

主旨: In views on population policy

The Steering Committee on Population Policy/Ms. Lam:

I am sure many of the views/opinion from others are about improving the health care system by injecting more doctor's and nurses into the system as shown on the news. In light of this problem, I would like to share some of my ideas on the future population policy by proposing (1).open night/evening schools for nursing/other high demand professions (2). by allowing more job varieties such as nurse anesthetist(NA)/nurse practitioner(NP).

I would like to propose the HK government open night/evening schools for nursing and other high demand professions so that people having full-time jobs can change profession instead of working in a field that have no future. I am sure that would free up some of the space for other professions so it won't make into vicious competition for jobs hence decrease HK's competitiveness .

I would also like to see more job varieties such as nurse anesthetist/nurse practitioner as Hong Kong does not have enough doctor just like many other countries. Would that be better for Hong Kong to have our own NA/NP to relieve the demand in the health care field instead of just relying on importing foreign doctors/nurses?

I just want you to know, I used to be a nursing student in the US on a scholarship and I will become a nursing student again in the Fall of 2014. Nevertheless, if I finished the program, I may choose not to practice in Hong Kong due to the current health care setting here is just not a favorable place to work with a 1/15 nurse/patient ratio.

Also, from the population policy leaflet it said

“New arrivals from the Mainland, persons with disabilities and ethnic minorities are our families and neighbours sharing the same community. We must cultivate a socially inclusive environment in which people of all backgrounds and colours can realise their potential”.

I wonder how much of these sentences are true. I have disability and when I applied for jobs in the labor department as a environmental hygienist, the interviewer asked me the most difficult interview question on quantum mechanics. I have no idea if he ask all the interviewee that question but I am sure that question is one of the hardest interview questions I ever encountered. I cannot say the labor department represent the government to discriminate disable people like me but it often makes me wonder why I applied for more than 50 government jobs still without avail. I hold a master degree in English, a teaching certificate/PGDE, a BS in computer engineering and the hardest part is I still cannot find a job.

Sincerely,
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