

主旨: Give Views

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Comments:

This is the first time I submit anything for government policy consultation, because I feel this land is no longer “Hong Kong Our Home” as the motto says. As an ordinary citizen, I have no big blue print for the consultation, just to express my views on some of the points expressed in the document. These points are about

(A)

para 1.15 On the social front, the SCPP considers that we should examine how to create a more supportive environment for people to have children. Yet there needs to be discussion on who foots the bill.

In the section of “Managing our Challenges: the Need for a Population Policy”

(B)

Para. 2.11

The power to approve OWP rests with the Mainland authorities under the Basic Law and there is no question of HKSAR Government “resuming” the approving authority. Imposing additional administrative screening criteria such as age, income level, education attainment, etc. would frustrate the OWP design as a scheme to facilitate family reunion. We see no case for changing the existing approval arrangements. Nevertheless, the HKSAR Government will take account of the views of various sectors and the overall interests of the community, and continue to reflect the views of various sectors

(C)

para 2.1 c

promoting integration of new arrivals from the Mainland,

My view on (A) is: Why don't we explore any concrete measure first before asking the question of who is going to pay the bill? Yet even we don't consider specific steps for this issue, I just cannot think of any reason why this bill is not to be footed by the government.

and then on (B) My view: In respect of the OWP, it's just ridiculous that the HK side doesn't have a say, not even a word to this new settlers. And even other cities in the mainland do have some form of power over the new settlers in the cities. In fact I'm not talking about "resuming" the authority. It is clearly a responsibility of this government to reflect the views of HK People when being consulting on these new settlers. Article 22 of the Basic Law reads "..... Among them, the number of persons who enter the Region for the purpose of settlement shall be determined by the competent authorities of the Central People's Government after consulting the government of the Region".

So it is within the basic law. The "number" of new settlers shall be determined by the mainland, but who are the individuals permitted to move is another topic (this is not the number) . That is the HK side can have a say. At least it is possible for the immigration officials to do something to screen out those criminals, arsonist, murderers....

And then on (C), my suggestion is to adopt a "No simplified Chinese" policy for all government forms, government websites and all Rail Services. That is to say only Normal Chinese Characters and English in these areas. "No simplified Chinese" is a very clear signal to the arrivals that this is a new place not like the mainland. They have to have another kind of psychology on crossing the border, and be culturally prepared for the arrival. This should help the new arrivals' shifting of mind set and thus fastening the pace of social integration. And in fact the logic of this policy also applies to the visitors from the mainland, and so minimizing the conflict with the locals.

What I am talking about is just the government forms, website and MTR which is semi governmental. As the commercials, just let the market decide whether they use simplified or not.