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Good afternoon everyone,

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Thank you for allowing me to speak today. I would like to start off by introducing myself. My name is Raoul Barthakur and I am currently a student pursuing Legal Studies at HKU SPACE and formerly a student of an ESF international secondary school. Despite my educational background, I am unable to find a job either in relation to law or even a temporary or part-time job to help support my parents. This is due to the fact that most job openings available to those raised in Hong Kong such as myself require either some proficiency in Cantonese or a couple of years of related experience.

These job openings are undoubtedly reserved for Chinese speakers and foreign expats while excluding a large significant portion of more readily accessible talent educated in Hong Kong. The exclusion of non-Chinese speaking persons who spent most or all of their lives in Hong Kong can only lead to a brain drain of an increasingly wasted potential. This wasted potential is exacerbated by a lot of youth leaving Hong Kong for better opportunities abroad, even Chinese speaking former classmates with whom I went to secondary school have decided to study abroad with no indication of returning to Hong Kong.

In my experience of job searching, I have only managed to independently find one job opening within the past year and I have failed to acquire the job. Earlier this month, I have visited the Labour Department in Sham Shui Po in hopes of receiving assistance.

Though the Labour Department staff has accredited itself with actively trying to assist me in finding a job, there is considerable space for improvement. An example would be to refer registered applicants to experienced or trained personnel since the Chinese staff who had initially approached me just simply introduced me to an EM staff member who only managed to aid me in finding 3 job openings, 2 of which require some proficiency in Chinese in spite of my explicit stating that I do not understand Cantonese at any level.

Another improvement may be to ensure that a trained EM staff member is employed at every employment centre to ensure reasonable access to ethnic minorities living around Hong Kong, as I, along with I'm sure are several other people, face the issue of traveling a long distance from my home in Clearwater Bay to Sham Shui Po in order to have face-to-face access with a staff member familiar with challenges experienced by the majority of Hong Kong EMs.

Thank you for your time.