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**RE: HEALTH CARE REFORM IN 2008**

This is good for the residents of HKSAR to be proud of their city with the longest life expectancy and the lowest infant mortality rate; however, our population is aging and our working force is contracting. Under the light of technological advancement, the cost of your population will increase. Resources have to be allocated, periodically, *in a slow pace* .

If financial resources are allowed, all medical and its administrative measures can be realized without problems; in reality, quality of service can be considered as one of the ultimate goals. It is almost impossible to balance the interests among the service providers, partially historical since 1842, and partially cultural, while maintaining services for all without previous conditions.

The given vision statements are bravo but the residents do not totally agree them with one voice (e.g. *risk-pooling* and *wealth re-distribution* ), especially this is true for the 'poor' middle class, she is *upset* by the principle of fairness and equality because they have to pay fees for others (if we were one of them, we would complain anyhow).

Our medical bureau can copy and paste her own listed 6 options, like non-mandatory and voluntary saving accounts, private insurance, and reserve, with very limited tax raising and out-of-pocket payments. In this way, health care can be accessible under constant finance.

Yours Sincerely,  
Tin-yan Ho

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