
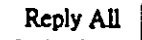


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Secretary for Constitutional Affairs.

Dear Sir,

I wish to offer a few points on the 2007 election as well as the desirability of having a firm time-table for universal suffrage.

Indeed, I have only three points to make:

a. It is plainly stated in the Basic Law that Hong Kong is to remain a capitalist society with an open economy. That is to say we must pay special respect to those who run businesses and produce wealth for the community. Hong Kong must not be turned into a welfare state, we have no resources, this will scare our investors away. The easiest way for our investors to go is to 'slip into the backyard', i.e. to move into Quangdong, then our workers will be left jobless. Actually, the best way to protect our workers is to encourage investment so that the capitalists have to compete among themselves for workers. The 'parasitic sectors' must not be allowed to run Hong Kong. We must think very carefully that the representation of the 'wealth producing' sectors will not be diluted in any re-organisation. By the word 'parasitic', I mean not only the welfare sector, I mean all those that depend on government largess for a living, such as the education sector, the public health sector and the suggested 'senior citizen' sector etc. The present percentage of the 'pro business' sectors in the Electoral Committee is the minimum to safe-guard the interest of the long term interest of Hong Kong.

b. The second is the 'constitutional link' with our mother country, China. The plain fact is that we must not elect a CEO who is not trusted by the Central Government, or worse still, select a CEO who is an outright opponent of China. (I would submit that there is a strong possibility.) This will mean the end of Hong Kong. **THEREFORE, IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT THE REPRESENTATION OF THE MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL PEOPLE'S ASSEMBLY AND OF THE POLITICAL CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE SHOULD NOT BE DIMINISHED.** Looking at other 'democratic' countries for reference, such as the USA, you will find that the number of electoral votes in the eastern states is disproportionately higher than the states in the west and in the middle on population basis. They

justified this on the grounds that the eastern states are 'founding states.'

On the question of forming a time-table for holding universal suffrage. I think that it is still pre-mature. Hong Kong is not ready simply because the population is NOT receptive to the idea of patriotism. I know of a person whose son is in the United States studying in a middle school and pledging allegiance

under the American flag at least weekly. This person is very happy with this arrangement and had presented himself on at least one occasion. Back in Hong Kong, he is furious about the our national anthem being broadcasted on the television, calling it an act of 'brain-washing'. I do not know which way his brain has been washed, or 'coloured'.

The success of a democratic state depends not only on the educational level of its citizens, but on the patriotism and co-hesiveness of its citizens. If the loyalty of a large part of its citizens point to a third country/countries, its democratization is bound to fail.

I would suggest that this question be brought up for further examination in ten years.

Yours faithfully,
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7.5.05

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