

## **Job Descriptions**

### **Principal Economist (5)**

Rank : Principal Economist (D2)  
Section : Section V  
Responsible to : Government Economist

#### **Main Duties and Responsibilities –**

1. To assist the Government Economist (G Econ) in providing strategic input to the policy areas in respect of population, poverty and welfare.
2. To develop appropriate analytical frameworks for policy deliberations in the areas of population, poverty and welfare.
3. To provide economic analysis and support to various high-level committees/ commissions chaired/ coordinated by Principal Officials or Heads of Bureaux in areas relating to population, poverty and welfare, including Commission on Poverty and its Task Forces, Steering Committee on Population Policy etc.
4. To carry out other duties as directed by G Econ.

## **Specific tasks undertaken / to be undertaken by the new Principal Economist**

1. To provide professional support and in-depth economic analyses to the work of the Commission on Poverty (CoP) and its Task Forces in the formulation of poverty and welfare policies –
  - (a) To develop an analytical framework on poverty line in the Hong Kong context.
  - (b) To monitor Hong Kong's poverty situation including analyzing and monitoring the quantitative data of the poverty line.
  - (c) To measure the economic effectiveness of poverty alleviation policies.
  - (d) To strengthen research and strategic analysis on the underlying causes of poverty, including the elderly, the working poor, inter-generational poverty, poverty affecting new immigrants, and regional poverty.
2. To provide detailed research and in-depth economic analysis to the Steering Committee on Population Policy (SCPP) and the Administration in the formulation of population and welfare policy –
  - (a) To provide research analyses and strategic inputs on the economic implications of the changing demographic profile based on population projections and labour force projections conducted by the Census and Statistics Department.
  - (b) To conduct research studies on the potential consequences of ageing on the Hong Kong economy, including its impact on Hong Kong's long-term growth potential; the build-up in manpower shortage and skills mismatch; and examining the fiscal sustainability over the long-term with growing welfare and medical spending yet with shrinking population of taxpayers.
  - (c) To conduct detailed research studies relating to population policy in accordance with the steer of SCPP.
3. To carry out in-depth policy research and analyses of the underlying socio-economic phenomenon from the economic angle on policy areas on population, poverty and welfare.
4. To attend meetings, briefings and presentation sessions at the CoP, its Task Forces and SCPP; and to brief and report research findings at meetings, briefings and presentation sessions.
5. To carry out other duties as directed by G Econ.