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The Taskforce

Attached kindly find my views with regard to the debates on the Constitutional Reform now undergoing throughout the community.

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RELINQUISHING ANTAGONISM

Worries have been lingering here in Hong Kong and the impasse now beleaguering Hong Kong has posed a threat which tends to evolve into unnecessary factional strife and public discord among the broad masses of Hong Kong. It is universally recognizable that the Chief Executive, the Executive Council and the Legislative Council provides a solid fortress and stronghold for effective governance of Hong Kong. However, evolution of the past events has told us that the effective governance of the Tung Administration has shaken, and most likely, faced collapsing in the absence of the unfailing support from the Central Government of China.

The confrontation between the democrats and Mr Tung and his coalition cabinet has deteriorated, and worst of all, has evolved into irreconcilable gridlock. This is the grim reality of Hong Kong now prevalent, which has been proved to be detrimental to the economy of Hong Kong as a whole. The Pro Democratic Camp should confess the reality that it is undeniable that the Chinese Communist Party is enshrined by the constitution to inflict and execute the effective rule and governance in China. Such actions should be avoided as burning the Basic Law before the public, soliciting media as well as congress pressure from US and participating the forum and expressing respect for the decision of the Taiwanese against their destiny, to name just a few, which is, in reality, tantamount to provocation in the eyes of the Beijing Authorities.

In view of this, it goes without saying that the outcome would most probably be disastrous in the event that the Pro-Democratic Camp occupies the majority of the legislature seats. Unless the Pro-Democratic Camp relinquish the policy of antagonism and hostility towards the Beijing Authorities, the prospects in this connection will hardly be optimistic. The likely deterioration of deficits, the crisis of Hong Kong Dollars, the collapse of the property market and the withdrawal of foreign investors will most probably become the uninevitable which is out and out contrary to the wishes of the majority of the Hong Kong people.

In the final analysis, what we are striving for is a constitutional structure which will embrace a broad people of caliber with one heart and will, representing a balanced representation of all the strata of the community, and bring about the eternal and lasting stability and prosperity of the economy. Hong Kong is an inalienable part of China and her relationships with China may well be deemed as interlaced, intertwined and interactive, and above all, mutually beneficial to each other.

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