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Comments:

The cost of raising a child in Hong Kong is quite high, and the suggestion of a one off payment to have a child is not quite incentive enough. It would be better to offer a child support scheme where you will receive for example \$200 a week for your first child, and then say \$120 for each subsequent child until children left education. This would mean that people had more long term funding for raising a child rather than a one off perk but no further help. Such policies work across Europe, such as in the U.K

Maternity leave in Hong Kong is also rather short, this also discourages women from having children and/or if they do it deters them from returning to the workforce as often mothers would like to spend more time with their new born, however with only a 10 week maternity leave many see this as not enough time. Giving mothers more time to bond with their child will let them feel more confident to find care for their child and return to work.

It will also encourage more mothers to breastfeed which is something the health department has been trying to promote.

Alternative childcare should also be encouraged, so that parents can hire a nanny but not a helper, so that someone can look after the child but they are not required to live in their home or stay for the whole day. This would mean mothers could return to work part time if they wished.