

RE: INTERPRETATION OF THE BASIC LAW

The wrangling among all political parties and the public at large regarding the interpretation of the Basic Law is exactly a case-sample of "A storm in a tea-cup".

"No one can disgrace us but ourselves." To England which was a party in the Basic Law drafting and a party to the Declaration signed between China and England before 1997, our bickering is a laughing stock! When England was in control of Hong Kong there was no such kind of disagreement among us. It was because whatever had been resolved in the legislative council and/or executive council were put into practice and enforcement henceforth without any chance for further argument. They could do it, why can't we? This relies on the ability and wisdom of our current government how to maneuver the politics under the present environment.

Basing on the existing Basic Law Beijing is unquestionably and legally empowered to interpret the Basic Law whenever it deems fit and essential in the interest of SARHK and China. "Talking is cheap." More suggestions being made, the more confusions are being created. "In quarreling the truth is always lost."

The crux of the matter is that we do lack of mutual trust. It is sad and shameful to see that we Chinese do not trust among ourselves. Beijing promised that the autonomy shall not be adversely affected but people of SARHK do not believe in such promise. However, at this very moment, we are enjoying as much as the freedom that we had before 1997. China is no more an unnoticeable country and it is one of the very few big powers in the World. It has to observe and perform whatever promised in order to show its integrity, responsibility and reliability to other parts of the World. The Declaration signed with England has been universally made known and acknowledged. So our fear is unfounded.

My own observations from various foreign countries tell me that any guidance given by Beijing in accordance with the principle of the Basic Law shall not alter my disbelief that such guidance may adversely affect China and/or SARHK stability and prosperity. China has already established a title of being "the World's factory" for cheap and good products. However, I would like to point out that India is coming up after China in this respect. Generally but not all, Indian people have higher English standard than Chinese people. So we have to take precaution and should not be too self-contented.

Last of all, SARHR people are too early to oppose the purported interpretation to be made by NPC, it is only reasonable to wait and see its actual outcome. Oppositions without evidence only show that the opposing parties' intentions of opposing for the sake of opposing in order to achieve their own respective hidden benefits or gains. Please remind all that "Cooperation is stability, stability is power, power is productivity, productivity is profitability, profitability is prosperity."

I should be grateful for our government's comments.

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