

Report on “Hong Kong citizens’ perceptions and images towards Hong Kong ethnic minorities research”

Introduction:

Since 16th September 2004, The Hong Kong government released a consultation paper on anti-racial discrimination legislation. This aroused the public awareness on ethnic minority groups and concerned people. However, there is very little voices from the majority people in Hong Kong. According to this issue, Unison Hong Kong has conducted a research to know more about the perceptions of Hong Kong ethnic Chinese citizens.

Survey design method and quantitative descriptive design was used in this research. The research was held in two major ethnic minorities living areas: YauTsimMong and Yuen Long. 500 questionnaires were completed within the consultation period (September 2004 – February 2005). And the targets of the interviewees were from age15-65. Convenient sampling was adopted and all of the questionnaires were completed by street survey method.

Computer software SPSS/PC11.0 programme was used to analyze the collected data. Please be minded that the research was held between the extension of the consultation period. The answer of the interviewees maybe affected by the release of extension issue.

The report will be divided into two parts: 1) the opinions towards the legislation consultation and the perceptions from Hong Kong ethnic Chinese citizens; 2) The correlation between different items.

Part 1

One of the main theme of the questionnaires is to understand what the degree of discrimination towards the Hong Kong ethnic minorities was. Interviewees were given a measuring tool point 0 to point 10 (Point 0 means there is no discrimination at all, point 10 means there is serious discrimination). From table 1, 85.8% of the interviewees believed that there is discrimination in Hong Kong (from point 1 to point 10). Meanwhile, only 12.8% interviewees thought that there is no discrimination in Hong Kong. There were over 50% of interviewees expressed that there is mid to serious discrimination towards the ethnic minorities.

Table 1 : The degree of the discrimination (Ethnic Chinese towards Ethnic Minority)

The degree of the discrimination	Frequency	Valid Percent
.0	64	12.8
1	22	4.4
2	20	4.0
3	71	14.2
4	63	12.6
5	97	19.4
6	57	11.4
7	72	14.4
8	20	4.0
9	3	0.6
10	4	0.8
Do not want to answer	7	1.4
Total	500	100

(N=500)

There is not enough promotion in the consultation period. Not many people realized that there is a consultation on anti-racial discrimination legislation. From table 2, it is revealed that 68.2% of the interviewees do not know Hong Kong government is implementing the consultation on anti-racial discrimination.

Table 2: Do you know HK government is implementing the consultation on anti-racial discrimination legislation?

Answer	Frequency	Valid Percent
Yes	157	31.4
No	341	68.2
Do not want to answer	2	0.4
Total	500	100.0

From table 3, near 60% of the interviewees agree to implement a legislation on anti-racial discrimination, while only 20.6% of people think that there is no need for such legislation.

Table 3: Do you agree that there is a need for the HK government to have legislation on anti-racial discrimination

Answer	Frequency	Valid Percent
Disagree	103	20.6
Half / Just ok	78	15.6
Agree	299	59.8
Don't know	18	3.6
Do not want to answer	2	.4
Total	500	100.0