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Subject: RE: FW: Constitutional Affairs - Universal Suffrage (US)

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My brief answer to Nelson's 2 Qs :

Q1: Do U want to choose the CE for yourself or do you want somebody else to choose for U?

A : Certainly I want to choose myself but don't tell me Universal Suffrage (US) can choose the right CE for us as explained previously.....low quality of voters will have Madam Choi so yuk or Dr Wu wai yun...

Q2: If the answer to Q1 is you want to do it yourself, do U want to fix the time or somebody else to fix the time for U?

A : I prefer to fix the time by myself but US is the target, definitely not in 2007/08. If not 07/08, when & why? I will try to give the time frame below with reasons. Ironically, you and Michael (the local legal celebrity followers?) would like the Democrats (so-called) to fix the time (2007/08) for you.

My utmost surprise to Nelson's statement: " The question of lap sap chung, lo fan & station platform behaviour is relatively minor issue". If we still consider this egocentric behaviour as minor and this is the norms of the society we live in, I would have no hesitation to suggest to CAB to defer US for at least another 10 years. I cannot agree this selfish egocentric behaviour prevailing in our society is minor issue:

Lap Sap Chung : Public health and personal hygiene will no longer be a local issue. SARs & Birds Flu have given us the warnings and lessons.

Lo Fan : Scared investors away, destroy innovators - a global issue and therefore it is NOT minor.

Platform Behaviour : A simple measure of citizen's self discipline in public area.

As I said before, these are the simple measures of "People's Moral" & "People's Intelligence". The main concern is people still do not aware this is a problem.

If we choose to adopt the western concept of " democracy" and at the same time our " People's Intelligence" & " People's Moral" are far below as compared with the western countries having the same kind of democracy we end up with situation like other places, S.E.Asia, Taiwan...The people of those western countries are definitely not living in the norms of society with Lo Fan & Lap Sap Chung.

Hong Kong's strength is economic growth and stable society... not the western style of "democracy".

-----Original Message-----

From: stanley chan

Sent: 27 May, 2005 12:04

To: nelsonyue ; Chiu Man Lai, Simon

Cc: ; stanleyoschan
Subject: RE: FW: Constitutional Affairs - Universal Suffrage

I think Simon's standard of civism of the general public have something to do with the quality of voters but should not be taken as a prerequisite for implementing wider democracy in HK. I'm sure if we impose severe punishment and jail all the litter bugs and buyers of pirate DVDs, Simon's Gor's concern will be largely gone. My experience in TW is that democracy for Chinese people must go through a long learning process. The status in TW I would say is still in its infancy. I watch all these TV shows at night with all those politicians and commentators debating (not fighting, guess they got more civilised). Some TV stations are pro Chen Shui Bin, some are pro KMT and some are neutral. 可以說百花齊放, but with all that the voters were still stupid enough to vote for Ah Bin in last year's election after the 'assasin incident'. It will take some time if not long time for the general public to see the real face of the political parties and politicians. It can't be done overnight. Eventually the voters will vote for the one who is 'less evil' in comparison.

I would say HK people in general are more rational and less likely to be blindly influenced by political parties, be that Martin Lee or local legal celebrity. But all that have nothing to do with the pace of democracy in HK. Like I said many times before, the only thing matters is that will Beijing allow HK to be run by someone that they don't trust or can't control? Simon Gor's point on civism is the least concern of the Beijing government.

nelsonyue 說 :

Dear Simon,
May I ask two questions?
1) Do you want to choose the CE for yourselves or do you want somebody else do it for you?
2) If the answer to Q1 is you want to do it yourselves, do you want to fix the timing or do you want somebody else fix the timing for you?

I prefer to do it myself.

Reason:
The question of lap sap chung, lo fan , station platform are relatively minor issues. I think the general education level of the local society, when compared with other areas with US, is not too inferior. I'd prefer having the mechanism in place ASAP rather than waiting somebody telling me when the quality of the citizen justifies US. Furthermore, there won't be consensus on such quality.

Nelson

----- Original Message -----
From: Chiu Man Lai, Simon

To: nelsonyue , stanley chan
Subject:FW: Constitutional Affairs - Universal Suffrage
Date:Wed, 25 May 2005 15:15:13 +0800
> Nelson/ Stanley,
> We have debated the issue " Sik Fat to clarify 2 or 5 years" and
> apparently we can conclude that " Sik Fat" will never be a flawless solution
> but a practical approach in HK.....Shall we go back to the discussion of
> Universal Suffrage ?
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> It appears Stanley might have moved from " for " to "against " US since his
> stay in Taiwan but I'm quite sure /Nelson will still vote " for",
> both being the faithful followers of the local legal celebrity and "
> democrats - so call" ?
> I've expressed my view to Constitutional Affairs Bureau.
> Regards
> Simon
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>> -----Original Message-----
>> From: Chiu Man Lai, Simon
>> Sent: 24 May,2005 17:44
>> To: 'views@cab-review.gov.hk'
>> Subject: Constitutional Affairs - Universal Suffrage
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>> Dear Mr Lam,
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>> Enclosed please find the article in respect of Universal Suffrage. The
>> message was drafted last June, i.e. before the rally on 1 July 2004, and
>> circulated among a number of engineers / colleagues of KCRC and
>> consulting firms. I have no records of the percentage of for and against
>> my views, my recollection is that engineers/ colleagues at the age of late
>> 30s and above tend to share my view.
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>> I still maintain my view as we have basically no improvement in view of
>> the three " social phenomena - Lap Sap Chung, Lo Fan & Station
Platform"
>> stated in my article.
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>> Regards
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>> Simon Chiu

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