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**HONG KONG DEVELOPS A PROGRAM TO ATTRACT HIGHLY-QUALIFIED PROFESSIONALS AS IMMIGRANTS**

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The Hong Kong Special Administrative Region Government recently announced a new program to attract highly-qualified professionals as immigrants to Hong Kong. The program would be established with an initial annual quota of 1,000. Applicants must demonstrate that they meet certain threshold eligibility requirements that include: language proficiency (Cantonese, Mandarin or English); age 18-50; good character; financial means; and a bachelor-level degree. After meeting initial basic requirements, applicants must accumulate a sufficient number of points under a point-system that allocates points based on such factors as degree of education and achievement, work experience, achievements of spouse, family connections in Hong Kong, etc.

The Special Administrative Region Government anticipates implementing the plan, called the Quality Migrant Admission Scheme (QMAS) during the first half of this year. Additional details will be forthcoming. As always, Tindall & Foster will continue to monitor changes in foreign immigration law as it applies to our clientele and will make updates available via our web site and periodic Email Bulletins. Should you require additional information on the new QMAS program please contact your Tindall & Foster emigration (“outbound”) attorney. He or she will be able to assist you in developing an appropriate strategy for qualified applicants seeking to take advantage of this new program.