

Statutory Minimum Wage

Good morning Principal, Vice-Principals, teachers and fellow school mates.

Debate is heating up over a statutory minimum wage in Hong Kong. Business groups and labour unions remain at odds over what level the minimum wage should be set at. Federation of Trade Unions said minimum wage legislation should be passed as soon as possible and wage level should be able to ensure livelihoods. They are hoping the government will implement an hourly minimum wage of no less than 33 dollars. Tommy Cheung of the Liberal Party, who represents the catering industry, suggested a minimum wage of 20 dollars an hour, much to the dismay of workers.

I think that the statutory minimum wage should be passed in HK as soon as possible as this could ensure that workers feel safe and secure. By giving the workers a decent wage, they would be able to help to work together for higher productivity thus leading to a better economy. Thank you.