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As stated in the Basic Law, the Constitutional Development of HKSAR should move forward, not backward. Therefore, I strongly oppose to increase the total number of seats in the legislative council in order to increase the number of seats through direct elections and the number of seats returned by functional constituencies and maintain the same ratio of 50/50. It is by NO WAY to consider this arrangement as a step forward.

First of all, by increasing the number of seats in Legco will only create further chores to the effectiveness of Legco. It will serve NO HELP to improve Legco and absolutely NO HELP to improve the relationship between Legco and the HKSAR government. Secondly, to be consider as a step closer to true democracy and fair election, the number of seats returned by functional constituencies MUST be reduced in terms of the number of seats as well as its ratio in Legco. The suggestion to increase the number of seats returned by functional constituencies and to expand functional constituencies to other areas is equivalent to handing out illegal drugs to drug addicts. It will never be enough and they will only come back and ask for more. It would be a major violation to the Basic Law.

In my opinion, the number of seats in Legco should not be changed. The number of seats by functional constituencies should be reduced and replaced with seats returned through direct elections. The current seats returned by functional constituencies should be combined and gradually phased out.

In 2008, 35 seats out of 60 seats in Legco are to be returned through Direct Elections.



In 2012, 45 seats out of 60 seats in Legco are to be returned through Direct Elections.

In 2016, all 60 seats in Legco are to be returned through Direct Elections.

Thank you.

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