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Opinion for Population Policy

I am writing to express my opinion on the Consultant Document for the Population Policy.

Point 1.23(b) of the document reminds one major way to deal with the demographic challenge shall try to minimize the skills mismatch of labour force by improving education and training. Skills mismatching will induce unemployment and stress on the existing social welfare system. Point 1.8 of the document mentioned that PRC would be the major source of the population growth. However, only 22% of population of PRC received senior secondary education refer to the 6th National Population Census of PRC and most likely the PRC immigrants only have background of factory or farm. The working experience of PRC immigrants through One-way Permit Scheme are skills mismatching to Hong Kong's market. Even though suitable training may improve the quality of immigrants, that will put great pressure on Hong Kong education system. In my point view, PRC immigration through OPS is not a effective way to improve the lack of working labour. Moreover, from the government figure the median age of PRC immigrants through OPS is 30s which may even worsen ageing population problem. The general public suggests reduce the quantity of OPS will be helpful to the improve the quality and the median age. The document claimed Hong Kong Government have no right for approval of OWP rests under Base Law, however there is no related wording in the Basic Law. Nevertheless, the HKSAR shall try her best to reduce the OWP by consulting PRC government.

Lastly, chapter 5 of the document suggests that the government shall provide a supportive environment for our people to form and raise families. However, Type II children occupy seat of school and induce insufficient seat which discourage Hong Konger to give birth. The document fails to provide suggestion to favour Hong Konger and the SCPP claims the government shall do nothing interfere with the childbearing decisions of individuals as per 5.8. Family policy is the core of population policy all over the world. For example, Minister of State for Youth Affairs and Measures for Declining Birthrate is assigned in Japan to review the policy for improve the birth rate. I am surprised why the document has no suggestion on this issue.