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In Hong Kong, ageing population has been a heated topic and a serious issue. Elderly in the past were often stereotyped as being weak and people who always stay at home. However, there has been a great demand on social security, healthcare and elderly services for old people. Active ageing is very important to let elderly to have more opportunities to work, produce and even serve. And this is what the population policy must work on.

An age-friendly environment should be developed in Hong Kong. The population policy aims to develop an age-friendly and this will be very beneficial to the elderly and the society. In this environment, elderly will have more ways and methods to stay healthy, active and independent so that they won't feel neglected by the society. Government should provide more courses or activities etc to the elderly and encourage them to participate more in the society. For example, some old people want to volunteer to help others and they do have this ability. Government should give them more opportunities to do what they want by promoting active ageing. Further, government should encourage the healthcare for elderly because there are so many complaints for the healthcare welfare.

In fact, the future generation of elderly will be well-educated and more active. They have the ability to consume. Government should start to encourage the entrepreneurs and businessmen to prepare for the next elderly generation. They should provide more products for elderly but not only for the young generation. The silver hair market will become popular in the future as the generation of old people will be more open-minded and rich.

With respect to retirement on mainland, there have been many local elderly retiring on mainland. Many old people also want to retire on mainland as the lands are large and the environment may be better.

Government should encourage the Portable Comprehensive Social Security Assistance Scheme to help the elderly who want to have retirement in China. Government can make the CSSA portable to more places but not only Guangdong and Fujian provinces by cooperating with those places. This will be great to the elderly as they can choose more places to retire on with the aid of government. And then the quality of life of elderly will be better as they will be happier and even feel the sense of belonging to Hong Kong.

In conclusion, government should take care of the elderly more and provide more opportunities to them in terms of participation, retirement and market etc because they are also part of our society.