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Dear Sir/Madam:

My opinion on the subject of gender recognition for Hong Kong is that:

1) Hong Kong should not blindly follow the legal practices of foreign countries because:

1.1 those practices may be too liberal and unsuited to Hong Kong's more conservative societal values.

1.2 those practices may not be sufficiently protective of the rights of general public, who will be affected (eg. someone still biologically male, but self-declared as female, being allowed to enter a women's bathroom. Hence the rights of biological females being violated)

2) new gender recognition should only be legally granted to a person only if all the following requirements are met:

- certified by professional psychological assessment that the person suffers from gender identity disorder

- the person must undergo surgery to remove their genitals and construct new ones

- receive hormone therapy towards the new gender.

3) simply declaring a preferred gender should NOT be sufficient to gain new gender recognition legally because:

It is extremely important to protect the rights of the general public against abuse of such gender recognition.

Otherwise anyone still biologically male can easily abuse the system by declaring their preferred gender as female and gain access to female toilets, changing rooms, jobs and services limited to women. There will justifiably be public outcry against such biological males entering a shower room where females are showering, Or such biological males serving as a female policewomen, and in such a capacity, doing a physical search on other females, thus amounting to these females being sexually assaulted. Or being assigned to a girls' dormitory, and sleeping in the same room as other girls.

The rights of general public must be carefully guarded!

4) Moreover, gender reassignment should be a seriously considered, one-time, lifetime change which cannot be allowed to reverse. Thus accompanying biological change by operation and hormonal treatment should be required as proof of such seriousness.

Best regards,
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