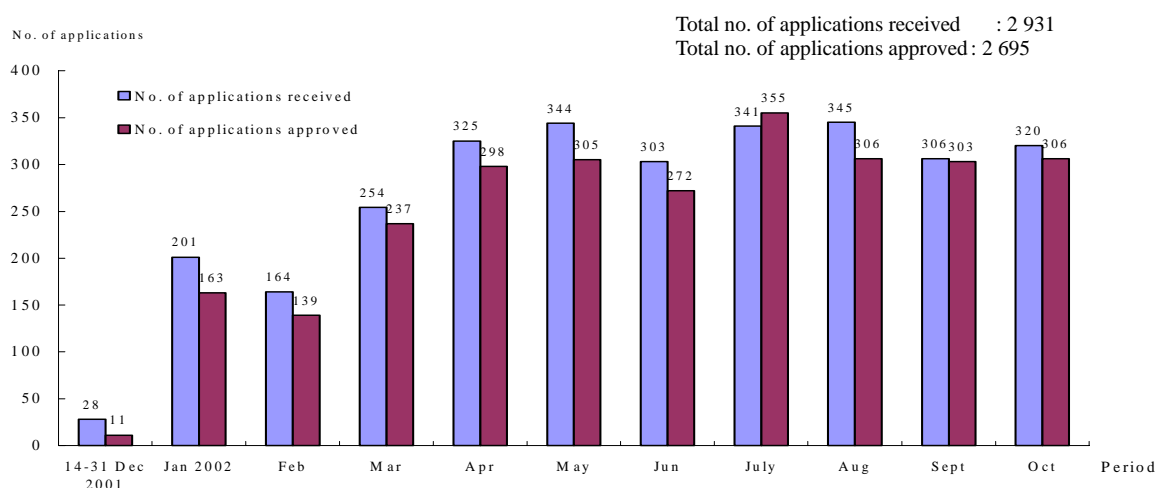


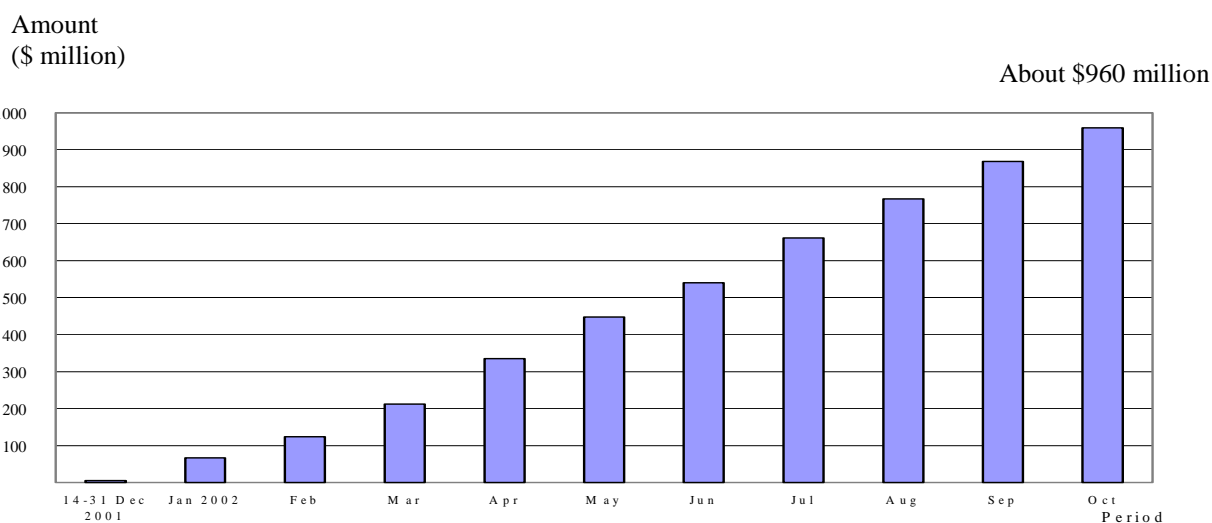
**Progress of the SME
Business Installations and Equipment Loan Guarantee Scheme
(as at 31 October 2002)**

(I) Monthly distribution of applications received and approved



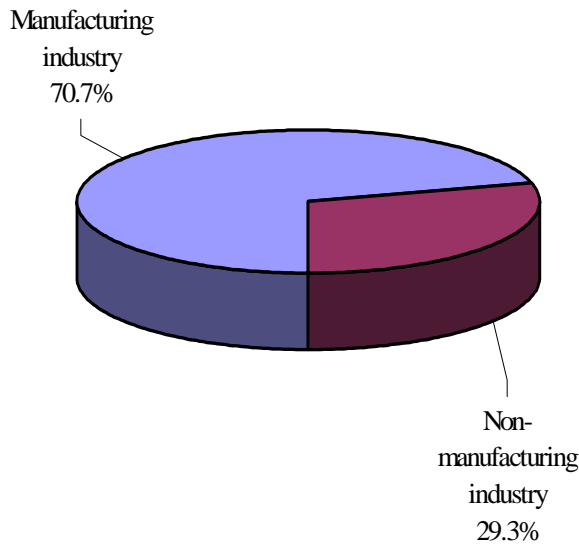
Remarks: Applications approved in a particular month include applications received prior to but approved in that month.

(II) Cumulative amount of guarantee



(III) Business nature of beneficiaries

Total no. of beneficiaries : 1 988



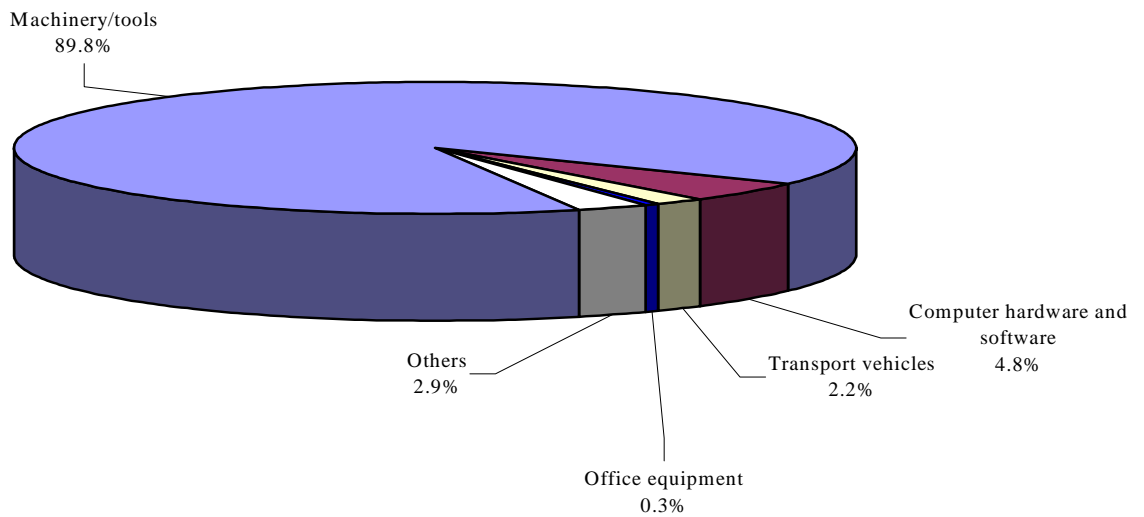
Manufacturing Industry

- * Top three business sectors :
- Printing and publishing (11.6%)
 - Textiles and clothing (11.4%)
 - Metal products (11.2%)

Non- manufacturing Industry

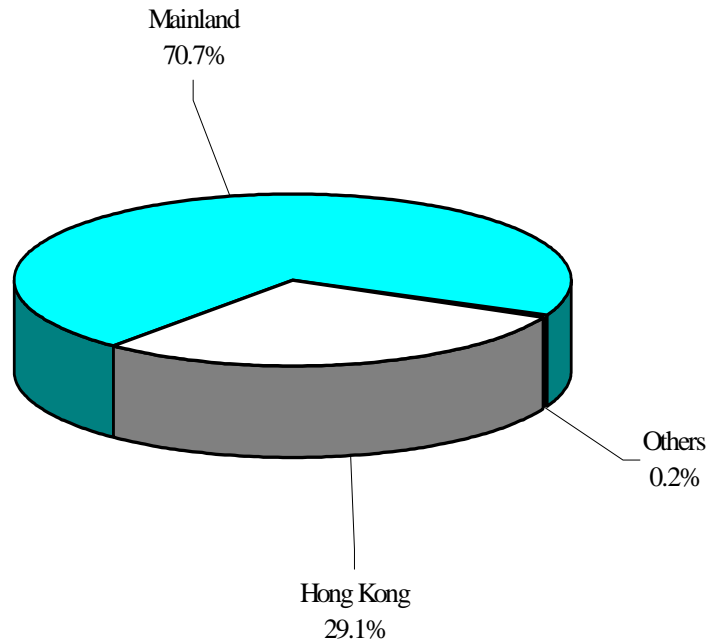
- * Top three business sectors :
- Import and export trade (9.2%)
 - Construction (5%)
 - Wholesale and retail (2.3%)

(IV) Type of business installations and equipment involved in the approved applications



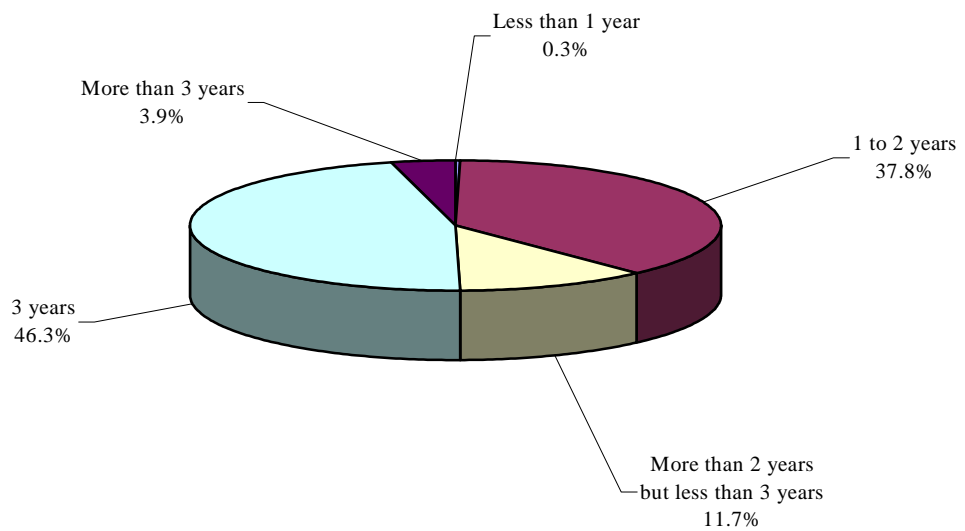
Total no. of applications approved : 2 695

(V) Locations of business installations and equipment covered by approved applications



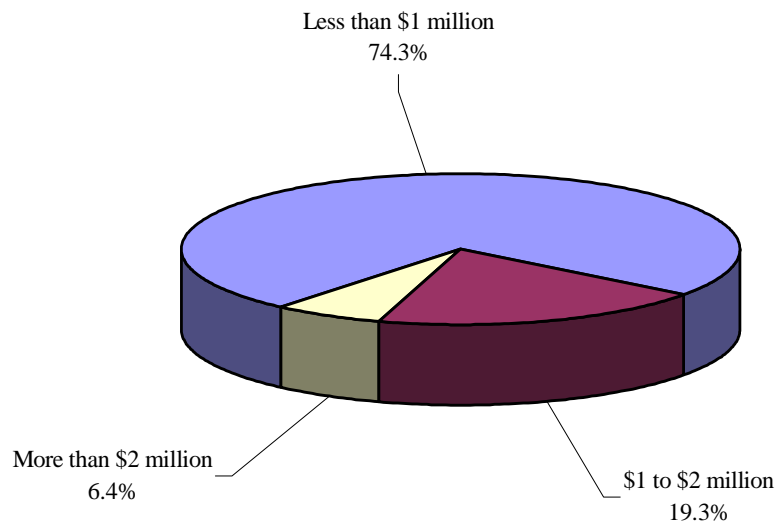
Total no. of applications approved : 2 695

(VI) Loan period of approved applications



Total no. of applications approved : 2 695

(VII) Loan amount of approved applications



Total no. of applications approved : 2 695