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Good afternoon everyone, 立法會 CB(2)1231/17-18(15)號文件  
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I am Mr. Rokka. I have done Master of Education in specialize population health and environmental science in Nepal with 10 years of working experience as a school teacher. After getting married I moved to Hong Kong in December 2016 as my spouse is born here and a resident of Hong Kong.

Soon after I came to Hong Kong I heard of Labour Department, and so I went to job centre to seek employment support. Front line staff in the job centre simply introduced me some office assistant jobs but all of them required reading and writing Chinese. I did registration and left the job centre thinking that is the maximum what job centre can do for me, not knowing and was not introduced that there is an employment officer who may provide me some help. It has been disappointing experience and since then I never received any kind of follow up services.

Through friends I got a job opportunity in Nepali Construction Company as an accountant and currently I am working as a manager at Nepali Jewellery Company.

I could not continue to develop my teaching career partly due to labour department. Because seeking help from labour department made me feel discouraged and disappointed due to its insufficient support in facilitating me into local system and staff attitude imposing the idea that without reading and writing there is no hope.

Meanwhile I have come in contact with Catholic Worker Centre which has helped to guide as how to I can peruse my teaching career in Hong Kong. Currently with Centre's guidance I am in processes of accrediting my qualification for being a teacher from Hong Kong Council for Accreditation of Academic and Vocational Qualification. The centre has also helped to provide guidance about tertiary programs such as postgraduate diploma in education, diploma in early childhood education etc so that it can help me in develop my teaching career. All of this should have been facilitated by Labour Department through career counselling and development but unfortunately it did not and I feel my over 1 year has been wasted.

I strongly recommend Labour Department to provide structured career guidance and counselling to educated EMs newly arrived to facilitate them into job market who may not be much familiar with the systems here. If they case follow up personally until get job that would be most effectively.

For the web of labour department, we didn't get sufficient and appropriate vacancy for EM Community. So I hope coming future department consider about this issued. And promote some effective program for EM.

THANK YOU.