

# Admission Schemes

for Talent,  
Professionals and  
Entrepreneurs



## *Are you an overseas national looking to work or invest in Hong Kong?*

### **Peter Roy Andrew Drewett**

Rugby Coach Development  
Manager, from the United Kingdom



### *Hong Kong – an energetic place for sports players*

"Rugby is a dynamic and enjoyable game that emphasises fairness, teamwork and leadership. By developing more interesting courses and providing high standard coaching to the players, I wish to promote this fascinating sport in Hong Kong and help the Rugby teams stand out in international competitions."

### **Professionals**

- Possess special skills, knowledge or experience not readily available locally
- Good education background, technical qualifications or proven professional experience
- No sector restriction
- Job offer cannot be filled locally
- Remuneration on par with market rates
- Top-tier entrants may be granted more relaxed conditions of stay

### **Entrepreneurs**

- Plan to establish or join in a business
- Able to make substantial contribution to the local economy

### *Is my investment going to make substantial contribution to the local economy?*

#### *It depends on your.....*

- Business plan
- Investment sum
- Financial resources
- Number of jobs created locally
- Business turnover
- Introduction of new technology or skills



### **Constantin Stahlknecht**

Information Technology Business  
Group Lead, from Germany

### *Hong Kong – a city where every second counts*

"From providing business solutions to improving human life, the 21st century is all about information technology. Hong Kong is an energetic city offering a plethora of opportunities across multiple sectors. I know my knowledge in information technology products and solutions will help the city stay on top of the market in the modern epoch."

## **General Employment Policy (GEP) (for non-Mainland residents)**

### **Start-up Entrepreneurs**

- Plan to establish or join in a start-up business supported by a government-backed programme such as -
  - InvestHK's StartmeupHK Venture Programme
  - Hong Kong Science and Technology Parks Corporation's Incu-App, Incu-Bio and Incu-Tech programmes
  - Cyberport Incubation Programme
  - Innovation and Technology Commission's Small Entrepreneur Research Assistance Programme (and its replacement, the new Enterprise Support Scheme)
  - Hong Kong Design Centre's Design Incubation Programme

*Want to follow their footsteps? Interested in the top-tier arrangements or investing in Hong Kong?  
Find out more about GEP at:*

[www.immd.gov.hk/en/services/hk-visas/  
professional-employment/guidebook.html#general](http://www.immd.gov.hk/en/services/hk-visas/professional-employment/guidebook.html#general)

[www.immd.gov.hk/en/services/hk-visas/  
investment/guidebook.html](http://www.immd.gov.hk/en/services/hk-visas/investment/guidebook.html)



## Are you a professional from the Mainland?

### Yang Yi

Investment Banking  
Professional,  
from Mainland China

*Hong Kong –  
an international  
financial centre*



*"With conclusion of the Mainland and Hong Kong Closer Economic Partnership Arrangement (CEPA), economic connection between Hong Kong and Mainland China has never been closer. My knowledge of Mainland markets and familiarity with the financial behaviour of the Chinese enable me to pursue my future in Hong Kong."*

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### Sun Yan

Legal Counsel,  
from Mainland China

*Hong Kong –  
a city of rule of law*

*"Hong Kong enjoys a high degree of autonomy and independent judicial power. With my legal training in the Mainland and my knowledge of the laws of Hong Kong, I am confident that I can provide bilateral legal services to my clients in both the Mainland and Hong Kong."*

## Admission Scheme for Mainland Talents and Professionals (ASMP) (for Mainland residents)

*Want to know how they came to work in Hong Kong or what the top-tier requirements are?  
Visit the ASMP website:*

[www.immd.gov.hk/en/services/hk-visas/professional-employment/guidebook.html](http://www.immd.gov.hk/en/services/hk-visas/professional-employment/guidebook.html)  
[#mainland\\_talents](#)



## Do you have outstanding talents or skills?



### Roger Juerg Kellenberger

Industrial Designer, from Switzerland

- Red Dot Design Award 2011
- Red Dot Design Award 2009
- Pininfarina Award 2007
- Silver Award of the Third FIYTA Watch Design Competition 2007

### *Hong Kong – a city welcoming creativity*

*"As an entrepreneur and designer of high-end industrial products, design work defines large parts of my professional and private life. The prestigious international awards I received recognise my achievement and help pave the way for my development in Hong Kong: a vibrant city which welcomes creativity and innovation."*

- Assessment under a points-based scheme:
  - General Points Test (GPT) for highly skilled or talented persons
    - Assessment factors: age, academic/professional qualifications, work experience, language proficiency, family background (bonus points for outstanding academic background and international work experience)
  - Achievement-based Points Test (APT) for talent with outstanding achievements

### Li Bingbing

Famous Artiste, from Mainland China

- Best Actress ("The Message"), the 46th Golden Horse Awards 2009
- Nomination for Best Actress ("The Knot"), the 26th Golden Rooster Awards 2007
- Outstanding Actress ("The Knot"), the 12th Huabiao Awards 2007



### *Hong Kong – a stage blending eastern and western culture*

*"Being an artiste with Chinese roots, I hope to let more people from around the world know about Chinese culture through my performance and films. Hong Kong is a multi-ethnic and multi-cultural cosmopolitan city that has provided me with more favourable conditions and opportunities to demonstrate the greatness of Chinese culture deposits in its people."*

## Quality Migrant Admission Scheme (QMAS)

- No sector restriction
- Job offer not required upon entry
- Top-tier GPT entrants may be granted more relaxed conditions of stay; APT entrants may be granted 8 years of stay upon entry

*If you would like to make Hong Kong your home as well, find out more about QMAS at:*

[www.immd.gov.hk/en/services/hk-visas/quality-migrant-admission.html](http://www.immd.gov.hk/en/services/hk-visas/quality-migrant-admission.html)



*Would you like to start your career in Hong Kong after graduation?*

## Immigration Arrangements for Non-local Graduates (IANG)

- Obtained an undergraduate or higher qualification in a full-time locally-accredited local programme in Hong Kong
- No sector restriction
- Job offer not required upon entry (for fresh graduates)

*Know more about IANG at:*

[www.immd.gov.hk/en/services/hk-visas/professional-employment/guidebook.html#non\\_local](http://www.immd.gov.hk/en/services/hk-visas/professional-employment/guidebook.html#non_local)



*Do you have family roots in Hong Kong and would like to come back to work?*

## Admission Scheme for the Second Generation of Chinese Hong Kong Permanent Residents (ASSG)

- Aged 18-40 and born overseas
- At least one parent holding valid Hong Kong permanent identity card upon application and was a Chinese national settled overseas at the time of applicant's birth
- Good education background, technical qualifications or proven professional experience
- No sector restriction
- Job offer not required upon entry

*Find out more about ASSG at:*

[www.immd.gov.hk/en/services/hk-visas/secondgenerationhkpr.html](http://www.immd.gov.hk/en/services/hk-visas/secondgenerationhkpr.html)

*Apply online:*

[www.gov.hk/en/residents/immigration/nonpermanent/secondgenerationhkpr](http://www.gov.hk/en/residents/immigration/nonpermanent/secondgenerationhkpr)



# *You and your family can make Hong Kong your home!*

## **Kwok Chern Yue**

Senior Research &  
Development Manager, from  
Singapore



*Hong Kong –  
an enchanted place  
to live*

*"Several years ago, I came to Hong Kong under the Quality Migrant Admission Scheme. Having stayed here for more than 7 years, I have become a Hong Kong permanent resident. Hong Kong is undoubtedly a well-established business hub offering every convenience for professionals to set their home base for career development. It also offers abundant leisure and entertainment opportunities. I have taken Hong Kong as my home and would definitely continue to stay in this city."*

### **Dependant and Stay Arrangements**

- Successful applicants may bring in their spouse and unmarried dependent children under the age of 18 to Hong Kong. The dependants' length of stay will normally be linked to that of the sponsor and they are free to take up employment or study during their stay in Hong Kong.
- After seven years of continuous ordinary residence, entrants and their dependants may apply for the Hong Kong permanent resident status in accordance with the law.



### **Enquiries**

For enquiries, please contact the Hong Kong Immigration Department by enquiry hotline at (852) 2824 6111, by fax at (852) 2877 7711, or by email at [enquiry@immd.gov.hk](mailto:enquiry@immd.gov.hk).

Note: This information leaflet provides general information about different admission schemes for reference only. Applicants are subject to specific eligibility criteria and applications will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

