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Abstract

Under the British rulership, social welfare was very scarce for the local Chinese. They had faced low social status and limited access to resources. Before the 1970s, the masses hardly could receive free education. From the 1970s onwards, the Hong Kong government had been introducing Six-year free education and Nine-year free education policy. With a particular focus on the Nine-Year Free Education Policy introduced in 1978, the project consists of a detailed analysis on the Policy with measurement on its effectiveness and impacts to education development, together with an examination of the factors contributing to the adoption of the Policy. In addition, the reviews of the viewpoints of scholars were also mentioned and we attempted to answer with what we had researched and the interview with senior professionals in secondary education, the former principal of HKTA Tang Hin Memorial Secondary School, Mr. Lau Chi-yuen. Furthermore, the projects also investigated education systems in neighbouring countries, Japan and Singapore, for discussion and comparison on the impact of free education policies on social development in Hong Kong. This comparative analysis hoped to suggest strengths and weaknesses of different approaches to free education in Hong Kong and room of improvement of Hong Kong's education policy-making. Concerning the adoption of Nine-Year Free Education Policy was also a turning point of the development of education, we discussed the development, via, the tertiary education

and teacher-training education after the adoption of Nine-Year Free Education Policy,
which was a blossoming and prosperous growth.