	(9)# Relevant Employment Rate (%)
			(1) Total (No.)	(2) Trainees in Relevant Employment		(3) Trainees in other employment		(4) Trainees Seeking Job (No.)	(5) Trainees not Seeking Job (No.)	(6) Trainees Pursuing Full-time Study (No.)	(7) Trainees Could not be Contacted (No.)		
				within 3 months after Completed Training (No.)	after 3 months but within 6 months after Completed Training (No.)	within 3 months after Completed Training (No.)	after 3 months but within 6 months after Completed Training (No.)						
Automobile Industry	1	21	322	-	151	-	55	-	-	116	-	100.0	73.3
Electrical Industry	4	44	706	461	9	82	9	16	18	111	-	97.2	81.5
Electronics Industry	3	19	317	144	26	5	6	12	15	107	2	93.8	88.1
Gas Industry	1	3	29	-	28	-	1	-	-	-	-	100.0	96.6
Hotel Industry	9	58	881	569	9	37	-	9	20	233	4	98.6	92.6
Jewellery Industry	3	6	138	82	10	-	-	20	15	11	-	82.1	82.1
Machine Shop & Metal Working	3	69	830	450	7	52	-	50	25	209	37	91.1	81.8
Plastics Industry	4	4	133	54	1	15	3	11	2	32	15	86.9	65.5
Printing Industry	3	23	241	206	-	5	-	-	-	25	5	100.0	97.6
Seaman's	8	14	165	63	46	4	12	3	23	13	1	97.7	85.2
Textile Industry	4	5	127	52	6	4	1	1	3	56	4	98.4	90.6
Welding	2	8	93	-	44	-	36	-	-	13	-	100.0	55.0
Total	45	274	3982	2081	337	204	123	122	121	926	68	95.7	84.3

Notes: $*(8) = \dfrac{(2)+(3)}{(2)+(3)+(4)}$

$\#(9) = \dfrac{(2)}{(2)+(3)+(4)}$

$(1) = (2)+(3)+(4)+(5)+(6)+(7)$