

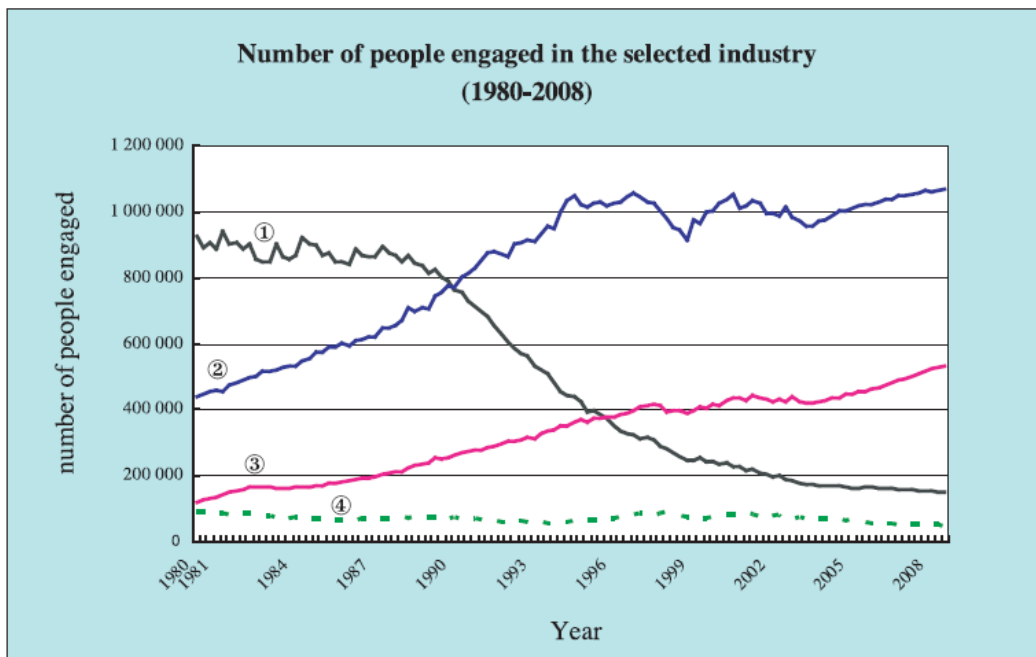
\*Teacher's version P. 71-77(2.3: The Gini Coefficient - Activity 2)

**Teaching Material 2 (TM2)**

**Study sources 1 to 4 and discuss the questions.**

**Source 1**

Number of people engaged in the selected industry (1980-2008)



**Key:** ① Manufacturing  
 ② Wholesale, retail and import /export trades, restaurants and hotels  
 ③ Financing, insurance, real estate and business services  
 ④ Construction sites (manual workers only)

Source: Census and Statistical Department, Table 017: Number of Establishments, Persons Engaged and Vacancies(Other than those in the Civil Service) Analyzed  
 (<http://www.censtatd.gov.hk/showtableexcel2.jsp?tableID=017>)

**Source 2**

Gini Coefficient of Hong Kong from 1981 to 2006

	1981	1986	1991	1996	2001	2006
Gini Coefficient	0.451	0.453	0.476	0.518	0.525	0.533

Source: Census and Statistics Department (1992), (2002) and (2006)

**Questions:**

1. Which industry faced a dramatic decrease in the amount of employment over the past twenty years? Please explain.

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2. Source 2 shows that Hong Kong's Gini Coefficient has been rising continuously over the past twenty years. How did the trend shown in Source 1 affect the Gini Coefficient? Can you think of some reasons?

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**Source 3**

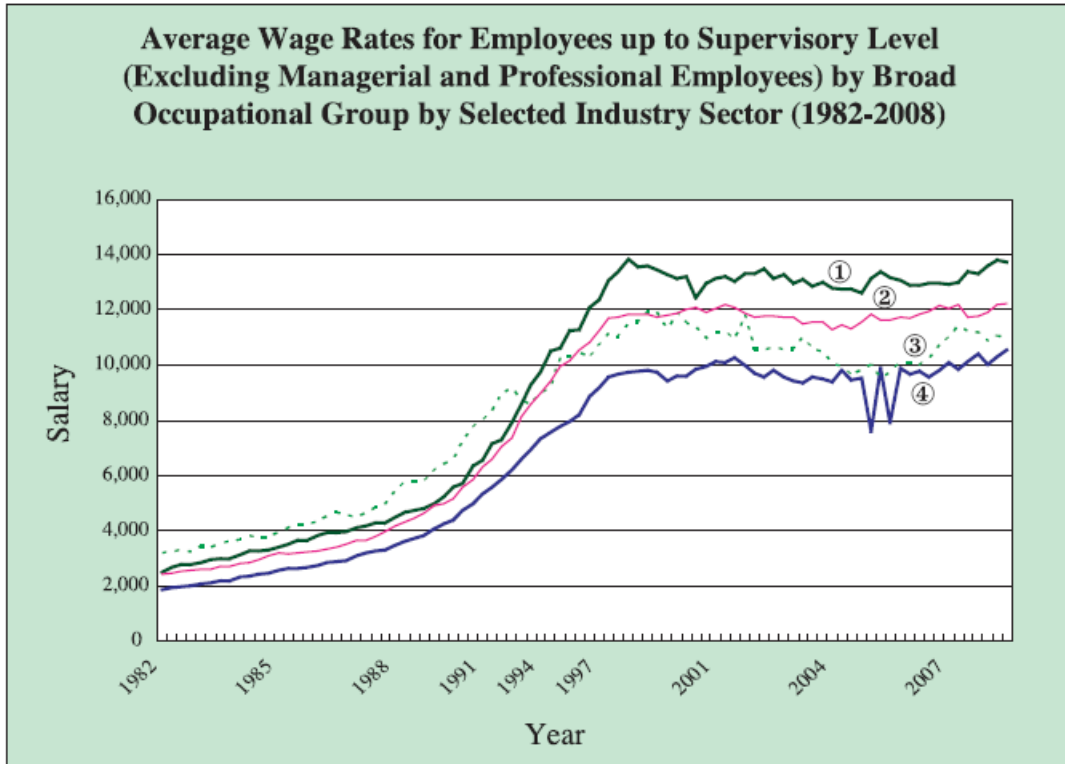
Minute extract from the 6<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Committee on Social Development and Quality of Life of the Commission on Strategic Development held on 30 November 2006.

Similar to other world cities such as London and New York, it was expected that the development of Hong Kong towards a services-oriented economy would experience a widening income inequality. The emergence of world cities entailed a major cluster of high value-added business activities such as financial and up-market consumer services. Members noted that those people engaged in the activities would likely be able to earn high income, but the number of jobs created was not large.

Source: The minute of 6<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Committee on Social Development and Quality of Life of the Commission on Strategic Development held on 30 November 2006  
([http://www.cpu.gov.hk/english/documents/csd/csd\\_sc\\_summary\\_6.pdf](http://www.cpu.gov.hk/english/documents/csd/csd_sc_summary_6.pdf))

**Source 4**

Average Wage Rates for Employees received in the selected Industry Sector (1982-2008)



- Key:
- ① Transport Services
  - ② Wholesale, retail and import /exports trades, restaurants and hotels
  - ③ Financing, insurance, real estate and business services
  - ④ Manufacturing

**Source:** Census and Statistical Department , Table 021, Average Wage Rates for Employees up to Supervisory Level (Excluding Managerial and Professional Employees by Broad Occupational Group by Selected Industry Sector (1982-2008)  
(<http://www.censtatd.gov.hk/showtableexcel2.jsp?tableID=021>)

