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Statement

Re: Concern about the definition of permanent resident of Hong Kong

The Government recently announced the distribution of six thousand Hong Kong dollars to all permanent residents of Hong Kong with age 18 years or above to relieve their hardship. However, Hong Kong Unison concerns the exact definition of "Hong Kong Permanent Resident" and urges the Government to clarify the term as soon as possible.

Unison would like to remind the HKSAR government that a large number of ethnic minority residents in Hong Kong, although born in Hong Kong, or have been residing in Hong Kong for seven years or more, or even is the third and fourth generation (which is already permanent residents of Hong Kong), the '3-stars' are not shown in their identity cards due to their non-Chinese nationality; some of them are British (or British Overseas, the BNO), some belong to India, Pakistan, Nepal, Nigeria or other Southeast Asian countries, depends on passport they hold.

Some ethnic minority residents have been naturalized their original nationality and were granted Chinese-Nationality, thus '3-stars' are shown in their identity cards as their ethnic-Chinese counterparts; some applications are pending while some were rejected (the China government has the sovereignty to decide whether to accept a person's citizenship application), therefore they can only continue holding passport of their own country or country other than China.

Hong Kong Unison urges the Government to have enough sensitivities when implementing the policy, handle the matters with cautious and not shut out the eligible ethnic minority Hong Kong residents.

In addition, Hong Kong Unison calls on the concerned bureau/department to take effective measures to ensure members of ethnic minorities will be well informed about the policy and its specific arrangements, such as how and where to collect the fund, so as to ensure the ethnic minority residents in Hong Kong enjoy the same entitlement as other local ethnic-Chinese residents.

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