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Ageing in Place

In the next 20 years, population ageing will be of major impact to Asian Societies. It is well known that older people may have higher chances of ill health and disabilities resulting in the need of care. It has been the major concern area in the developed countries on reduction of institutionalization for older people. The concept of 'Ageing in Place' was introduced in the 1980s to enable older people to continue to care in their original residence through community services. Ageing in Place as a Policy Directive has also been introduced in Hong Kong since late 1980s. However, the rate of institutionalization in Hong Kong still remains high. The present paper will examine the need of long term care, the challenges and also the limitations in Hong Kong that affect the success of 'Ageing in Place' in Hong Kong in the past.