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The whole government paper intends to import foreign labour.

In fact there are many non-local people staying in Hong Kong. I am working at CUHK to manage postgraduate research programmes (publicly-funded). Among 45 students, only 6 are local HK students. In our department we also have full-time taught master programmes which are self-financed, however many official statistics do not count these self-financed student numbers which could affect the administration and policy for future planning and development (at least I could not find a correct number of non-local students of self-financed programme on CUHK official website). In fact every year according to the number of graduates, majority of postgraduate students (both publicly funded and self-financed programmes) are non-local students particularly from Mainland China. During their studies, many female students got married and within a short time they can get pregnant and give birth to their babies in Hong Kong. From my observation, many of these Mainland students using their IANG visa to stay in Hong Kong to work as they want to get HK permanent ID card. Also many Mainland students like to give birth more than 1 baby in HK as there is no restriction on birth control. Even male Mainland students like to bring their spouse staying HK and give birth. I believe that these Mainland graduates staying in HK can bring new manpower to HK.

At the same time these non-local people bring a lot of tension to local demand of housing. The housing rent along the East Rail of MTR route had been rising due to a huge demand of non-local students and graduates from local universities. Thus the housing price near the MTR stations in Hunghom, Shatin, Ma On Shan is still very high. What I am going to say is that both temporary or mobile populations and local people are looking for a good place to stay. We all look for quality of life and a place that can utilize our talents to earn a living. The HK government should plan ahead the population policy together with housing and economical development. If the city is not growing in terms of economical, financial and cultural development, the city will become unattractive to come and stay. The high quality population would choose other growing cities over the world to live in.

May I suggest below points:

1. The government should find out the number of non-local students/graduates who are holding student visa or IANG visa in HK and estimate whether these temporary population could provide extra manpower in HK. If yes, would the government allow them to work part-time not only within the university but also allow them to work part-time outside the university?
2. If the government wants to attract these non-local graduates to stay in HK, the government should provide social support to allow them to integrate into HK community, then they will have their families

staying in HK as well. In the long run, these people will become part of HK population and local manpower.

3. The government should review current housing policy which is not friendly for local people to have a family and live with their parents and grandparents, because the local housing is average very small and with very high rent and high price. The Mainland people one day may find HK is not good for quality of life and they will go back to Mainland. If you take a reference of public housing in Singapore, a family of 6 people can have a flat sized over 1200 square feet and the actual using-size is 90%, which spacious area will allow a family growth for the younger generations living together with elderly. In that case, the elderly could be taking care by the younger generation and at the same time able to assist in taking care of babies and children in a big family. Thus the manpower from house wives could be released and work. Then the economical development could be still growing.

Population policy should plan together with economical, housing and healthcare policies. The effect is long term and to be seen in the future. The senior government should find out a strategic direction and integrate various policies from various departments and work together as a continuous work for a better Hong Kong to live in.

Thank you. (Re-send)