

TABLE 3
Legal Immigration to Hong Kong, 1983–93

	1983	1984	1985	1986	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993
Legal entrants for residence from China	26,701	27,475	27,285	27,111	27,268	28,137	27,263	27,976	26,782	28,367	32,909
With employment visas											
Technicians	846	986	1,224	1,042	1,276	1,261	1,709	2,348	2,223	2,610	2,547
Construction workers	187	46	10	45	15	94	125	7	43	11	32
Restaurant workers	100	98	136	114	130	190	209	468	463	422	409
Domestic workers	7,456	6,499	8,454	8,845	11,792	14,735	18,870	22,145	26,083	28,091	32,093
Other professionals and middle managers	1,747	2,024	2,612	2,893	3,281	3,895	4,569	4,765	4,679	4,932	6,555
Others ^a	2,235	2,148	2,049	2,322	2,589	3,260	3,242	3,237	3,699	4,358	6,158
Total	12,571	11,801	14,485	15,261	19,083	23,435	28,724	32,970	37,190	40,424	47,794
With residence visas											
To join husband	3,064	3,229	3,654	3,587	4,447	5,376	4,733	5,072	5,920	6,919	7,335
To join wife	146	141	140	126	541	577	472	558	740	651	713
To join parents	2,805	3,076	3,593	3,663	4,698	5,669	5,772	5,146	5,025	5,595	6,292
To join son/daughter	646	593	821	925	777	775	716	781	787	811	832
Former resident	624	494	504	320	302	136	90	96	59	87	36
Right to land/right of abode	2,740	3,351	4,709	5,195	7,057	7,795	8,197	8,657	10,088	12,505	14,529
To join relatives, widows or widowers	11	17	20	29	18	22	14	7	15	8	6
To join relatives	97	65	97	61	29	21	41	32	30	25	31
Miscellaneous	78	130	188	172	136	91	29	40	33	17	6
Others	9	2	6	7	2	10	12	0	8	16	17
Total	10,220	11,098	13,732	14,085	18,007	20,472	20,076	20,389	22,705	26,634	29,797
Total	49,492	50,374	55,502	56,457	64,358	72,044	76,063	81,335	86,677	95,425	110,500

NOTES

a. Includes representatives of overseas companies and salesmen, trainees, sportsmen and entertainers.

The above statistics do not include: (a) British citizens/United Kingdom belongers; (b) dependants from Vietnam, Laos and Cambodia; (c) persons from China; (d) persons from China via Macau unless the application was settled in Macau by 14 January 1979.

SOURCE: Unpublished tabulations, Immigration Department, Hong Kong Government.