

#### Exercise 4:

a) Read the texts about refugees in the paragraphs below as reported in the newspapers and underline the lines that reflect the Hong Kong society's perceptions about the refugees.

b) Browse UN resolutions on refugees in google and make a short report on the legal/political/social rights of refugees

c) Write a short essay about the refugees based on the following questions (500 words):

Who are the refugees? Why do you think they are in Hong Kong? What do you think about them being in Hong Kong?

If you were a refugee in another country, how would you feel?

How would you want the people of that country recognize you and treat you?

#### Box 1

"Maina argued that refugees were perceived as a burden on society because they were not allowed to work in the city. "They decided to turn us into beggars by subjecting us to a grossly inadequate welfare system that perpetuates that narrative," he said. There were 11,201 outstanding claimants as of March this year, with most of them coming from Vietnam, India and Pakistan. Between 2009 and March, only 52 people had their claims substantiated (SCMP news, June 20, 2016).

<http://www.scmp.com/news/hong-kong/law-crime/article/1977425/respect-refugees-liberties-and-let-them-work-hong-kong>

#### Box 2

"In Hong Kong, refugees wait a long time for their chance to start life anew. This interminable limbo makes it impossible for them to dream, plan and feel complete as a human being. It robs them of their identity, dignity and future; and it robs us of a more multicultural and open society. Hong Kong must no longer skirt around the issue of resettlement and durable solutions."

<http://www.scmp.com/comment/insight-opinion/article/2069158/hong-kongs-recognition-refugee-status-no-guarantee>