

200 social work staff hold rally

ABOUT 200 government social work assistants took to the streets yesterday in support of their demands for a higher grading and a hardship allowance.

They are unhappy that the Standing Commission on Salaries has graded them between points 11 and 21 on the Master Pay Scale, which translates into monthly salaries of \$8,850 to \$10,740.

The 280-strong Social Work Assistants Branch of the Hongkong Chinese Civil Servants Association say they have been the victims of unfair treatment.

They claim that keeping them at such low grades severely damaged their professional status and limited their promotion prospects.

They gathered in Victoria Park yesterday afternoon and marched to the headquarters of the Social Welfare Department, in Harbour Road, Wan Chai.