# Employment Visas for Chinese Nationals Resident on the Mainland



### **ADMISSION OF MAINLAND TALENTS & PROFESISONALS**

To attract qualified Mainland talents and professionals who possess skills & knowledge not readily available locally.

Such talents must contribute with a view to facilitating Hong Kong's economic development, the arts, culture, sports and the culinary profession.

The objective of the Scheme = to enhance HK's status as an Asian world city

### **GENERAL** ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

### **Good Education**

First degree in relevant discipline OR associated expertise and experience

### **Relevant Offer**

Confirmed offer for a job relevant to the applicant's background

### **Competitive Package**

Must be broadly commensurate with prevailing market rates

Special skills knowledge & experience of value to and not readily available in Hong Kong

### **No Security Objection**

And no known record of serious crime

### **Genuine Job Vacancy**

Which a local person cannot reasonably be expected to perform

### **Local Sponsor**

Validly registered local entity is required which is expected to be a well-established business

There is no quota nor sector specificity for Admission of Mainland Talents & Professionals

### **MAINLAND** BUSINESS OWNERS

# The Mainland Owner

- Comes as a business visitor
- Establishes a new company
- Leaves Hong Kong
- Applies for AMT&P Visa

# Transfer to Hong Kong

- HKID considers the application
- Applies the approvability test
- Owner must be 'skills eligible'
- If OK, AMT&P visa issued



Establishing a new Hong Kong operation & seeking to relocate to the HKSAR

### **MAINLAND** BUSINESS EXECUTIVES

### **Enter as a Visitor**

Business visit brings the mainland executive to the HKSAR

### **Permitted Activity**

preparatory work such as incorporating the company

### **Establish Company**

Then return to the Mainland to progress the next stage

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### **Apply Short AMT&P**

This will allow a return to HK to set up the office, start business, implement the plan

## **Implement Biz Plan**

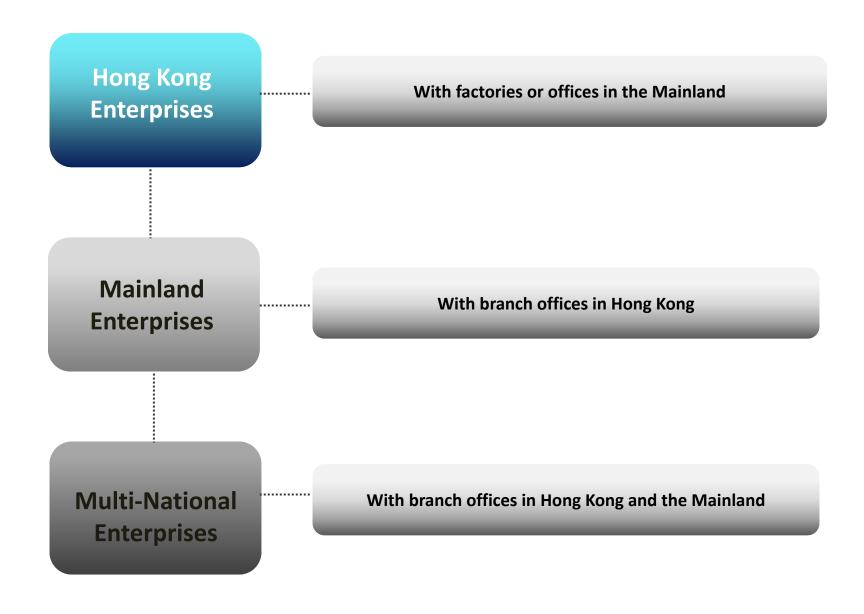
materialized, seek to extend the AMT&P visa

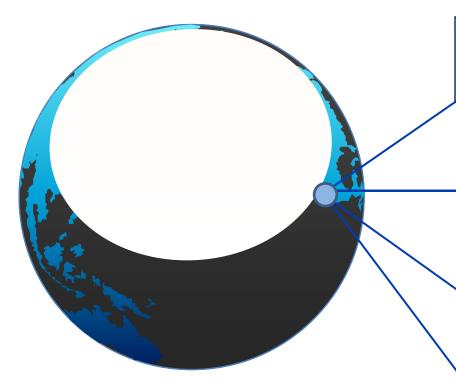
### **Apply Full AMT&P**

Seek permission to remain in HK, but 'full' eligibility criteria must be met

Mainland business executive seeks to set up a new operation in Hong Kong

### **MAINLAND INTERCOMPANY TRANSFEREE 1**





### **Managerial or Professional Staff**

Supervisory duties, at a minimum, are expected and skills set must be high

### 12 Month Prior Employment on the Mainland

Necessary precondition for consideration under the MICT approvability criteria

### **Remuneration Package to be Competitive**

Compensation to be broadly commensurate with prevailing market rates in Hong Kong

### **MICT Numbers to be Reasonable**

When compared to the total employment and the nature of the business operations

# **Entry Visa Only**

Strictly no change of status applications whilst visiting Hong Kong

# **Change of Employers**

Once approved, such change is permitted but still have to satisfy eligibility criteria and approvability test

# AMT&P

# **Dependants**

Allowed to accompany and secure dependant visas subject to normal test

### **Extensions**

Subject to continuing satisfaction of eligibility test and granted to normal 2-3-3 year pattern

### **Enhancement Measure May 6, 2015**

New policy designed to attract and retain Entrepreneurs, Professionals and Talents

### **HKD2** million Assessable Income

Present your tax bill showing HKD2 million in income in the previous tax year and you attain 'Top Tier' status

### **Ticket to Ride**

Once assessed as Top Tier you get an immediate 6 year limit of stay with the only limit of stay in force being that of time and a requirement to notify ImmD of any change of employment in writing within 30 days





# **Visa Information**











