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SUMMARY
SURVEY ON PARENTS' OPINION ON HONG KONG EDUCATION SYSTEM
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1. The survey is the first of its kind in HK; namely, it is commissioned by concerned parents who, as a group, are united in their conviction that all parents in HK, as major stakeholders, have the right and obligation to take responsibility for our education system.
2. The rationale behind the Coalition of Education-concerned Parents (CEP) in commissioning this survey is to find out through independent, scientific, and quantitative research the extent of parents' support for, and confidence in our education system and the top officials in charge of it.
3. The Public Opinion Programme of the University of Hong Kong was appointed as our researcher to conduct this survey in May & June 2006.
4. Although the survey has not been commissioned to answer specific queries, the results will serve the very important function of identifying objectively critical areas for either the Government or others for further investigation.
5. The results:
It is worrying that HK parents gave unimpressive ratings in their support for and confidence in, our education system and the top officials in charge of it.
 - **On level of support for Mr. Arthur Li: median is 50, mean rating is 51.4 out of maximum of 100.**
 - **On level of support for Mrs. Fanny Law: median is 50, mean rating is 49.6 out of maximum of 100.**
 - **On level of confidence in local education system under the current leadership, median is 50, mean rating is 46.5 out of maximum of 100.**
 - **Parents with education background of secondary school level and above accounts for 82.8% of the total sample, and their level of confidence on HK's education system is less than 45.** This reflects that parents in HK, majority of whom are educated, show a low level of confidence in HK's education system and rated it 45. This should be a wake-up call for the Government to investigate why such a low level of confidence prevails.
6. **The message to everyone is very clear. The Government must take heed of how parents (the major stakeholders) regard its action on such critical matter as education---in which lies the future of our children and HK.**