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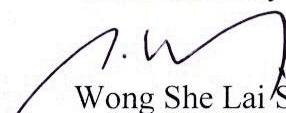
Views of Executive Committee of Hong Kong Subsidized Secondary Schools Council on Exemptions provided under Clause 26(2) of the Race Discrimination Bill

We write to support the exemptions provided under Clause 26(2) of the Race Discrimination Bill which reads

“(2) Nothing in subsection (1) is to be construed as requiring the responsible body for an educational establishment ---
(a) to modify for persons of any racial group arrangements of the establishment regarding holidays or medium of instruction; or
(b) to make different arrangements on those matters for persons of any racial group persons.”

We believe that schools will do their best to cater for the diversified needs of the students by utilization of the available resources. However, we have to face the fact that it is impossible for a school to have tailor-made programme for each individual student because each student is unique and there will never be sufficient resources when each student is provided with a unique learning programme in school. Furthermore, this will only segregate the students from one another because they are not given the opportunities to learn collectively. We agree with the explanations provided in Paragraph 14 of the ‘Administration’s paper on responses to questions raised on education matters’ [LC Paper No. CB(2)1576/07-08(01) dated 16 April 2008] and we consider the exemptions provided under Clause 26(2) necessary for the operation in schools.

Yours sincerely


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