

CONSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT TASK FORCE : Seeking Your Views

First let me say that the questions you pose are pretty difficult to fathom and therefore not easy to answer. How the major principle to follow is every parties concern have to abide by the Basic Law, nobody is above the Basic Law. I will now attempt to answer your questions.

A1.

- (1) Nobody question that HK is part of China, HK belongs to China or any other way you want to put it.
- (2) HKSAR comes under CPG and the relationship between the two should be conducted in accordance with the Basic Law. There should be a clear understanding of what HKSAR can do under CPG, similar to any other organization in operating its various divisions or other government in its relationships with its provinces, states or local authorities. HKSAR is to run HK also in accordance with the Basic Law with a high degree of autonomy and should be able to say "no" or refute statements made by officials in China. Case in point at the moment is no one in the present HKSAR ever dare to refute any critical comments coming across the border – such as over SARS when certain comments from officials in Guangzhou about why we are so worried about SARS.
- (3) The CE is accountable to the Basic Law and through it to CPG.

A2.

- (1) Actual situation to me means what it says – how does the general population feels the government should be put in place.
- (2) Gradual and orderly progress again means what it says – it would appear to me that society in general hopefully would progress forward and not backward, that is to say the populace as its get more affluent the society becomes more civic minded, participates in the election of government and takes more awareness of the governance of the elected officials. Most people would agree that the governance of CPG has progressed forward by all measures and so should we – we do not want to go backward.

A3.

- (1) All governments if they want to sustain being in power have to meet the interests of the different sectors of society. The government in power could a dictator, a socialist government or capitalistic government – it needs to ensure its populace is overall contented. In our case we have a capitalist economy and the political system in a capitalist economy needs to progress also to a more participatory

public. It would be foolish to imagine the public would go backward or accept a standstill in our political development whilst the political development in China is progressing forward.

- (2) The political structure of most capitalist societies have democratically elected government and to this end we should focus on discussing how we move forward to giving more participation in the election of our legislators and CEO.

B1. Local legislation only.

B2. No need to amend Basic Law.

B3. By holding discussions with the various political parties, CPG and academics and comes to a consensus on a timetable whereby gradually more legislators are elected and less by appointments. This should be the first step and local legislation can be enacted. The CEO should also eventually be elected universally and this would need more thorough discussions with CPG on how we progress to that stage but in any case that the direction we should be heading.

B4. Hopefully we have made some progress and aspiration for a more elected officials have been agreed. For the fourth term I would expect that all Lego members are elected.

B5. Include year 2007.

Please note that the current discussion about "patriotic" is a red herring. It is amazing that the people that have closer ideologue with people in CPG are the so call democrats in HK whereas the capitalists have more in common with the Republicans in USA. Also the patriots in HK are really the so called Democrats and less so the Capitalists who can go whichever country they desire.

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