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After reading the Public Engagement Exercise on Population Policy, I would like to express my opinion to the Hong Kong Government.

First, about the measures to encourage female homemakers to work or re-join the labor force, I think that the Hong Kong Government could provide more supports to female homemakers in order to encourage them to work. For the female homemakers who have children or babies at home, I suggest that the government could provide more support on taking care of the children. The Government should introduce more child care centers in different districts so that some people could take care of the children when their mothers go to work. The opening time of the child care centers should also be extended. Meanwhile, the Government should provide more caretakers who go to the female employees' flats to take care of their babies. Therefore, the children whose mothers are female homemakers could be taken care of and their mothers could go to work again. They are encouraged to work or re-join the labor force. For the female homemakers who are poor, the Government should provide more subsidies to them. The Government should provide transportation subsidy to them so that they do not need to spend too much of their incomes on transportation for working. Moreover, child caring subsidy could also be provided to those poor female homemakers who have a child so that they do not need to spend a lot on employing a caretaker. After these subsidies are imposed, more poor female homemakers could have the courage to work or re-join the labor force. Therefore, Hong Kong's labor force increases and the economy could be boosted.

For unleashing the potential of the ethnic minorities, I think that more supports from the Hong Kong Government are needed. The government should provide more language training courses for the ethnic minorities as some ethnic minorities coming from South Asia may not be able to speak Cantonese, Putonghua or English. These become a barrier for them to integrate into our society. With the help of the courses the ethnic minorities could learn to speak Cantonese, Putonghua or English. Furthermore, the government could put more resources on local schools so that the schools are able to provide care and supports to the ethnic minorities studying in these schools. With the help of teachers and our schoolmates, the ethnic minorities are able to adapt to the Hong Kong society. Therefore, they could integrate into our society and unleash their potential.

In conclusion, the Hong Kong Government should really do something in order to encourage the female homemakers and ethnic minorities to work so that the labor force of Hong Kong could be enhanced.

