

Submissions to the Subcommittee on Children's Rights

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Submissions from individuals**

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Dear Members

First of all, thank you very much for inviting us to share our views.

My name is Muneeba. I was born in Hong Kong, I am 8 years old and studying P.2 in Po Leung Kuk Lam Man Chan English Primary School.

I learnt my Cantonese in kindergarten. But now in primary school, the school only teaches us Putonghua and I don't have chance to learn my Cantonese anymore. I do not think it is a good to only learn Putonghua because in HK most of the people speaks Cantonese. Not a lot of people speak Putonghua in HK and you can only use it to talk to people from China. So I think all school should teach more Cantonese and teach less Putonghua.

In my school, Chinese and non-Chinese students are being separated during Chinese lesson. Non-Chinese students are called NC students in school. The Chinese students will learn harder Chinese while we were taught the basics. However, I asked my classmates and almost all NCS students want to learn harder Chinese. So I think the school should combine class and let Chinese and NC students learn the same level of Chinese. The teacher can help NC students by using a little bit English to explain the difficult words during Chinese lesson.

The last point I want to talk about is the freedom we have in school. Now even during recess time we cannot run and stretch ourselves. I understand the corridor in each level is very crowded so it is dangerous to run there. But maybe the school can allow students to run a little at the playground so that we can be more relaxed between lessons.

I hope the government can do more to help us non-Chinese students in learning so that we will not any language barrier and can do more different jobs when we grow up.

Lastly, There also should be more sports activities in the school. At present, the school chooses those students for any kind of sports team who are already trained. I want to join rugby, swimming and skipping team but I am not trained, so my school does not give me a chance to develop my sports skills.

So, I want the school to train the children in their sports of choice, rather than selecting those who are already trained

Thank you.