2027-2028 PLACEMENT BRIEFING

ELDERLY SERVICE SETTINGS (ES)

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KNOWING YOU .....

* HOW MANY OF YOU THINKING OF CHOOSING ES IN ONE OF THE 2 PLACEMENT CHOICES ?

* WHAT ARE THE THOUGHTS YOU HAVE ABOUT ES PLACEMENT ?

白花油味(medication oil)。。。

好悶(bored)，好慢(very slow)，
好SAD。。。。

手工藝(crafting)，
懷舊 (old stuff) 。。。。



TODAY'S AGENDA

- Give you a reason – Why ES ?
- What will you experience in the ES placement ?
- What are the key considerations & Requirements?
- Q&A

WHY ES?

United Nations

GLOBAL ISSUES

Ageing

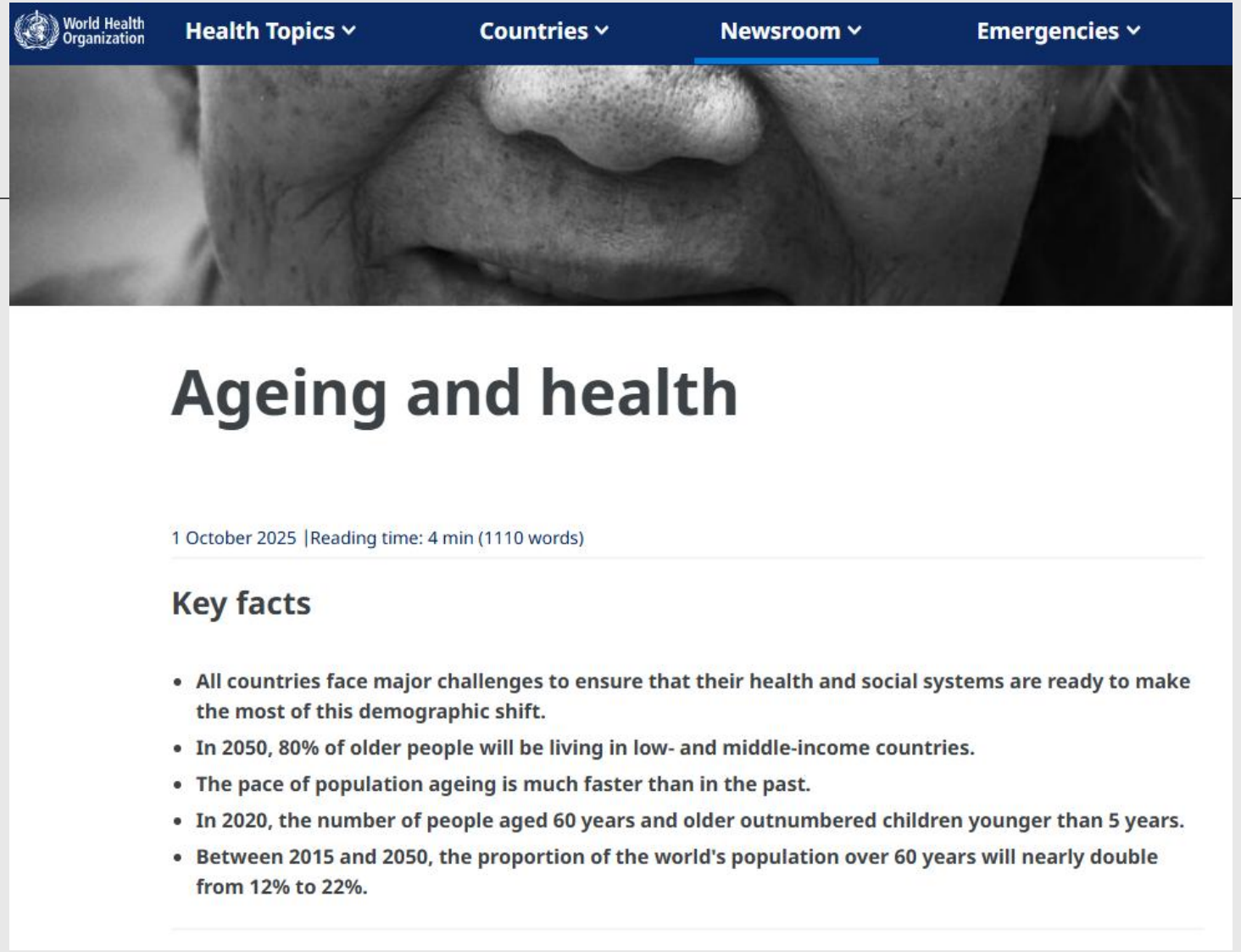
The global population is aging, but growth may peak by century's end. Virtually every country in the world is experiencing growth in the number and proportion of older persons in their population.

The world's population is expected to keep growing for another 50 or 60 years, peaking at around 10.3 billion in the mid-2080s, up from 8.2 billion in 2024, before declining gradually to 10.2 billion in 2100, according to the World Population Prospects 2024

The probability of this peak occurring within the century is quite high -estimated at 80%, a significant increase from 30% in 2013-. The population in 2100 is now expected to be about 700 million fewer than previous forecasts, largely due to lower-than-expected fertility rates in major countries, particularly China.

Source:https://www.un.org/en/global-issues/ageing#:~:text=Trends%20in%20Population%20Ageing,11%20in%202019%20(9%25).

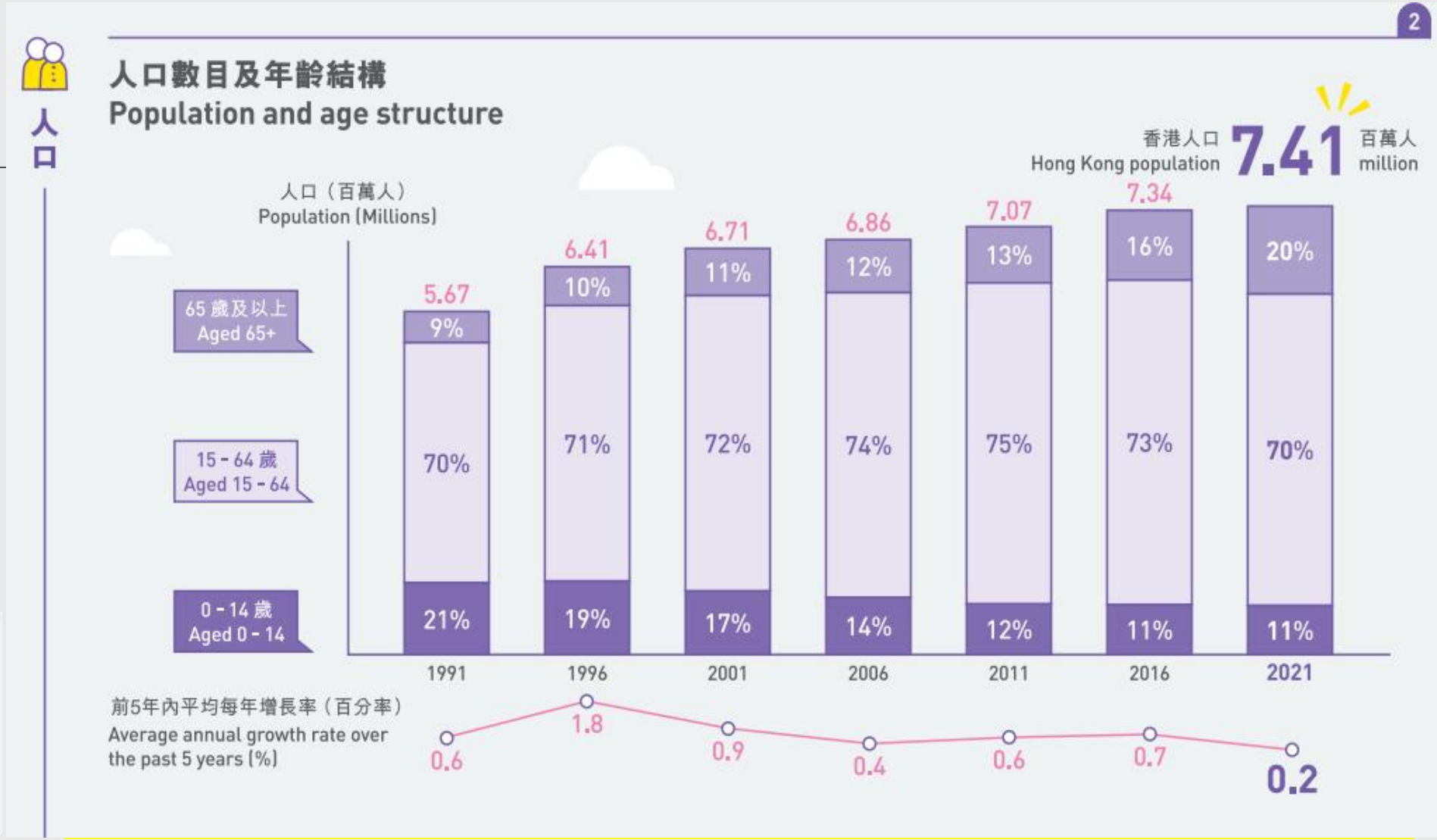
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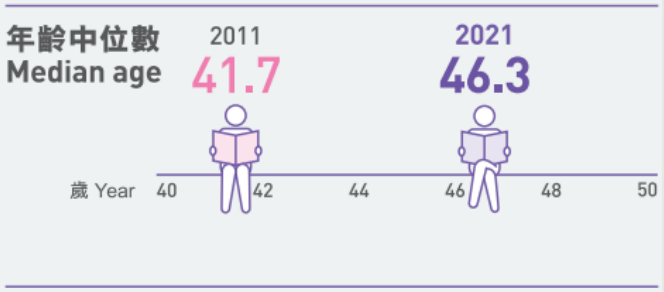


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Population Census Key Statistics 2021人口普查 主要統計

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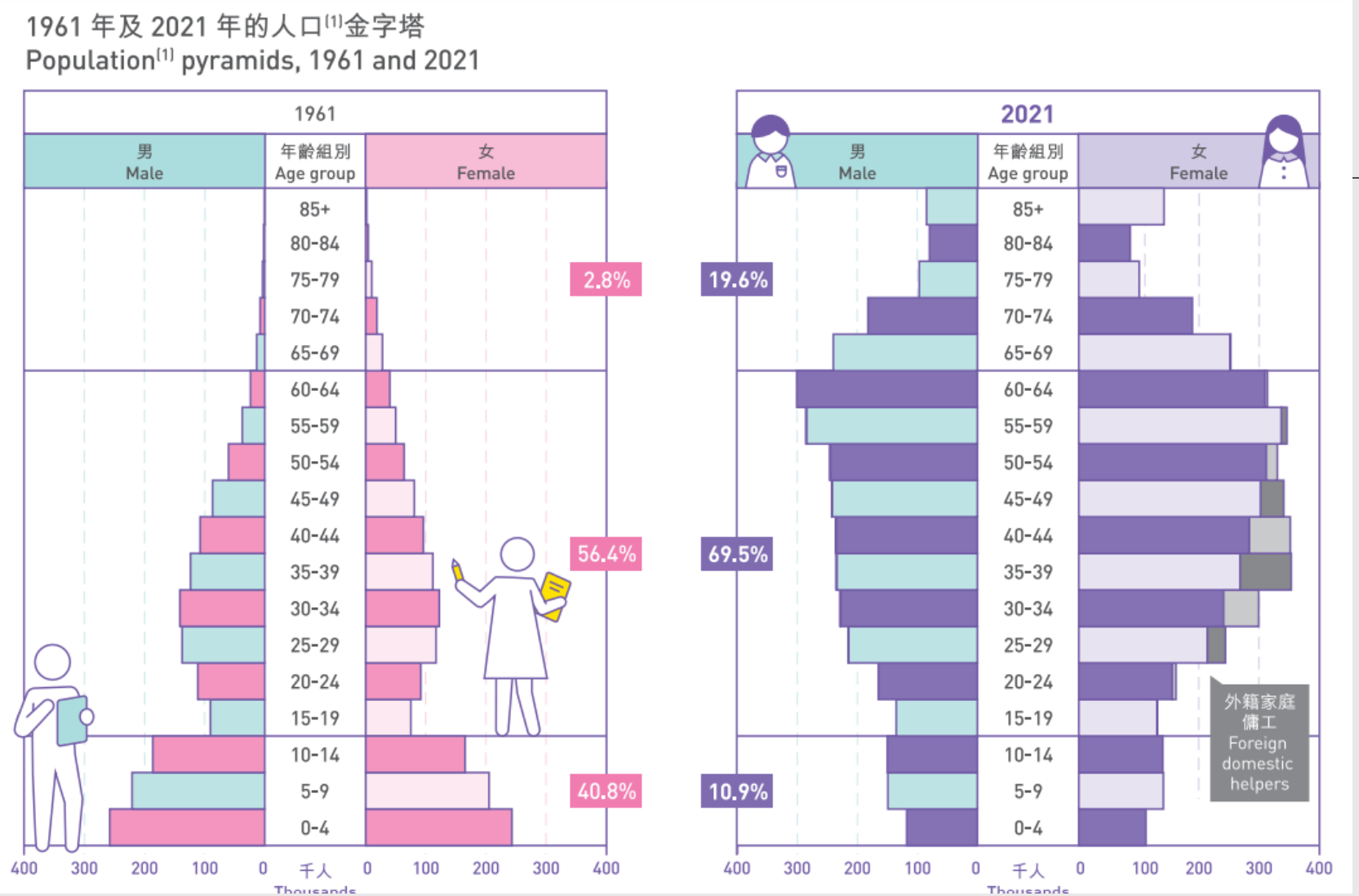




Source: https://www.censtatd.gov.hk/en/data/stat_report/product/B1120107/att/B11201072021XXXXB0100.pdf

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POPULATION PYRAMID 1961 VS 2021



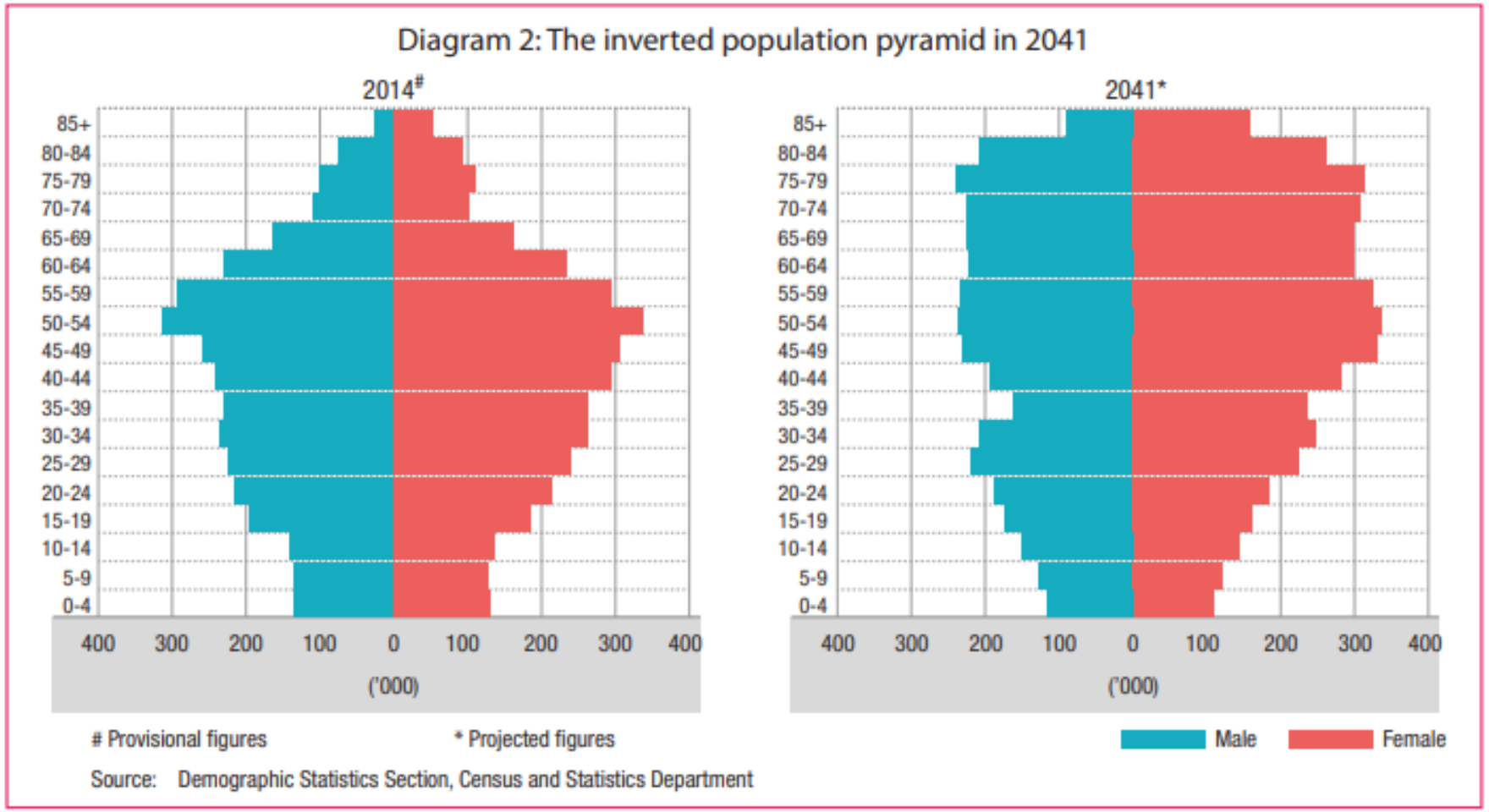
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Population Policy Strategies and Initiatives

Chief Secretary for Administration's Office
January 2015

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POPULATION PYRAMID 2014 VS 2041



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Population Policy
Strategies and Initiatives

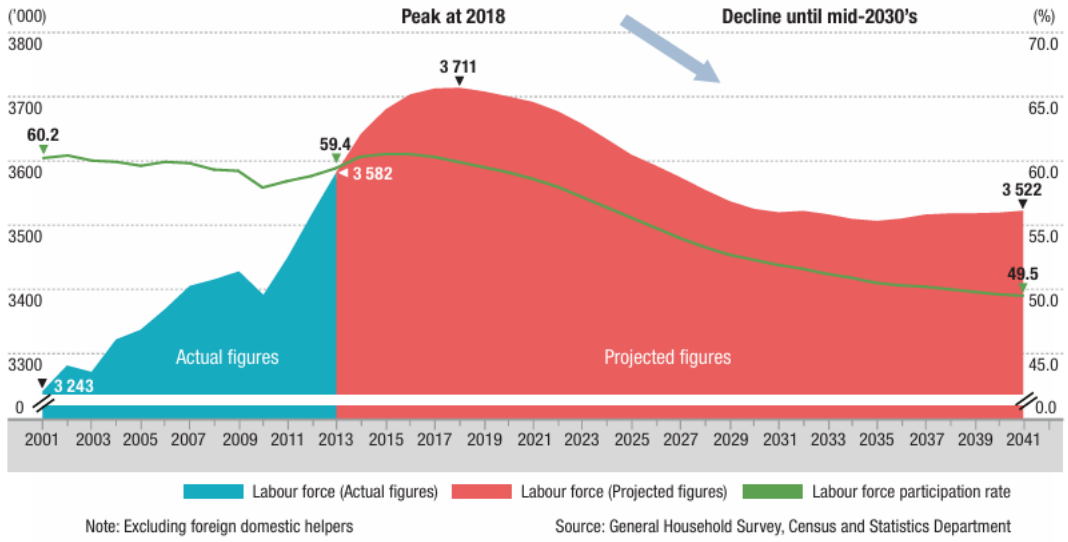
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Labour Force Participation Rate Declines Dependency Ratio Worsens

2. An ageing population will lower our labour force participation rate (LFPR) (i.e. the proportion of the labour force within the total population aged 15 or above). Our labour force is expected to peak at 3.71 million by around 2018 and then decline to 3.51 million by 2035 before returning to modest growth. The LFPR will drop from 59.4% in 2013 to 49.5% in 2041 (Diagram 3).

Diagram 3: Labour force will peak in 2018 and LFPR will drop continuously



Note: Excluding foreign domestic helpers

Source: General Household Survey, Census and Statistics Department



Source: https://gia.info.gov.hk/general/201501/15/P201501150880_0880_140608.pdf

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Embracing Opportunities in an Ageing Society

Some examples:

- The "$2 Public Transport Fare Concession Scheme"
- The Hong Kong Housing Society (HKHS) launched the "Age-in-Place" (AIP) Scheme in its rental estates for elderly residents to fulfill their aspiration to age in place
- The Reverse Mortgage Scheme of the Hong Kong Mortgage Corporation Limited enables the elderly to use their self-occupied residential properties as security to borrow from a bank
- The Senior Citizen Residences Scheme operated by the HKHS provides a one-stop service of housing, community recreation and medical care services to the elderly who have means to lead an independent life.
- Implement the Guangdong Scheme, to help eligible elderly people who choose to reside in Guangdong to receive the Old Age Allowance

Source: https://gia.info.gov.hk/general/201501/15/P201501150880_0880_140608.pdf

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Government expenditure on the elderly

RT02/19-20
13 December 2019

1. Introduction

1.1 Hong Kong's population has been ageing fast in recent years as a result of lower fertility rate and higher life expectancy. Amid population ageing, caring for the elderly has been a key Government policy objective. Recurrent expenditure on three major service areas – elderly care, medical/health care services, and financial assistance – accounts for an estimated HK$91.9 billion or 20.8% of the total government expenditure[1] in 2019-2020 (**Table**). The estimated amount represents an average

Table – Recurrent government expenditure on the elderly by major service area (HK$ million)

	2012-2013 (actual)	2013-2014 (actual)	2014-2015 (actual)	2015-2016 (actual)	2016-2017 (actual)	2017-2018 (actual)	2018-2019 (revised estimate)	2019-2020 (estimate)	Annual average growth
1. Elderly care	**4,748.0**	**5,178.7**	**5,999.5**	**6,592.0**	**7,022.1**	**7,345.8**	**8,307.3**	**10,235.6**	**11.6%**
- Community care and support	1,529.0	1,606.1	1,875.0	2,172.1	2,300.6	2,364.6	2,690.3	3,314.6	11.7%
- Residential care	3,062.8	3,409.5	3,952.9	4,243.7	4,538.8	4,793.9	5,424.6	6,714.1	11.9%
- Transitional care[(a)]	156.2	163.1	171.6	176.2	182.7	187.3	192.4	206.9	4.1%

Source: https://www.legco.gov.hk/research-publications/english/1920rt02-government-expenditure-on-the-elderly-20191213-e.pdf

THE 2026-27 BUDGET



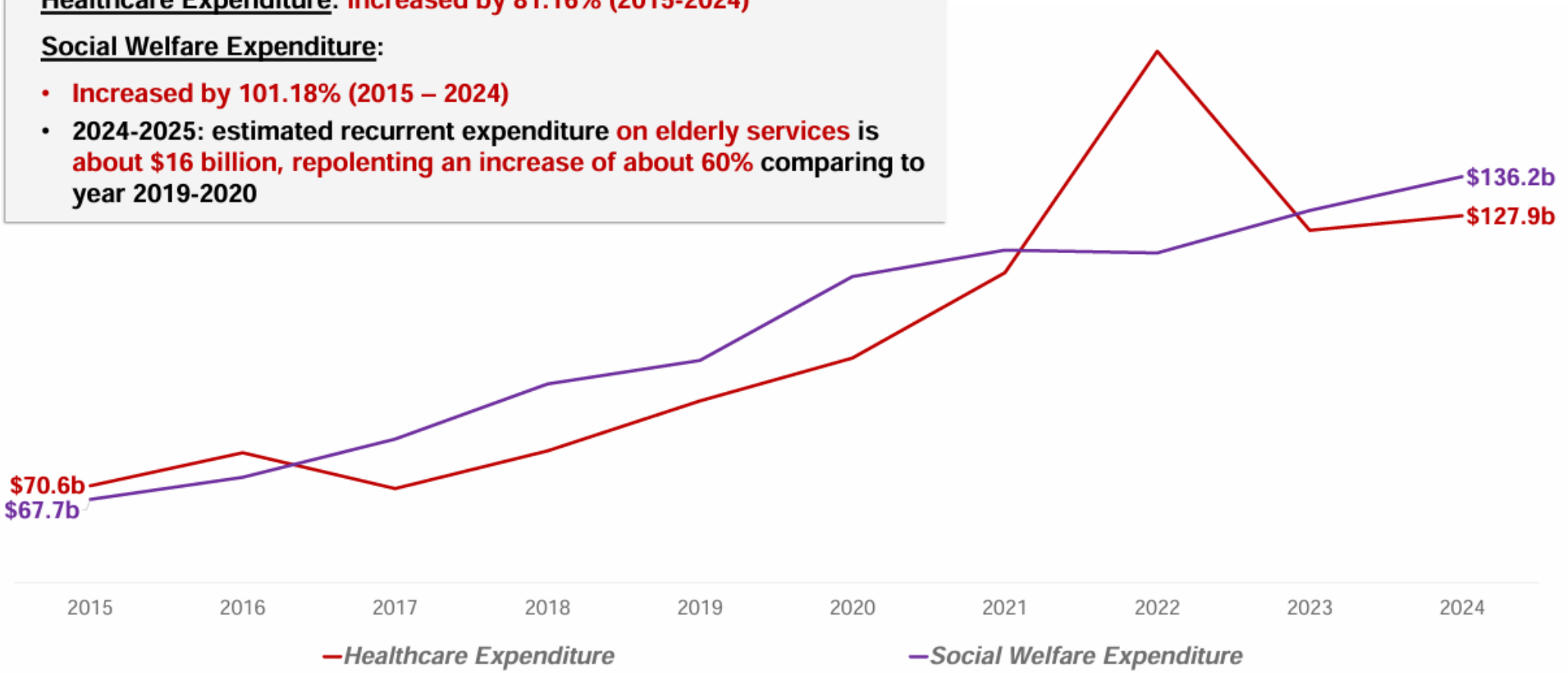
https://www.budget.gov.hk/2026/eng/budget43.html

Ageing population may lead to increasing healthcare and social welfare expenditure

Healthcare Expenditure: increased by 81.16% (2015-2024)

Social Welfare Expenditure:

- Increased by 101.18% (2015 – 2024)
- 2024-2025: estimated recurrent expenditure on elderly services is about $16 billion, repolenting an increase of about 60% comparing to year 2019-2020



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Source(s): Census and Statistics Department, 2024; Hong Kong Financial Services and the Treasury Bureau, 2015-202

Source: Extract from "Policy Path to Ageing in Place for Hong Kong: Shaping an Inclusive Housing and Community Landscape April 2025"

WHAT'S BEEN DONE BY HKSAR SINCE 2022?

The Social Welfare Department (SWD) will **regularise the Pilot Scheme on Community Care Service Voucher for the Elderly in the third quarter of this year (2023) to gradually increase the number of beneficiaries from the current 8 000 to 12 000 in 2025-26**. It will also set up **16 new Neighbourhood Elderly Centres** starting from this year to 2027. As for day care services, the Government plans to provide an **additional 900 service places in the coming five years**. The Government will also expand the **HA's Integrated Discharge Support Programme for Elderly Patients** in the third quarter of this year by increasing the number of beneficiaries by one-third to 45 000 per year.

As for residential care services for the elderly, the Government is making its greatest effort to increase the number of service places by forging ahead the Enhanced Bought Place Scheme, Government contract home development projects that are being implemented as well as projects under the Special Scheme on Privately Owned Sites for Welfare Uses that have entered construction or detailed design stage. It is the Government's target to provide an additional 6 200 subsidised residential care places by end-2027, of which 2 600 will commence service by the end of this year. Furthermore, **the SWD has increased the number of beneficiaries under the Residential Care Service Voucher (RCSV) for the Elderly from 3 000 to 4 000 in 2022-23, and will regularise the RCSV Scheme in April this year as well.**

In 2023-24, the Government's estimated recurrent expenditure on elderly persons has reached $123.1 billion, which is 70 per cent higher than the $71.0 billion in 2017-18, and in turn demonstrates the Government's commitment to the elderly amid an ageing population.

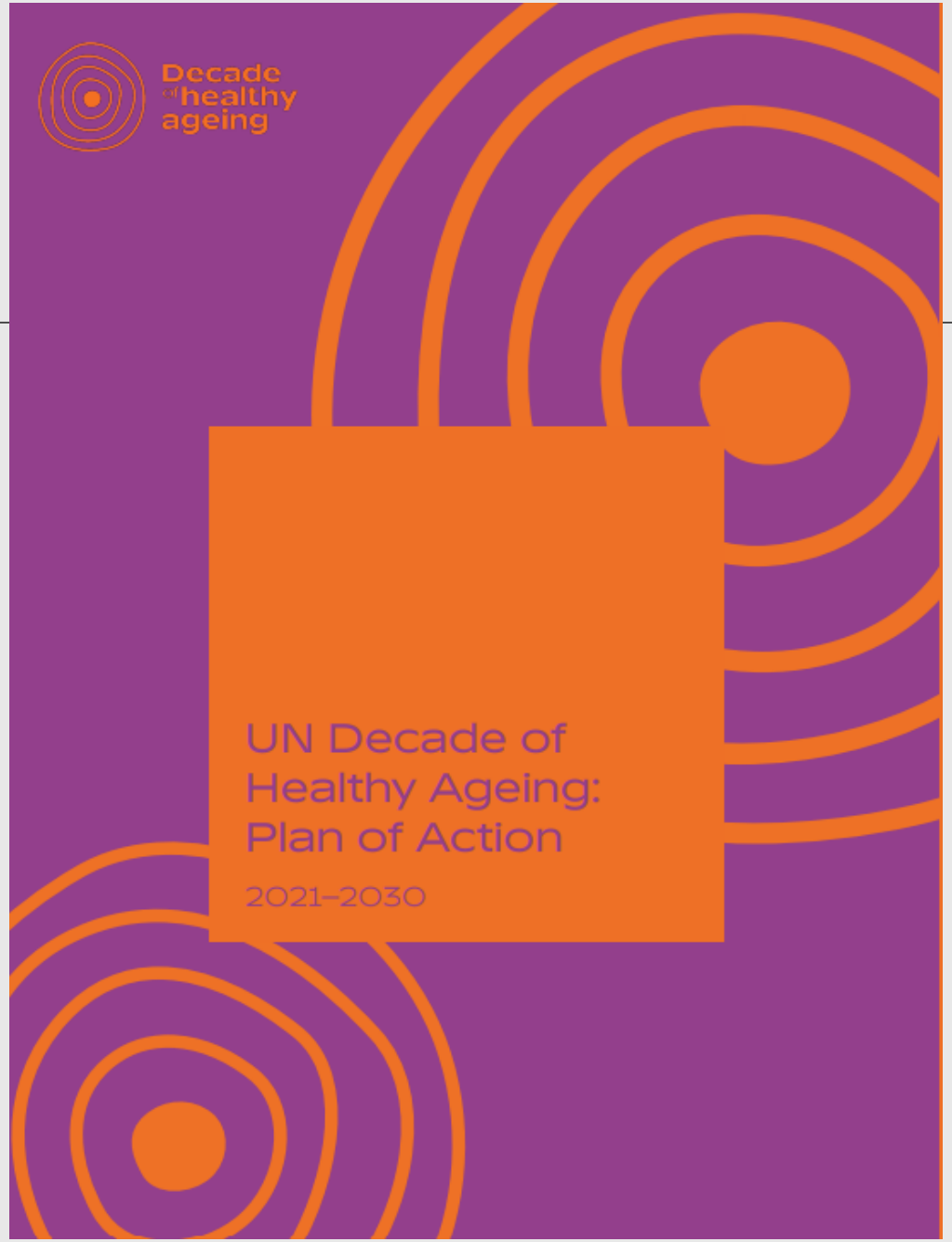
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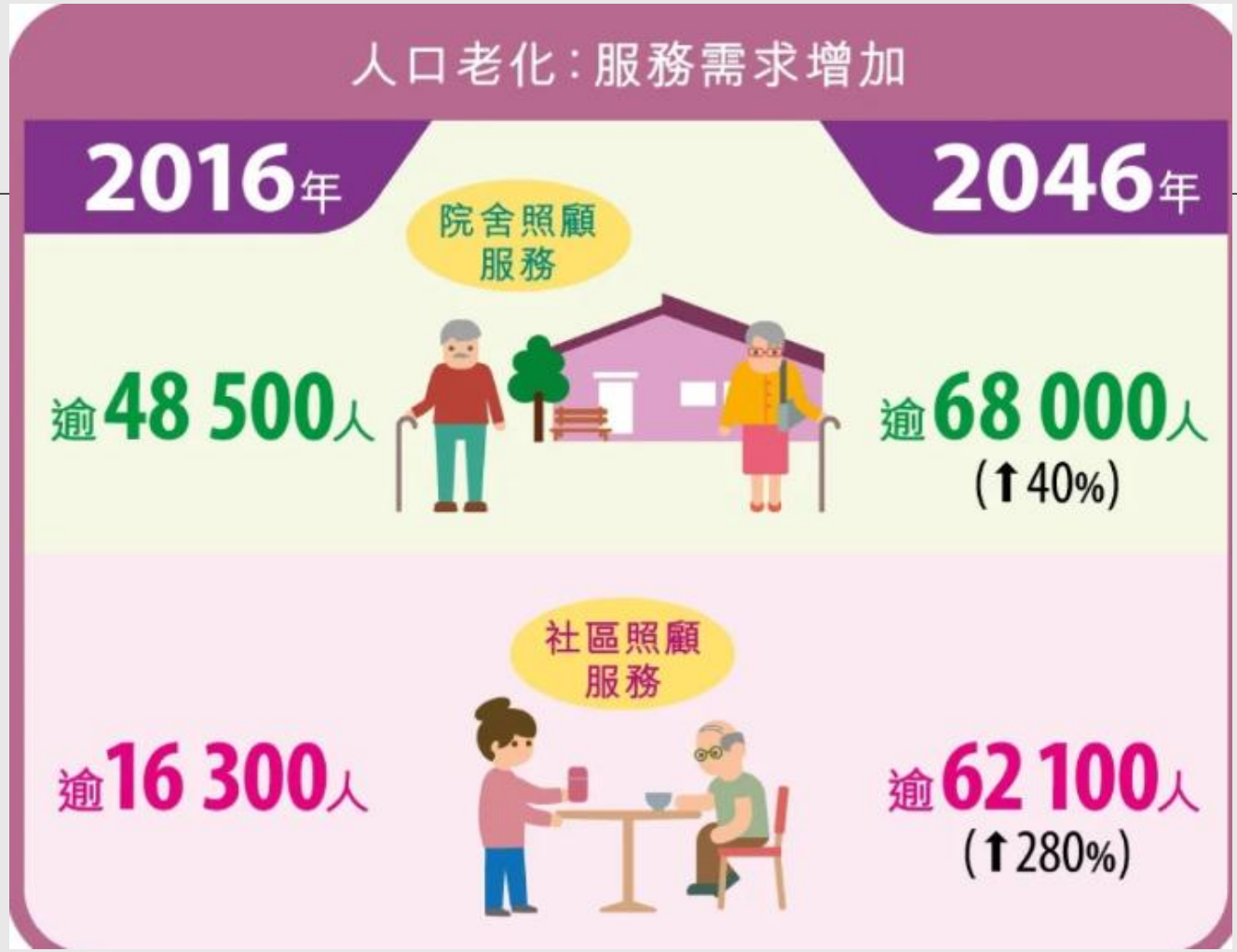
It will **increase demand for primary health care and long-term care**, require **a larger and better trained workforce** and intensify the need for environments to be made more age-friendly.

UN DECADE OF HEALTHY AGEING 2021 - 2030



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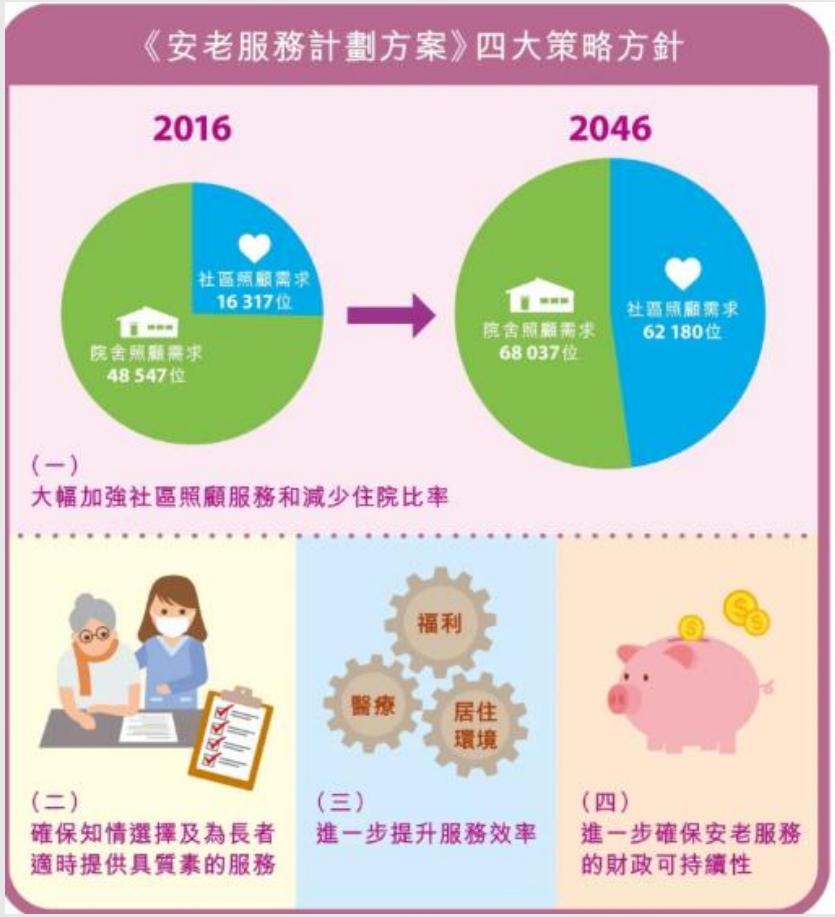
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Source:https:// www.elderlycommission.gov.hk/tc/about-us/elderly-services-programme-plan/

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LHK Day Care Center - Cordial Place

Shops 318-319, Commercial Centre, Cheung Shan Estate, Tsuen Wan

2661 6800

Life Tree Training and Caring Escort Service

Wing A & B, G/F, Lee Wah House, Lee On Estate, Ma On Shan

2640 1683 / 9298 6060

LifeDB Limited

Room D, 9/F, Tong Yuen Factory Building, 505 Castle Peak Road, Cheung Sha Wan

2117 6717

Tsz Hong Professional Service Limited

Room E7, 23/F, Maxgrand Plaza, 3 Tai Yau Street, San Po Kong

Y Care (Yau Yut Chuen)

Room 215-221, 2/F, Begonia Road, Yau Yat Cheun, Kowloon Tong

3443 1686

YWCA Jockey Club Y Care Elderly Centre

2/F, No.5 Man Fuk Road, Waterloo Road Hill, Kowloon

2700 1730

Source: https://www.sehk.gov.hk/en/tree_mark.php?page=1&category=Care+Service&district=&search_name=

SOCIAL ENTERPRISES / SELF-FINANCE SERVICES

尊賢會
(The Jade Club)

https://www.thejadeclub.com.hk/

銀杏館
(Gingko House)

https://www.gingkohouse.hk

基督教香港信義會社會服務部「金齡薈」

https://service.elchk.org.hk/unit_service3.php?center=76

仁愛堂田家炳銅鑼灣長者活動中心

https://se5.yot.org.hk

Jockey Club Holistic Support Project for Elderly Mental Wellness

賽馬會樂齡同行計劃樂齡友里樂齡之友身心健康行動計劃

PROJECTS

JC JOYAGE

2016 – PRESENT

The project aims to enhance the community capacity in older adults mental support, promote effective coordination among district elderly services and community mental health services, improve service access and coverage for older adults in need, and exert positive influence on families and the neighbourhood to improve mental health literacy.

Source:https://jcjoyage.hk/

Jockey Club Age-friendly City
香港賽馬會長者及年齡友善城市

PROJECTS

JC AGE-FRIENDLY CITY

2015 – PRESENT

Objectives:

- Assess the age-friendliness of each district and build momentum in developing an age-friendly community
- Recommend a framework for districts to undertake continual improvement for the well-being of senior citizens
- Arouse public awareness and encourage community participation in building an age-friendly city

Source: https://www.jcafc.hk/en/index.html

主辦機構

基督教家庭服務中心
Christian Family Service Centre

捐助機構

香港賽馬會慈善信託基金

JOCKEY CLUB 50+ STARTUP INCUBATOR PROGRAMME
賽馬會50+共創豐盛計劃

PROJECTS
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SWD –

THROUGH SUBSIDISING VARIOUS SOCIAL SERVICE ORGANISATIONS, DISTRICT ORGANISATIONS, AND EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTES, ETC., TO CARRY OUT A WIDE RANGE OF PROGRAMMES, THE 'OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE ELDERLY PROJECT' (OEP)

「老有所為活動計劃」

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Theme





The theme for 2026-28 is "Harnessing Silver Wisdom, Co-creating a Legacy of Vitality". The elderly are encouraged to share their wisdom and experience, engage in intergenerational collaboration and exchange to jointly unleash potential, pursue innovation, and contribute to society, creating a vibrant and meaningful legacy of achievements together.

Source: https://www.swd.gov.hk/en/pubsvc/elderly/cat_commsupp/opportunit/#:~:text=Through%20subsidising%20various%20social%20service,unleash%20their%20potentials%2C%20further%20their

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SWD_ Projects

To provide support services to elderly persons with mild or moderate dementia and their carers through a **medical-social collaboration** model

智友醫社同行計劃

Dementia Community Support Scheme

DECCs will arrange activities and services for participants according to their individual care plans and individual needs with a view to enhancing/ improving their cognitive functions, knowledge of home safety, ability of self-care, physical functioning, social skills, and alleviate carers' burden etc.

The pilot scheme has been regularised since February 2019 and expanded to all 41 DECCs and 7 HA clusters in the territory in 2019-20.

Source: https://www.swd.gov.hk/dementiacampaign/en/info_5.html

ANNUAL EVENTS

The Gerontech and Innovation Expo cum Summit (GIES)

Jointly hosted by the HKSAR Government and the Hong Kong Council of Social Service, and co-organised with the Hong Kong Science and Technology Parks Corporation, is the largest gerontechnology public education event in Hong Kong.

https://gies.hk/en



ANNUAL EVENTS

黃金時代基金會
GOLDEN AGE FOUNDATION
Redefining ageing through social innovation

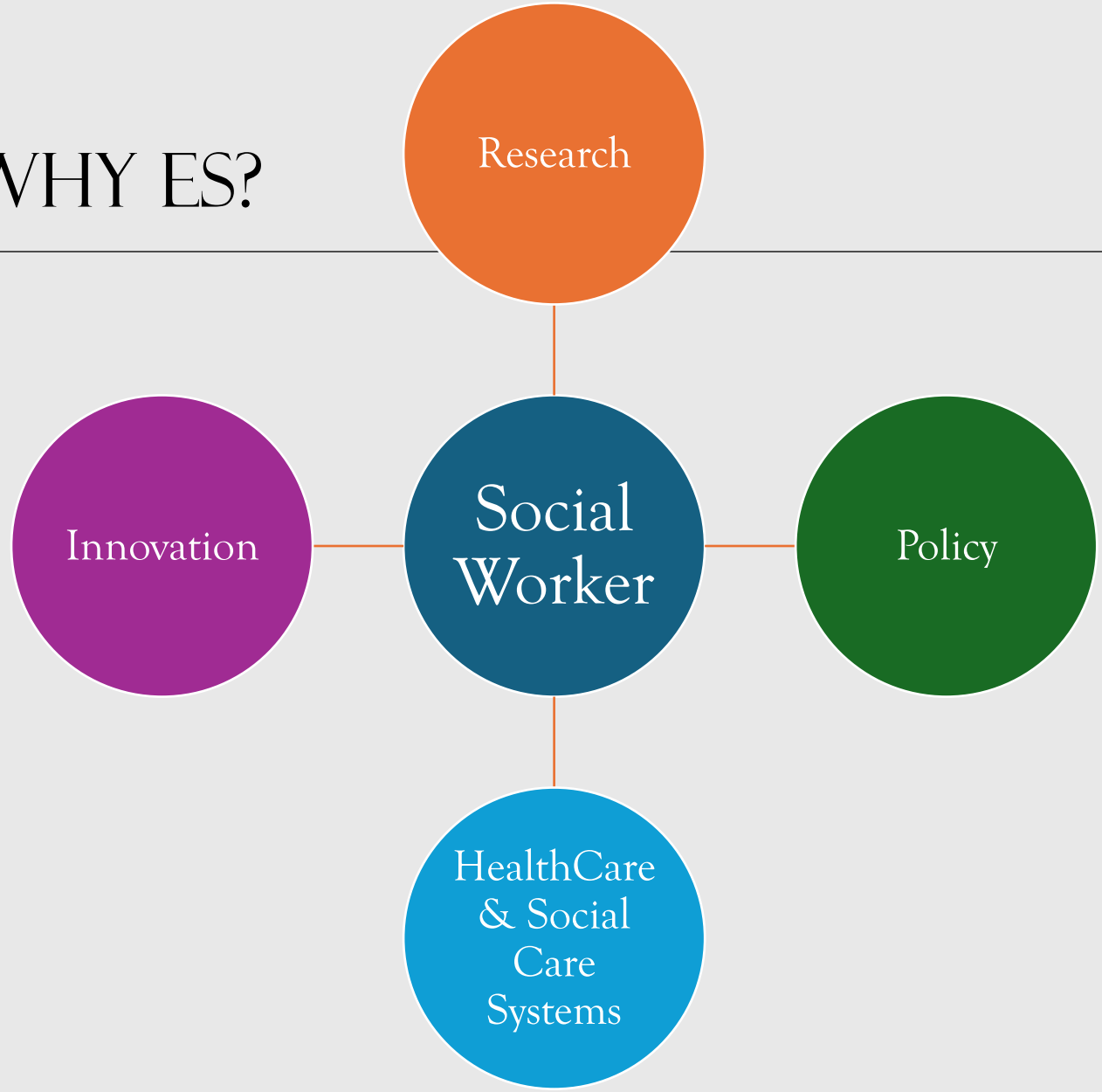
Golden Age Expo and Summit (GAES)

Launched in 2016, GAES has instigated the development of numerous activities related to ageing. The event strives to inspire the golden age community to become a new driving force for social innovation.

The all-in-one event exhibits the latest technology, innovative products and services in the ageing industry, and gathers local and international influential thinkers and leaders from various sectors to share innovative ideas and experiences on ageing.

https://goldenage.foundation/en/gaes2023

THE ANSWERS TO WHY ES?



WHAT ARE THE EXPERIENCES?

You will learn the CONCEPTS OF CARE

- ✓ Continuum of Care
- ✓ Ageing in Place
- ✓ Social & Health Integration Approach in the Care for the Aged

✓ "Successful Ageing"; "Healthy Ageing" or "Smart Ageing"; Creative Ageing
✓ "Positive Ageing"
✓ "Holistic Health"
✓ "Quality of Life of Older Adults"
✓ "Person-centered Care (VIPS)"

WHAT ARE THE EXPERIENCES?

You will know the Elderly & the community resources supporting ageing

- Understand the needs and characteristics of the elders and learn about the related social/community resources to support them



WHAT ARE THE EXPERIENCES?

You will learn to apply skills and social work knowledge to work with different groups of the elders

- the retirees
- the singleton
- doubleton elderly
- the elderly living with different long-term illnesses e.g. Dementia; Parkinson's Disease; Stroke; Cancer; mental illnesses – Depression and Anxiety and to work with the caregivers.
- Crisis related knowledge – e.g. bereavement/ Elderly suicide / suspected Elderly abuse

WHAT ARE THE EXPERIENCES?

You will expose to practice of multi-disciplinary care approach

- working with **other healthcare professionals** such as nurse; occupational therapist; physiotherapist; dietitian; music therapist etc

Subvented Services

WHAT ARE THE EXPERIENCES?

Code: RSE
Residential Care Services

- Care and Attention Homes for the elderly (C&A Homes)
- Nursing Homes (NH)
- Enhanced Bought Place Scheme
- Residential Care Service Voucher for the Elderly (RCSV)

Code: CSE
Community Care Services

Elderly centre services
DECC / NEC / STE / SE

Community Care Services
Day Care Centers / IHC / EHCCS

Other support services

Cases, Groups, Programs

RESIDENTIAL HOME

Social Worker Roles:

- Administration duties (admission; Regulation compliance; Handling family enquiries and feedback etc)
- Social Care Groupwork, case and program
- Work as a bridge between the home and the family members
- Support care team to address the social care needs of the residents

Click the link to learn more about residential home services from SWD

https://www.swd.gov.hk/en/pubsvc/elderly/cat_residentcare/index.html

RESIDENTIAL HOMES

- **Mainly Mon to Fri duties**
- Working Hours: **9:00 am – 5:00/6:00 pm**
- Saturday duty is DISCOURAGED. It can only be arranged upon discussion with OIC due to a lack of support from Agency social worker on Saturdays.
- Sometimes weekend duties for programs/events.
- **Need to fit the routines of the homes e.g. the meal times and the nap/sleeping times**
- Placement hours at night or on weekend is not NOT a norm due to the routine of the elderly and the work schedule of the multi-disciplinary team.

- For Part-time students: Please note that it is not a norm for placement students to work in night shift. You are also recommended to stay flexible to commit work during weekdays as most of staff meetings and client social welfare services are arranged during the office hours.

DISTRICT ELDERLY COMMUNITY CENTRE (DECC)

A community support service to provide a range of comprehensive services to enable elderly persons to remain in the community, to lead a healthy, respectful and dignified life and to enhance their positive and contributing role to the society

NEIGHBOURHOOD ELDERLY CENTER (NEC)

Social Worker works with the elderly and the caregivers through :

Methods of Work:

* CENTER –BASED : casework, groupwork, program
* HOME VISIT
* COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Click the link before to learn more of the services from SWD

https://www.swd.gov.hk/en/pubsvc/elderly/cat_commsupp/elderly_centres/

DISTRICT ELDERLY COMMUNITY CENTRE (DECC)

- **Mainly Mon to Fri duties (8:30am/9 am to 5/6 pm)**
- **Saturday duty possible upon agreement with agency and FWS, however, with less supervision support from social workers.**
- Sometimes weekend duties for programs/ events.
- Casework, groupwork and program

NEIGHBOURHOOD ELDERLY CENTER (NEC)

Scope of Services:

- Educational & Developmental (e.g. volunteer development)
- Social Activities
- Counselling
- Supports for the Elderly (STE)
- Caregiver Supports
- Integrated Home Care Services
- Enhanced Home and Community Services

CODE: ES_SP (SPECIAL PROJECT)

Hong Kong Housing Society

Nature of Placement Units:
Senior Housing– elderly housing or residential care home

Work-related information:
Opening Hours of the Units: 9am-5pm
Possible timeslot for placement students: 1 weekday (AM & PM) + 1 weekend (Sat)
Placement Opportunities : case/ group/ programme

Website:
https://sen.hkhs.com/tc

https://www.hkhs.com/tc/our-business/elderly-housing/residential-care-home

CODE: ES_SP (SPECIAL PROJECT)

JC JoyAge" Project

A project aims to address the social problem of elderly depression, enhance the capacity of professional and non-professional caregivers as well as raise public awareness on elderly mental health.

Work-related information:
Opening Hours of the Units: 8:30am/9am -5-6 pm
Situated in DECC/NEC
Working with young olds and old olds

Placement Opportunities : case/ group/ programme

https://research.jcjoyage.hk

CASEWORK

- Case management for referrals of tangible services (LTC case)
- Carer Stress and Support (Needy Carers and Ordinary Carers)
- Long term care due to Health issues: Dementia/Cancer/Stroke
- Family relationship
- Bereavement
- Depression
- Risk of Social Isolation

GROUPWORK

Developmental group:

Positive Aging, Volunteer training, Social relationship, GrandParenting, life and death....

Therapeutic Group:

Cognitive Stimulation; Chronic Pain, Insomnia, Depression....

Carer Support Group:

Stroke, Dementia...

GROUPWORK

Needy Carer Support Group



GROUPWORK

Psychoeducatiional mutual support group – PERMA of Positive Psychology





GROUPWORK


「快樂掌門人」正向生活小組
充實自己
快樂生活
樂觀積極
積極人生
「老友記」進入人生下半場，要怎樣規劃及運用才能擁有更積極，精彩的生活？正向心理學強調使用五大元素（正向情緒、 全心投入、正向人際、生命意義、成就感）建構個人生活，讓組員以正能量使人生變得更快樂，有意義。

GROUPWORK


護老者
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活「樂」遊
舒筋活樂
智能作曲
透過AI音樂創作尋找樂趣和平靜
藉由玩轉AI音樂工具用音樂將生命記憶編織成動人的旋律，
最終共同發表屬於我們世代的音樂專輯，
在創作中釋放壓力，找回自己的成就感和喘息空間！

PROGRAM

- Caregivers Appreciation
- Festive seasons celebration
- End of Life Information
- Boardgame
- Family Photo Day
- Volunteer Service Day
- Drama Theatre
- Elderly Welfare Services Information
- Elderly Friendly Community
- Mental Health – Human Library

SKILLS/KNOWLEDGE



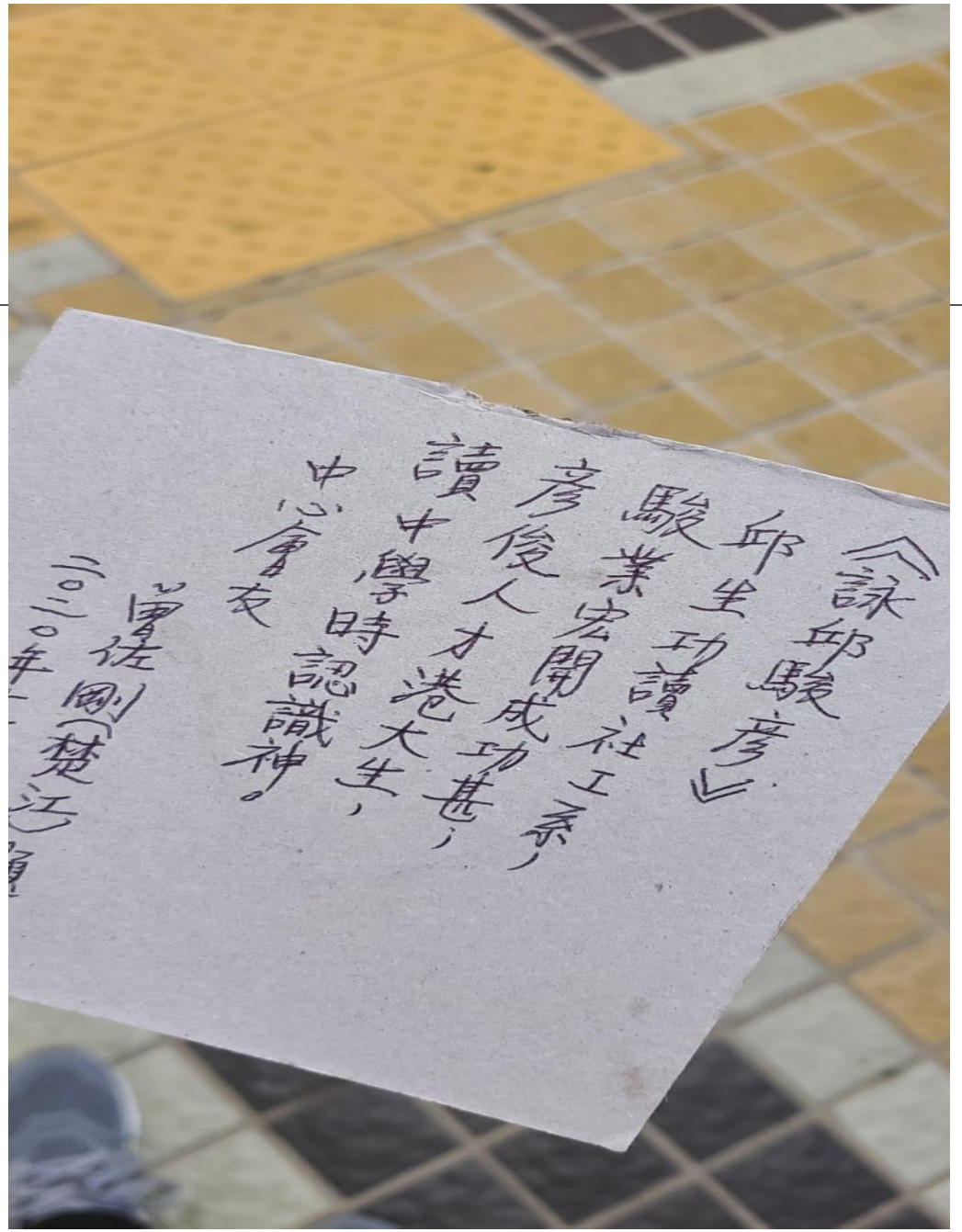
- Coordination skills
- Team work spirit
- Multi-disciplinary cooperation
- Health Issues Faced by the Elderly e.g. Dementia / Stroke
- Good understanding of variety of elderly services and community resources
- Knowledge about Grief and Loss; Bereavement.....



ATTITUDE

- Curiosity & Be Open
- Self-Initiative to learn from different teams
- Patient
- Positive
- Polite, Respect and Care
- Punctuality
- Self-discipline with good time and workload management
- Flexible and willing to shoulder additional duties

STUDENT'S STORY IN ES PLACEMENT



ALEX CHEUNG

MSW-FT
1ST : ICYSC
2ND : DECC



對長者服務印象完全改觀. 以前覺得長者服務好悶, 原本咁多元化

50+ 好好玩, 他們係 Contributors , 有好多發揮. 當義工去解釋 HEALTH REPORT 同可以帶康樂運動小組. 跟他們學到很多

醫社合作，
大開眼界

SHARON LAW

MSW-FT
1ST : REHAB
2ND : DECC



好豐富嘅體驗
*50 Plus,
- active ageing
- 基層醫療
- 醫社合作

好多新潮活動
*Soft Volleyball
*Singing Bowl
*電競: 傳說對決

大學學嘅可以應用
Groupwork
Casework
Program

Casework可以做家訪； 用family perspective and system perspective 去介入。



THANK YOU !

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