

## **Feedback on Health Care Reform**

Dear Sirs

I strongly object the proposed Health Care Reform as proposed by Secretary for Food and Health for the following 3 reasons. Further, I am **fed up** that the government keep taking more from us for a better society overall, while the less productive group keep shouting louder and getting more simply through less & less productive.

(1) A lot of companies in Hong Kong do provide in-patient and/or out-patient medical coverage. Implementing any scheme will simply encourage employers to **switch responsibilities** to employees or our society. Once the reform taken place, I will suffer a lot as my employer do offer medical coverage for me and my family members.

Taking MPF as an example, my current and previous employers used to pay 5% of my salary as provident fund and the percentage will increase with years of service in the company. However, when MPF has taken effect, both employers have switched to MPF which is capped at 5% or HKD1,000 **whatever lower**. Today, my employer's contribution to my MPF account is only 40% of previous provident fund scheme based on 5% level.

(2) On the other hand, I studied harder & smarter, worked harder and smarter (including my parents) for better life of myself and my family. I cannot see any reasons to support the lower income group with my salary un-voluntary.

As long as the lower income group cannot afford better living standard or medical care standard, they should accept what is available rather than keep taking more from the society. In case they could not accept it, then work harder and smarter for it. Under all and every circumstances, our government should teach the lower income group to **stand up on the own feet**, not feeding them.

As you may aware that lots of charity organizations over the world do teach farmers how to plant efficiently but not giving them food / money. Hopes our government will go on the same direction.

(3) The public health services in HK are world class and not second to private sector. I saw from TV that it is a "big" news for patients to queue for more than an hour in public hospital, then the second day went down to less than half an hour. I am surprised it is a news. I cannot understand why lower income group and legislative council members have complaints about it. When I went to

consult my family doctor at more than HKD200 every time, I have to wait for 60 to 90 minutes. May be I should switch to public health services for cheaper and faster health consultation.

At the same time, I would suggest to offer health care protection to 2 groups:

1. elderly who are permanent resident for at least HK 10 years before the age of 60, and
2. children who are permanent resident of HK and whose parents (both father and mother) are permanent resident of HK for more than 10 years before labouring.

Resources of our society should be directed to those who are "**really** in need" not to those who shouted louder, and/or supported by those lousy council members, and/or new immigrants looking for better life without contribution to our society.

Regards

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