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To Hong Kong Government Consitutional Development group,


We are Cambridge University Hong Kong and China Affairs Society. As a student runned Society in Cambridge which put concerns on democractic and politcal issues, We would like to post the comments of participating members in a meeting point held on 30th April, 2004. We think that present the view of members of our society who turned up in the meeting point. Please see attached for the details of opinions we gathered from our members.

Many Thanks and we hope that can contribute to the consitutional development progress in Hong Kong.

Yours Sincerely

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**Opinion of members of Cambridge University Hong Kong and China Affairs Society (CUHKCAS) participating in a meeting point as collected on Friday, 30 April 2004 regarding Constitutional Development in Hong Kong**

1. Towards the interpretation of the Basic Law by the National People's Congress(NPC)

The interpretation of Basic Law by the NPC, though legally allowed, is not appropriate since it undermines the independent rule of Law and by Law, in which Hong Kong people value it highly. Such interpretation is acceptable only when the general public feels that there is a genuine need of doing so.

2. Towards the readiness of Hong Kong for universal suffrage

Hong Kong people are generally well-educated and so are able to make independent and sensible choices. Moreover, in the last Legco election before the hangover all the councillors were elected by the general public according to the Geographical Constituency. The voters and the society are ready for universal suffrage.

3. Others

It is essential to further enhancing the mutual understanding between Hong Kong general public and Beijing government such that both parties would show more tolerance and respect to each other when confronting differences.