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Dear the taskforce,


CHANGES OF THE LEGISLATURE

In my view, it is not mature to conduct any universal suffrage of the Chief Executive of the SAR by 2007 and the allocation of legislature seats by direct votes by 2008, the reasons being as follows:

- 1 Any drastic change in the constitutional structure will bring about uncertainty, and worst of all, the likely violent upheavals to the economy.
- 2 It is questionable whether the Chief Executive and the Legco through universal suffrage will represent the interests of all strata of the community.
- 3 Diversity of views and public discord among the citizens for the last few years bears a dangerous tendency towards factional strife which will definitely hamper the healthy and harmonious development of the constitution.
- 4 The functional legislature now executing in the Legco conforms to the interests of all strata of the society, particularly those of the business and professional community.
- 5 Albeit the views of the majority will hold sway, nevertheless sometimes the views of the minority will hold water. In this connection, practice, and only by practice, will finally be the fathom of truth.
- 6 "GRADUALLY AND ORDERLY MANNER": "GRADUALLY" means groping the stones while crossing the river whereas "ORDERLY" means everything done systematically.

Last but not least, the target and goal we are striving for in the ensuing days should be how to formulate a constitutional structure which will embrace a BALANCED REPRESENTATION of the interest of all strata of the community.

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