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Recently, the problem of ageing population becomes more and more serious in Hong Kong. According to the statics and prediction, there is 14% elderly in 2012 and will be 32% in 2041. We can see the increasing trend of ageing population and a lot of problems will appear if it is continuously not alleviated.

First, I think one of the major problems of elderly is that many of them having a hard living with little money. In the aspect of their financial condition, they may not gain enough money support from their offspring even with the help of CSSA under the serious inflation nowadays, so that they would not be affordable for the expensive rent together with high price goods including daily necessities and meals. There have been a number of cases that elderly picking up rubbish to earn a living or having no home. Providing more low cost housing such as public housing for elderly is one of the effective ways to help solve their difficulties due to the increasing unaffordable rent, while there is insufficient low cost housing. Building more public retirement home can also alleviate the hard living of elderly by providing a place for them to live at a low price, while they can enjoy the facilities in the retirement home with others, so that their living standard would be increased! in both the aspect of materials and mental health.

Secondly, medical care is an important issue for elderly as their bodies usually easily get problems such as sickness in this age. Despite the Health Care Voucher helping elderly reduce their cost to see doctors when they are sick, more care should be put on their serious sickness. Serious sickness might need them to have surgery treatments or some extra medicines which have unaffordable cost. Implementing a insurance for people's entire life by government can provide money for those who need to pay for their treatment, while the insurance is affordable for normal citizen so that they would be able to buy it, unlike the expensive insurance by businessman.

In conclusion, I think that the problems of elderly living hardly with poor financial condition and insufficient support of elderly facing serious sickness have to be tackled.