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(Activity 4: *Pair discussion and individual written reports on government policies on equalising income*)

Extract of the policy address and activity guide

Study the following extract of the Policy Address of the Chief Executive in January 2005 and answer the following questions.

“For some low-income families, their circumstances have worsened over the past few years. They require the community’s care and assistance,” Mr. Tung said. “We will take steps to provide more direct assistance and support for those in needs.”

He said the Government’s policy vision was to first promote economic growth and create employment opportunities. Then individuals could be provided with an opportunity to give full play to their potential, enhance their abilities and free themselves from poverty.

Source:
An extract from the Policy Address of Mr. Tung (The Chief Executive, HKSAR) in January 2005

1. What are the two general policies that the HKSAR Government adopts to help the low-income families? What are the aims of these policies?

2. People holding different views support different policies. State the arguments for the different stands.

3. Apart from the government measures stated in Activity 2, suggest two possible measures that may help the low income families. Explain your answer.
