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# Wealth gap widens

## 貧富懸殊加劇

### INTRODUCTION

香港貧富懸殊 (income disparity) 問題日趨嚴重，用以反映貧富懸殊的堅尼系數 (Gini coefficient) 的增長速度比英國或加拿大的高。反映了現今的社會制度令貧者愈貧 (poverty-stricken)，富者愈富。而在本港的經濟轉型 (economic restructuring) 下，金融服務業被主力發展，然而草根階層的人士未能提供這些高增值行業 (high value-added sectors) 所需要的技能。於是，不少低下階層即使努力 (endeavour) 工作，也只能維持基本的生活。相反，一些人每天只需輕鬆地在電腦面前按幾個鍵就可以過著奢華的生活。貧富懸殊直接影響民生 (livelihood of citizens)，香港政府必須加撥資源扶貧，以求盡快解決這問題。





## USEFUL EXPRESSIONS

### A. Background

1. While the government keeps saying Hong Kong is better than it was 20 years ago and **the stock market is booming**, the income gap is widening. Those in poverty **are struggling to survive**, with inflation and the lack of government help.
2. Last year, the overall Gini coefficient, representing **income disparity**, was at its highest since the figures were recorded.
3. Analysts attributed the phenomenon to Hong Kong's increasing focus on **high value-added sectors** such as the financial industry.

### B. Responses of the government

4. Commissioner for Census and Statistics hinted the rise was not significant, stressing it was **in line with** the global trend for developed nations or cities.
5. In an attempt to play down concerns, the government said that the coefficient should not be the only factor with which to **gauge the situation on** income distribution.
6. Comparisons across societies on such figures are not conclusive as each government gathers, **compiles** and presents income statistics differently, while **the welfare systems** they operate provide protection to varying degrees.

當政府老是說香港比20年前好、**股票市場正在興旺**的同時，貧富差距卻進一步擴大。在通貨膨脹且缺乏政府的協助下，窮人只得**掙扎過活**。

去年，代表**收入差距**的整體堅尼系數，達到了自有紀錄以來的最高數值。

分析員把現象歸咎於香港集中發展**高增值行業**，例如金融業。

政府統計處處長暗示數值的升幅不大，並強調這與全球各個發達國家或城市的**趨勢一致**。

政府試圖淡化公眾的憂慮，堅稱這個系數並非**判斷**收入分佈情況的唯一因素。

由於各個政府收集、**匯編**和提出收入統計資料的方法不同，加上**福利措施**提供多樣程度的保障，國家間數值之比較並不是決定性的。



7. Governments all over the world worry about **income inequality**, fearing that the wider the gap between **the haves and have-nots**, the more likelihood of social discontent.

## C. Solutions

8. Chief Executive Donald Tsang has made **poverty reduction** one of his key priorities.

9. A series of schemes has been launched to improve the skills of **lower-paid and older workers** and to make those without jobs employable. But more needs to be done.

10. The social enterprises programme, which encourages companies, **non-governmental groups** and individuals to set up businesses to employ and train the disadvantaged, is one such venture.

11. Hong Kong needs to legislate to protect the minimum wages of low-skilled workers and set up **a universal retirement fund** for the elderly because Hong Kong's widening income gap has reached an alarming level.

12. We need concerted efforts to create **a more level playing field**. Only through equality of opportunity can Hong Kong prosper and thrive in an increasingly competitive economic environment.

全球各國政府都擔心**收入不均**這問題；他們恐怕**富人和窮人**差距越大，引致社會不滿的可能就會更大。

行政長官曾蔭權視**減貧**為其中一項首要工作。

政府已推行一系列計劃改善**低工資並年長工人**的技術，並使失業者獲得僱用。不過，我們需要做的更多。

社會企業計劃可謂其一冒險事業；它鼓勵公司、**非政府團體**和個人開創公司，並僱用及訓練弱勢社群。

香港需立法保護最低工資及制訂**全民退休保障**，因收入差距已達令人擔憂的程度。

我們需要一致及協調的努力來創設一個**較公平的賽場**。只有透過平等的機會，香港才能在有競爭性的經濟環境下繁榮興旺起來。





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