

主旨: Give Views

Comments:

I have selected four scopes since the employment issue has a direct impact on all four. I hold the HK permanent residence status with a Bachelor's degree from the UK and PhD from Australia (both universities consistently rank within the world's top 100). I have been unemployed for over 2 years here in Hong Kong despite having 10 years of university teaching experience gained from both overseas and local universities.

- 1) I wonder if the government has any statistics of how many doctoral professionals are chronically unemployed here in Hong Kong.
- 2) Many countries, including Australia, New Zealand, Canada, and the UK, impose strict preference on utilizing local manpower thereby restricting universities from employing people from outside. Hong Kong does not have any similar protection for its residents. While Chinese nationals may be considered as "local manpower" in the same country, local universities still import people from various overseas countries leaving local residents unemployed. So why does the government still allow, and even encourage, importing people from outside taking away employment opportunities from local people? This is not a case of manpower shortage but an inappropriate and irresponsible allocation of resources.
- 3) Without employment security, what is my chance of raising a small family?
- 4) Active Ageing, when brought up by this government, is a joke simply because there is no plan for promoting such initiative. I would probably get a job if active ageing is supported by technological advances here in Hong Kong. Unfortunately, there is no sign that the local government is looking into this direction at all.
- 5) I will very soon have to face the reality and apply for social welfare / unemployment benefit, what does this tell the young people of Hong Kong about their future? Prospective and current university students see that their (former) teacher cannot find a job in Hong Kong for over two years, what kind of future lies ahead for them?

I sincerely request the authority to take my case seriously and review what has gone fundamentally wrong with Hong Kong. When we tell children that if they work hard and study hard they can expect a prosperous future. Are we lying to them when a doctoral degree with 70+ scientific publications lead to long term unemployment and only survive on loans that can only pay for one primitive meal per day?

Please feel free to contact me either by telephone on _____ or email at _____ should you wish to discuss any related matters either privately or publicly.