

A Letter To The Editor

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Dear Sir/ Madam,

I am writing to express my concern about the problem of poverty in Hong Kong. The problem of poverty should be a cause for great concern as it affects the social and economic environment of Hong Kong. We are all Hong Kong people. It is necessary for us to be concerned.

The life of people in poverty is very harsh. They have problems having three meals a day. Most of these people are disabled, old, from single-parent families, unemployed or chronic patients. They eat low-cost food which has no nutritional value. They live in flats with room only for a bed. But the majority are living in dilapidated tenements.

The main cause of poverty is unemployment or having low-paying jobs because of a lack of education or skills. Therefore, for those poor families to finance their children's education, more help to prepare them for the work field is required.

To build a harmonious society in this regard, it is necessary to start early. Family conflicts, child neglect and elderly neglect are cases caused by the problem of poverty. The best way to eliminate poverty is to provide the right resources for poor families.

Poverty is a serious problem. When a society's wealth gap is very wide, there will be a great impact on the well-being of a society. I hope poor families also take the initiative to write to the authorities for help. The Government and people from all walks of life need to do more for them and help them to get rid of poverty with the help and encouragement from everyone.

Yours faithfully,
Tony Wong

Teacher's Feedback : The causes and impact of the poverty problem have been shown in an organized way. It helps readers to understand the problem in greater depth. (Miss Chan Mei Ling)

Food For Thought : Could secondary students do something to help raise the awareness of the public of the problem?