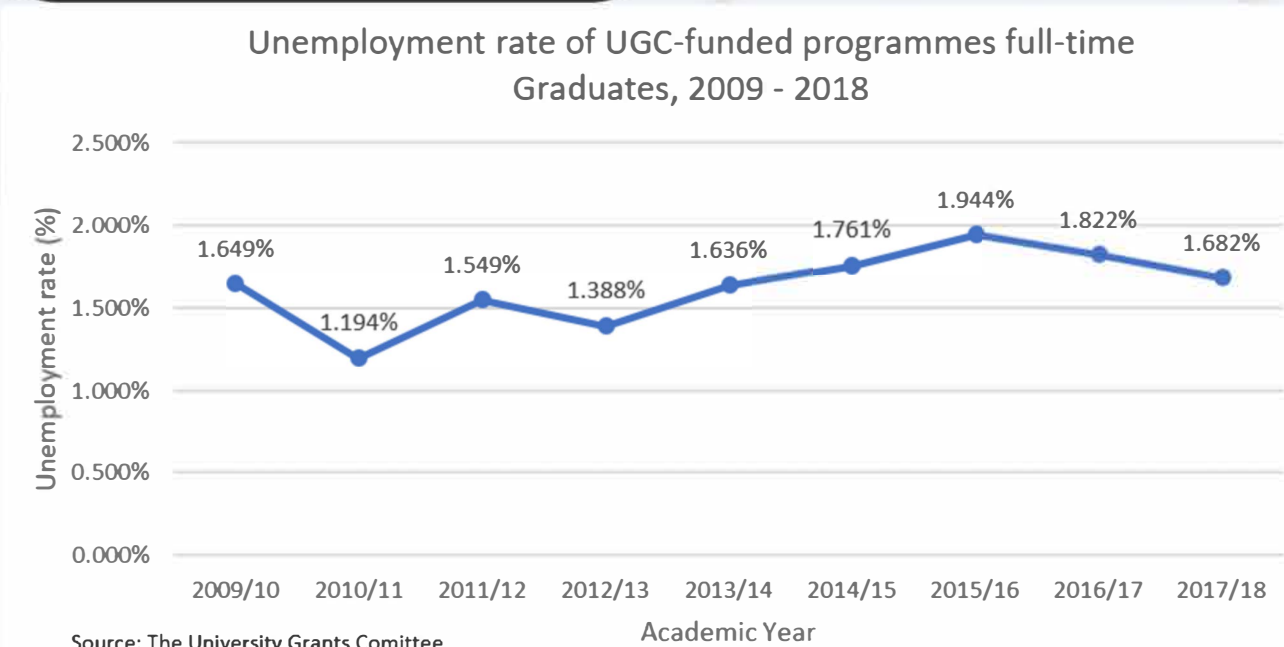


“Graduation”=“unemployment” ?

—Analysis of the causes and consequences of youth unemployment problems in Hong Kong

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Introduction



● Full-time UGC graduates unemployment trend: 1.649% (2009) → 1.682% (2017)

● Problems related to youth unemployment:

- Educational inflation
- Globalization → ↑ Competition
- Intergenerational poverty
- Dissatisfaction with government



Causes

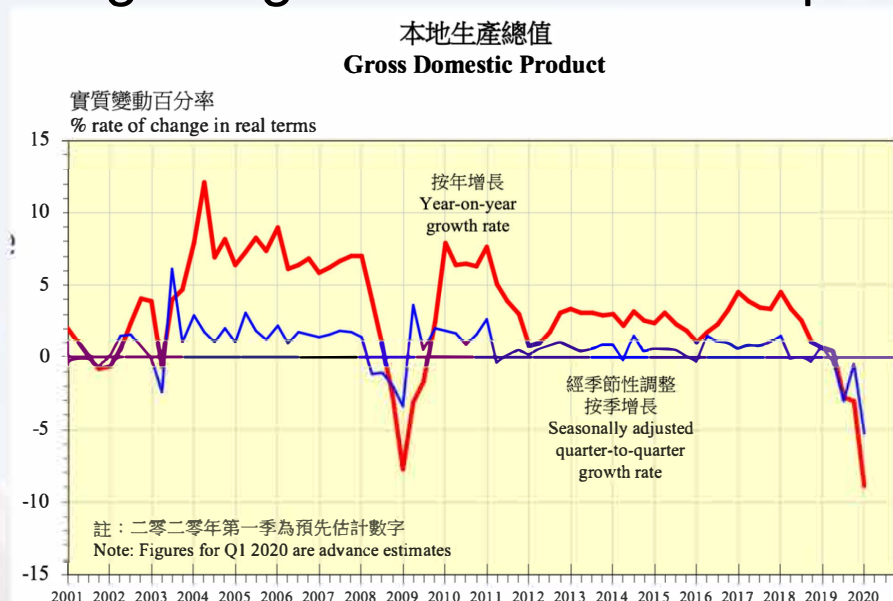
Demand Side:

1. Single economic structure in Hong Kong

→ Structural unemployment

E.g. unemployment rate of the construction industry > service industry during these 10 years.

2. Hong Kong's economic development slowing down

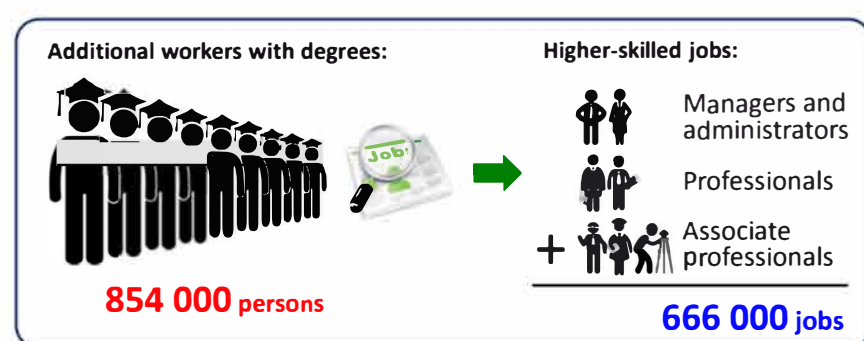


■ China & USA Trade War + negative expectation on Hong Kong GDP growth
→ Fall in demand



3. Lack of middle management position

Figure 5 – Total number of additional workers with degrees* during 1994-2015



Note: (*) Excluding sub-degree and non-degree qualifications in post-secondary education.
Data source: Census and Statistics Department.

→ Hinder the promotion of upward mobility for graduates

Supply Side:

1. Flood of post-secondary courses

- 2 universities (1970) vs 8 UGC-funded universities (now)
- An increasing trend of full-time self-financing top-up degrees and bachelor's degrees

2. Declining quantity of graduates and varying quality of self-financing institutions

- University admission competition ↓ + Many 'student shops' → quality ↓
- 9% of graduates not pursuing further studies that are underemployed (School of Continuing and Professional Studies of CUHK, 2017-2018 academic year)

3. Global competition

E.g. The Mainland Talent Admission Scheme and the Investment Immigration Scheme
→ ↑ competitiveness of HK labour market



Consequences

1. Academicism

2. Delays employment time of young people → ↓ Labor supply

3. Large financial burden: the repayment of tuition fee loan

4. The existence of “abandoned youth”, “hidden youth” or NEET”

