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By "gradual progress", I mean the members directly elected to the 18 District Councils (DC) from geographical constituencies should be allowed to "progress" to the Legislative Council (LegCo).

By the end of this decade, the 18 DC should be allowed to elect from amongst themselves 2 members each into the LegCo. Consequently, it is not necessary anymore to hold direct elections on district basis for LegCo, thereby saving a lot of money and manpower. There would be 36 seats reserved for DC members in LegCo. The Election Committee could be abolished. The seats originally reserved for functional constituencies should be reduced from 30 to 24. Thus, the total membership of LegCo would still remain at 60.

Of course, before "internal" election of DC members into LegCo could be materialized, we need to give the 18 DC a thorough re-structuring in membership composition first, to give play to the idea of "gradual progress". All the appointed members and ex-officio rural committee chairmen would have to leave the DC to make way for 18 fully-elected DC, with all their members directly elected on geographical basis.

And that's my understanding of "gradual progress"!

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