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Comments:

A proper population policy is ultra-important for a city, especially for small cities like Hong Kong while Family and Fertility is one of the elements of the policy since family is a basic unit for a society, and children will be our future. Therefore, it is urgent for us to draft a plan to construct a proper environment for the citizens to form their families and give birth to baby. It is, however, difficult for us to think of a plan due to the challenges ahead.

The most challenging task faced by the families is that the financial burden after they have the offspring. The parents need to provide food, clothes, place for the child to live and the transportation, all of these need money. In Hong Kong, the severe inflation and high property price hinder young adults from having baby which will bring adverse impact towards the future development of Hong Kong. Because the ageing problem will definitely lower the productivity of Hong Kong and hence lower the competitiveness of the city. To respond to such trend, the government should enact suitable measures to tackle the problem. For instance, the authorities should further lower the tax for those young families as the taxes are a huge burden for them and they may not have money for marriage or having baby. Besides, the government can offer more assistance on housing issue; the housing issue is the largest obstacles for young adults to form their families. Through offering assistance like 'more public housing estates will be available', the young generations can have less worry on the high property price.

Secondly, the other reason for the young adults not to be motivated for the marriage and having baby is that they need to work for a long period of time a day. They think themselves may not have enough time to take care of their children and at the same time, earn a living in order to "survive" in the society. To tackle such dilemma, the authorities should, immediately, propose measures like standard working hour. The standard working hour is for the sake of the overall development of the territories. Not only can it relieve one's intense working pressure, but it can also allow more time for the young adults to handle their private affairs such as dating and marriage, etc.

All in all, Family and Fertility is only part of the whole population policy. It is time the government did something for the sake of Hong Kong citizens. And the suggestions above may be able to alleviate the aging population and to turn over a new leaf for the brighter future of our home, Hong Kong.

