

## The Problems Of Poverty In Hong Kong 4B Ip Sui Ting

Dear Sir/ Madam,

I am writing to express my concern about the problem of poverty in Hong Kong. We should solve this problem immediately. First, many people in Hong Kong live below the poverty line and their average monthly income is less than \$3,000. They do not get enough money to pay for their family expenditures.

Why do people live in poverty? Many people are unemployed. They can't find a job to do and even if they can find a job, it is still a low-paying job. So their income is always low. For example, the salary of a salesperson who works for 8 hours a day is between \$2,500 and \$3,000 a month.

The main causes of poverty are unemployment or having low-paying jobs because of a lack of education or skills. Lots of people in poverty are very poor because it is very difficult to find a job. They need to live in shabby flats in districts and cages. Some of them need to live on the street.

Poverty also causes many social problems, such as family conflicts and violence. All of them need to seek a volunteer and a special person to help them.

The best way to eliminate poverty is to provide resources for poor families. Efforts to alleviate poverty are needed such as social work, legislation and community work. I think the government should care about their living conditions and help them to fight poverty.

Yours sincerely,

Tony Wong

**Teacher's Feedback :** In this letter to the editor, you are able to express your concern about the problem. The seriousness of the problem is clearly stated. The solution to the problem in the last paragraph arouses public awareness to alleviate the problem of poverty. (Miss Yip Mei Yin)

**Food For Thought :** Since not having skills is one of the causes of poverty, should students study hard now to strive for excellence?