

NOTES ON THE LATEST FIGURES

The total number of arrivals in March quarter of 2006 was 25,306 persons, an increase of 2.9 percent compared to March quarter of 2005.

The number of visitor arrivals in March of 2006 was 15,488, which was 6.5 percent lower than in March quarter of 2005. Of these, 5,233 came for business, 4,319 came for employment, 3,635 came for holiday and 2,301 came for other specific reasons.

As usual, the largest group of visitors in March quarter of 2006 was from Australia (7,354) who gave Australia as their overseas address, accounting for 47.4 percent of all visitor arrivals. Substantial number of visitors also came from Japan (1,547), USA (1,251), Philippines (909) and Malaysia (742).