

18th October 2006

Hon Mrs Rita FAN HSU Lai-tai, GBS, JP
Legislative Council Building
8 Jackson Road
Central
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Dear Madam

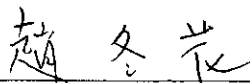
EDUCATION COUPON FOR CHILDREN AGED FROM 2 to 6 YEARS OLD

I am a parent in Hong Kong and I have a child attending May Nga Kindergarten, a private independent kindergarten in Hong Kong. I have been informed by the school that they endorsed a joint declaration on 14th October 2006 as a reply to the Chief Executive's policy address and I would like to express my view as follows:

1. All parents and children should be treated equal and should not be subject to any discrimination brought about by any executive rules, regulations and policies;
2. Government, schools and teachers should, at all times, act in the best interests of children;
3. Each child has the right to development to the maximum extent of the available resources;
4. All parties involved in the education sector should works towards and maintain a high standard of early education and be accountable and transparent to assessment by parents and regulatory bodies;
5. The policy on early education coupon which only allows redemption of coupons with non-profit making schools takes away the opportunity of a child joining a private kindergarten thus contravening the rules and spirit of equal opportunity in any modern society;
6. My family has been paying tax and contributing to the development of Hong Kong and see no reason why we should be excluded under the proposed scheme or why our choice on redeeming the education coupon should only be limited to non-profit making schools that charges fees not more than a prescribed threshold;
7. The policy on early education coupon constitutes discrimination against privately owned schools and kindergarten. The fact whether a school has a profit motive is independent of the standard of education that it offers. I AM SATISFIED WITH THE QUALITY OF EDUCATION OFFERED BY THE KINDERGARTEN THAT MY CHILDREN ATTENDS. THE ALLEGATIONS MADE BY DR. ARTHUR LI IS NOT VALID AS FAR AS MY CHILD'S SCHOOL IS CONCERNED; and
8. I am writing to you on my own initiative.

I hope that you will do all that you can to accurately account to the public in Hong Kong the number of letters that you received from parents on this subject and deliver our views and concerns to the Chief Executive and his team of advisors.

Yours sincerely



Signature

Name in block letters