

NOTES ON THE LATEST FIGURES

The total number of arrivals in September quarter of 2003 was 24,202 persons, an increase of 10.2 percent compared to September quarter of 2002.

The number of visitor arrivals in September quarter of 2003 was 14,541, which was 9.02 percent higher than in September quarter of 2002. Of these, 4,742 came for holidays, 3,924 came for business, 3,477 came for employment and 2,398 came for other specific reasons.

As usual, the largest group of visitors in September quarter of 2003 was from Australia (7,853) who gave Australia as their overseas address, accounting for 54 percent of all visitor arrivals. Substantial number of visitors also came from Japan (1,276), USA (1,093), Philippians (619), and New Zealand (487).