

主旨: Population policy recommendation

Attention: Secretariat of the Steering Committee on Population Policy

We are HKID and HK passport holders. We have dual citizenship (Canadian), but are declared non-residents in Canada. We were born in HK but had immigrated with our parents to foreign countries when we were young kids.

There are many of us at child bearing age that have returned to HK for work after our parents had immigrated in the 80's and 90's. Many of our parents have now retired and live in the foreign country.

Now that we are pregnant, we would like to give birth where our family is (Canada). If the baby is born in Canada, it is unlikely that he or she can get permanent residence status, HKID, and HK passport. Since this is the case, many are forced to have their children in HK, while many, on the other hand, just chooses to stay in the foreign country to raise their children after they are born.

This is a huge inconvenience and actually quite unfair. We usually live in Hong Kong. We work and pay taxes in Hong Kong. We do not use your health system but rather the one in a foreign country. If our child is born elsewhere but are dependent of us, they should benefit from the taxes we usually pay in HK and be able to go to school, use the health system in HK as a permanent resident would. They should also be able to obtain their Return to Homeland card, which they are now unable due to their lack of a valid HKID.

Please consider the above, it would help both to retain people like myself in HK eventhough we are holders of dual citizenship, and bring the children of our generation to HK to grow up and to consider working in Hong Kong for the long haul.

Thank you and best regards,  
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