

Submission to the Subcommittee on Rights of Ethnic Minorities

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Submissions from individuals

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Good afternoon everyone. I am Iqra Qunwal from Delia Memorial School (Broadway), currently a secondary 4 student. Today, I am here to discuss the high rising concern about **housing**, **Service support centres**, and **Health** we ethnic minorities are facing here In Hong Kong.

Mental health of children

One of the rising concern can be considered the mental health of children. Children with mental health inhibitions such as learning disabilities and behavioral disorders. These children require special attention such as they need easier access to the resources they need to use.

In order to tackle these problems. There should be more of emphasizes on mental health on children as It's indeed very critical in their formative years to develop a mentality which is healthy and positive. However with obstacles they may face in the future.

It should be encouraged that more resources should be allocated to psychological and mental care departments in hospital as often there is a lack of manpower in these departments. For instance, a more comprehensive and empathetic team of expertise handling these cases should be developed.

Moreover, it can be identified that students from different cultures are surrounded by mental and psychological stress. It should be encouraged that different counselling services offer a variety of languages which students find it better to talk to (esp ethnic minority students).

Medical description

The medical descriptions should be simplified, so that the ethnic minorities can have a much better understanding. As the description is usually written, in a medical term, or other sophisticated words which might be very complicated to understand.

Moreover, some of the people are unfortunately illiterate, therefore it should be recommended that the use of graphical images to show how the medications can be used,

provided that to the illiterate. As a result they can know the proper use of the medication, dosage etc.

Rental problems for ethnic minority

The high rising problem of discrimination is that they (property agents) don't consider renting anything to the Ethnic minorities by simply stating that there is not sufficient resources to accommodate their need, while there are numbers of posters outside their own shops that houses are for sale.

They have this stereotype that the ems won't pay the rent on time or make the flats dirty or not pay rent on time or create any sort of hesitancy or disturbance that it might affect their business. The Equal Opportunities Commission (EOC) should intensively monitor the property agencies by doing direct investigation which fully focuses on any sorts of corruption. Such as looking at any corruption or discrimination towards any individual or family.

Moreover, and give penalty to those who breach the law and ordinance, the wrongdoers should be prosecuted. For the betterment of the future. Such as imprisonment or giving fine.

Support service centres for ethnic minority

Considering the student and teacher ratio of in the tutorial classes provided by the centres are too low. It could be seen that the majority is with students, which leads the teacher to give answers directly without any explanation when the time is not sufficient. The quality of the homework done by the student might not be the best they could've as they thought of doing, while private tutors are too expensive In comparison with the normal ones.

The education provided in school cannot be replaced in a short time in tutorial classes, as the syllabus is covering a large portion, but in tutorials the time limit and number of may hinder the quality of effective learning of an individual. Rather than nurturing the brain, the tutorial perhaps would only be sufficient for students to complete their homework and assignments.