Visitor arrivals for Labour Day Golden Week

In response to media enquiries on the visitor arrivals of the Labour Day Golden Week, a spokesman for the Tourism Commission today (May 4) gave the following reply:

According to the provisional figures provided by the Immigration Department, the total number of visitor arrivals during the first six days (April 28 to May 3) was 576,752, up 19.8% compared with the same period last year.

There were 355,681 Mainland visitors, (61.7% of the total arrivals) coming to Hong Kong during the first six days of the Golden Week, an increase of 24.5% as compared with the same period last year. Among them, 238,442 or 67% travelled under the Individual Visitor Scheme (IVS). The proportion during the same period last year was 58.2%. Visitors travelling with a group tour entry permit accounted for about 5.9%.

| Total arrivals*: | 576,752(+19.8%)** |
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| Mainland Arrivals*: | 355,681 (+24.5%)** |
| IVS endorsement*: | 238,442(+43.5%)** |
| Group Tour entry permit*: | 20,996 (-13.5%)** |

* Provisional figures provided by the Immigration Department (April 28-May 3, 2007)
** Figures in () show the % change as compared with the same period last year.

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