

主旨: Public engagement -- expression of views

Dear Sirs,

First, I do not understand why there is a need for classification of the consultation into the above categories. This would invariably impose a restriction on expressing views which is clearly unnecessary.

My major concern is on population composition.
Most importantly the "ONE WAY PERMIT" system. "OWP"

It is the Government's saying that the OWP system can help alleviate the ageing problem of HK. Is it really the case? Can the Government publish the median age of those coming to HK through this system? Further, their profile including their education, earning power, financial status etc?

If the Government dares publish all these data and statistics, it is suggested not hard for one to see the OWP system cannot help the ageing problem in HK. Most coming to HK are those 30+ women who married old men in HK. They need time to settle, if we assume they will work, they will start working around the age of 35+ and retire at our similar age! so how can it slow down the ageing problem of HK?

Plus the HK government always says they have higher education. Is it laughable to tell others that those at most have secondary graduation are higher education? It cannot be right! Nowadays HK's largest labour force is the unskilled ones -- secondary education and most of them doing blue collar jobs. It is not to say we do not need them but the question then is why they earn so little by the market so that we have to pass the minimum wage law? it is because we have so many of these unskilled workers!! do we need more of them? Think about it!!

Now, the Government again says those who receive CSSA are the minority compared to the permanent HK residents. Lets not forget those who entered into HK through the OWP system can become HK perm residents one day! Please could the Government tell us of the HK perm residents who are receiving CSSA, how many of them entered into HK through the OWP system? lets not forget they can also bring along their adult children into HK. One OWP person can always generate a multiplier effect on our CSSA system, let alone to mention all other benefits.

In view of the urgent situation brought by the OWP system, recommendations to resolve the population problem of HK are:

- (1) to get back the controlling say on the OWP system. There is nowhere in the world that a place has no say as to who can become that place's residents or not. We need to add "financial assessment" into OWP system. Just like Australia, an applicant can only apply OWP for his family member provided he can establish he can support that member's living for at least one year.
- (2) to reduce the quota of the OWP system. 150 daily is too much
- (3) OWP person can only bring in members of linear descendents relationship. Sisters brothers and extended family should not be permitted.
- (4) to encourage immigrations of high skilled, not those to just come here to seek benefits. For OWP, to build in "Skills assessment" points system.
- (5) to reduce the no. of benefits or subsidies provided e.g. to completely abolish the "CareFund" and all other unnecessary subsidies like overseas travel, goggles replacement and internet subsidies etc.
- (6) No double pay for CSSA recipients. On what basis they are entitled to the fruits of others' hard work?
- (7) to require CSSA recipients to do volunteer work e.g. helping the elderly home, children's home. All these can help local manpower, family and Fertility problems etc...
- (8) to review the no. of subsidies and to reduce all existing subsidies and the amount of CSSA.

Finally, HK should not move along the line of socialist approach, we should focus on providing fair opportunities not fair outcome.

A perm resident who loves HK, works hard, pays taxes on time and has never thought of applying for CSSA and abuse the welfare system.