

MANY people object to the government's plan to allow more foreign construction workers to work here. Actually, the Construction Labour Importation Scheme implies the government wants to interfere in the labour market. It does not benefit employers, workers and society.

Secretary for Education and Manpower Joseph Wong Wing-ping said the government will increase 100 staff to monitor the scheme. He also said the cost of employing foreign workers is higher than using local workers.

If it is true, the government has no reason to implement such a scheme and waste resources.

The government does not need such a scheme to encourage people join the construction business.

It should provide more training and retraining opportunities.

The demand for labour increases when the government implements large-scale construction works. This will attract more people to join this sector.

The government therefore should drop the scheme.