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Comments:

There have been concerns in the society that Hong Kong is now facing a serious ageing population and low fertility rate problems. In my opinion, the population policies set up by the government can somehow solve these population problems in Hong Kong.

Firstly, in order to unleash the potential of new arrivals, persons with disabilities and ethnic minorities, I think the authorities can provide these people with sufficient free training courses, education and internship. Take the ethnic minorities as an example, the major reason they cannot find a job is they have language barrier with Hong Kong local people and have not adapted to the new environment yet. Therefore, the employees are not willing to hire them as they think the ethnic minorities cannot contribute much to the companies. If more free courses or education held by the professionals are provided, the ethnic minorities will be more active to join to learn Chinese and English, and different skills related to career and their daily lives. They can then overcome the obstacles and thus unleash their abilities and potential in work. Moreover some of the new arrivals, persons with disabilities and ethnic minorities still may not be able to get a job after finishing their training courses and education, and so, the authorities should also provide them with different kinds of internship to ensure that they have more working experiences and to increase their competitiveness in employment. If people from all over the world or with different backgrounds can also take an important role in contributing to Hong Kong's development, the society will be more harmonious and increase the size of our workforce.

On the other hand, regarding problems related to families and children, many couples nowadays do not want to give birth because they think they cannot afford the expenses and resources to foster a child. In this case, I think the government can offer them with direct subsidies for their children's education and the families' house rent. This can decrease their expenses so as to solve part of their financial concerns and the couples will be more willing to give birth. Apart from the financial burdens considered by the couples, some of them may also worry that they do not have time to take care of their children due to their own jobs. To settle this problem, I think the authorities can provide more childcare services such as offering free and reliable maids to these families. The government can also ask the employers to give these couples more flexible working hours and more holidays to look after their children.