Table title - Table 1: Employment (other than those in the Civil Service) by selected major sector

Number of persons engaged (employment) for the manufacturing sector in March 2006 was 161500. It represented a decrease of 1.0% or 1600 persons when compared with March 2005.

Number of persons engaged (employment) for the manufacturing sector in March 2005 was 163100.

Number of manual workers (employment) for the construction sites in March 2006 was 54900. It represented a decrease of 16.5% or 10900 persons when compared with March 2005.

Number of manual workers (employment) for the construction sites in March 2005 was 65800.

Number of persons engaged (employment) for the wholesale trade in March 2006 was 67800. It represented a decrease of 3.1% or 2200 persons when compared with March 2005.

Number of persons engaged (employment) for the wholesale trade in March 2005 was 70000.

Number of persons engaged (employment) for the retail trade in March 2006 was 225900. It represented an increase of 4.6% or 9900 persons when compared with March 2005.

Number of persons engaged (employment) for the retail trade in March 2005 was 216000.

Number of persons engaged (employment) for the import and export trade in March 2006 was 513300. It represented an increase of 0.1% or 200 persons when compared with March 2005.

Number of persons engaged (employment) for the import and export trade in March 2005 was 513100.

Number of persons engaged (employment) for the restaurants in March 2006 was 193400. It represented an increase of 4.8% or 8700 persons when compared with March 2005.

Number of persons engaged (employment) for the restaurants in March 2005 was 184700.

Number of persons engaged (employment) for the hotels and boarding houses in March 2006 was 28400. It represented an increase of 9.3% or 2400 persons when compared with March 2005.

Number of persons engaged (employment) for the hotels and boarding houses in March 2005 was 26000.

Number of persons engaged (employment) for the transport and storage in March 2006 was 154100. It represented an increase of 1.8% or 2700 persons when compared with March 2005.

Number of persons engaged (employment) for the transport and storage in March 2005 was 151400.

Number of persons engaged (employment) for the communications in March 2006 was 30000. It represented an increase of 0.6% or 200 persons when compared with March 2005.

Number of persons engaged (employment) for the communications in March 2005 was 29800.

Number of persons engaged (employment) for the financing and insurance in March 2006 was 158100. It represented an increase of 3.8% or 5800 persons when compared with March 2005.

Number of persons engaged (employment) for the financing and insurance in March 2005 was 152300.

Number of persons engaged (employment) for the real estate in March 2006 was 97400. It represented an increase of 8.2% or 7400 persons when compared with March 2005.

Number of persons engaged (employment) for the real estate in March 2005 was 90000.

Number of persons engaged (employment) for the business services in March 2006 was 212900. It represented an increase of 3.7% or 7600 persons when compared with March 2005.

Number of persons engaged (employment) for the business services in March 2005 was 205300.

Number of persons engaged (employment) for the sanitary and similar services in March 2006 was 59200. It represented an increase of 4.4% or 2600 persons when compared with March 2005.

Number of persons engaged (employment) for the sanitary and similar services in March 2005 was 56600.

Number of persons engaged (employment) for the education services and research institutes in March 2006 was 136700. It represented an increase of 4.1% or 5400 persons when compared with March 2005.

Number of persons engaged (employment) for the education services and research institutes in March 2005 was 131300.

Number of persons engaged (employment) for the medical, health and related services in March 2006 was 77900. It represented an increase of 2.5% or 1900 persons when compared with March 2005.

Number of persons engaged (employment) for the medical, health and related services in March 2005 was 76000.

Number of persons engaged (employment) for the welfare and community services in March 2006 was 63100. It represented an increase of 1.5% or 1000 persons when compared with March 2005.

Number of persons engaged (employment) for the welfare and community services in March 2005 was 62100.

Number of persons engaged (employment) for the recreational and other personal services in March 2006 was 114600. It represented an increase of 5.8% or 6300 persons when compared with March 2005.

Number of persons engaged (employment) for the recreational and other personal services in March 2005 was 108300.

Number of persons engaged (employment) for other industry sectors in March 2006 was 8100. It represented a decrease of 1.0% or 100 persons when compared with March 2005.

Number of persons engaged (employment) for other industry sectors in March 2005 was 8200.

Number of persons engaged (employment) for all above industry sectors in March 2006 was 2357200. It represented an increase of 2.0% or 47200 persons when compared with March 2005.

Number of persons engaged (employment) for all above industry sectors in March 2005 was 2310000.

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Table title - Table 2: Vacancies (other than those in the Civil Service) by selected major sector

The number of vacancies for the manufacturing sector in March 2006 was 1920. It represented a decrease of 3% or 70 when compared with March 2005.

The number of vacancies for the manufacturing sector in March 2005 was 1990.

The number of vacancies for manual workers at the construction sites in March 2006 was 10. It represented an increase of 67% or less than 5 when compared with March 2005. Please refer to "Limitations of the Survey" in Part V of the Quarterly Report of Employment and Vacancies at Construction Sites, March 2006.

The number of vacancies for manual workers at the construction sites in March 2005 was less than 5.

The number of vacancies for the wholesale trade in March 2006 was 1040. It represented a decrease of 6% or 60 when compared with March 2005.

The number of vacancies for the wholesale trade in March 2005 was 1100.

The number of vacancies for the retail trade in March 2006 was 4820. It represented an increase of 59% or 1780 when compared with March 2005.

The number of vacancies for the retail trade in March 2005 was 3040.

The number of vacancies for the import and export trade in March 2006 was 9530. It represented an increase of 4% or 370 when compared with March 2005.

The number of vacancies for the import and export trade in March 2005 was 9160.

The number of vacancies for the restaurants in March 2006 was 3380. It represented an increase of 79% or 1490 when compared with March 2005.

The number of vacancies for the restaurants in March 2005 was 1890.

The number of vacancies for the hotels and boarding houses in March 2006 was 610. It represented an increase of 11% or 60 when compared with March 2005.

The number of vacancies for the hotels and boarding houses in March 2005 was 550.

The number of vacancies for the transport and storage in March 2006 was 2040. It represented an increase of 20% or 350 when compared with March 2005.

The number of vacancies for the transport and storage in March 2005 was 1690.

The number of vacancies for the communications in March 2006 was 770. It represented an increase of 93% or 370

when compared with March 2005.

The number of vacancies for the communications in March 2005 was 400.

The number of vacancies for the financing and insurance in March 2006 was 4740. It represented an increase of 43% or 1420 when compared with March 2005.

The number of vacancies for the financing and insurance in March 2005 was 3320.

The number of vacancies for the real estate in March 2006 was 3400. It represented an increase of 39% or 950 when compared with March 2005.

The number of vacancies for the real estate in March 2005 was 2450.

The number of vacancies for the business services in March 2006 was 5440. It represented an increase of 16% or 740 when compared with March 2005.

The number of vacancies for the business services in March 2005 was 4700.

The number of vacancies for the sanitary and similar services in March 2006 was 540. It represented an increase of 99% or 270 when compared with March 2005.

The number of vacancies for the sanitary and similar services in March 2005 was 270.

The number of vacancies for the education services and research institutes in March 2006 was 1490. It represented an increase of 25% or 300 when compared with March 2005.

The number of vacancies for the education services and research institutes in March 2005 was 1190.

The number of vacancies for the medical, health and related services in March 2006 was 1400. It represented an increase of 38% or 380 when compared with March 2005.

The number of vacancies for the medical, health and related services in March 2005 was 1020.

The number of vacancies for the welfare and community services in March 2006 was 1530. It represented an increase of 64% or 590 when compared with March 2005.

The number of vacancies for the welfare and community services in March 2005 was 940.

The number of vacancies for the recreational and other personal services in March 2006 was 2900. It represented a decrease of 14% or 480 when compared with March 2005.

The number of vacancies for the recreational and other personal services in March 2005 was 3380.

The number of vacancies for other industry sectors in March 2006 was less than 5. It represented a decrease of 33% or less than 5 when compared with March 2005.

The number of vacancies for other industry sectors in March 2005 was less than 5.

The number of vacancies for all above industry sectors in March 2006 was 45540. It represented an increase of 23% or 8450 when compared with March 2005.

The number of vacancies for all above industry sectors in March 2005 was 37090.

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Table title - Table 3: Vacancies (other than those in the Civil Service) by major occupation category

The number of vacancies for managers and administrators in March 2006 was 990. It represented an increase of 21% when compared with March 2005.

The number of vacancies for managers and administrators in March 2005 was 820.

The number of vacancies for professionals in March 2006 was 4090. It represented an increase of 32% when compared with March 2005.

The number of vacancies for professionals in March 2005 was 3090.

The number of vacancies for associate professionals in March 2006 was 15810. It represented an increase of 17% when compared with March 2005.

The number of vacancies for associate professionals in March 2005 was 13520.

The number of vacancies for clerks in March 2006 was 8060. It represented an increase of 7% when compared with March 2005.

The number of vacancies for clerks in March 2005 was 7530.

The number of vacancies for service workers and shop sales workers in March 2006 was 10130. It represented an increase of 47% when compared with March 2005.

The number of vacancies for service workers and shop sales workers in March 2005 was 6880.

The number of vacancies for craft and related workers in March 2006 was 1020. It represented an increase of 20% when compared with March 2005.

The number of vacancies for craft and related workers in March 2005 was 850.

The number of vacancies for plant and machine operators and assemblers in March 2006 was 860. It represented an increase of 28% when compared with March 2005.

The number of vacancies for plant and machine operators and assemblers in March 2005 was 670.

The number of vacancies for elementary occupations in March 2006 was 4570. It represented an increase of 23% when compared with March 2005.

The number of vacancies for elementary occupations in March 2005 was 3720.

The number of vacancies in March 2006 was 45540. It represented an increase of 23% when compared with March 2005.

The number of vacancies in March 2005 was 37090.

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Table title - Table 4: Quarterly changes of employment and vacancies (other than those in the Civil Service)

Quarter-to-quarter percentage change of persons engaged (employment) in March 2006 was +0.4% based on the original series (i.e. not seasonally adjusted), and +0.6% based on the seasonally adjusted series.

Quarter-to-quarter percentage change of vacancies in March 2006 was +24.7% based on the original series (i.e. not seasonally adjusted), and +3.6% based on the seasonally adjusted series.

Quarter-to-quarter percentage change of persons engaged (employment) in December 2005 was +0.8% based on the original series (i.e. not seasonally adjusted), and +0.8% based on the seasonally adjusted series.

Quarter-to-quarter percentage change of vacancies in December 2005 was -16.2% based on the original series (i.e. not seasonally adjusted), and -2.1% based on the seasonally adjusted series.

Quarter-to-quarter percentage change of persons engaged (employment) in September 2005 was +0.1% based on the original series (i.e. not seasonally adjusted), and +0.1% based on the seasonally adjusted series.

Quarter-to-quarter percentage change of vacancies in September 2005 was +14.8% based on the original series (i.e. not seasonally adjusted), and +21.1% based on the seasonally adjusted series.

Quarter-to-quarter percentage change of persons engaged (employment) in June 2005 was +0.8% based on the original series (i.e. not seasonally adjusted), and +0.5% based on the seasonally adjusted series.

Quarter-to-quarter percentage change of vacancies in June 2005 was +2.4% based on the original series (i.e. not seasonally adjusted), and within the range of +0.05% to -0.05% based on the seasonally adjusted series.

Quarter-to-quarter percentage change of persons engaged (employment) in March 2005 was +0.3% based on the original series (i.e. not seasonally adjusted), and +0.6% based on the seasonally adjusted series.

Quarter-to-quarter percentage change of vacancies in March 2005 was +26.9% based on the original series (i.e. not seasonally adjusted), and +5.5% based on the seasonally adjusted series.

Notes:

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- 2. The seasonally adjusted data series is subject to routine revision when more up-to-date figures become available.