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Constitutional Development in Hong Kong.

Summary:

If the committee is not prepared to honestly and properly address the issues of constitutional development by requesting that the NPC reconsider its ruling, it should be disbanded, and no changes should happen.

Issues:

* The legitimacy of the Reform committee.

After the ruling by the NPC to illegally modify the basic law, a document, that like many other residents of Hong Kong, was our contractual guarantee of a future in Hong Kong. It appears that either

- a) The Committee failed to convey the overwhelming support for universal suffrage, rather unfairly emphasizing the views of an unrepresentative minority.
- b) The Committee had no intention of passing on the view that a majority of Hong Kong residents wished for universal suffrage.

In either case, it has failed in its duty, either by incompetence or malice.

* The legitimacy of the Reports Compiled by the Committee

While making an effort to illustrate the multitude of views of the Hong Kong community, it failed to summarize the proportions of each type of view.

The report gave the impression that significant submissions were not in favor of universal suffrage, and yet there were no figures to justify this.

* An insult to all Hong Kong residents

The ruling that Hong Kong is not capable of selecting its own leaders, is not only untrue, does not reflect the 'actual situation', but highly

insulting and in effect calling every Hong Kong resident stupid, and unable of deciding what is in the best interest of Hong Kong and China.

* "Not constructive to insist on universal suffrage."

The Chairman of the committee expressed the view that insisting on universal suffrage would be fruitless, however the rules and conditions set down by the NPC, are a step backward, rather than forward, rather like moving the deck chairs on the titanic, while drilling holes in the hull.

In such an environment, the whole third report can be considered 'not constructive' and hence is pretty pointless to comment on seriously.

* Current situation is detrimental to Hong Kong's economy and development

By insisting on the NPC ruling, the committee is destabilizing Hong Kong's social and economic development. Favoring unrepresentative minorities over the general population will continue to fuel resentment, and have implications that are far worse than Taiwan's Election issues.

Proposals:

Return to the NPC standing committee and request they revise their existing ruling to

a) allow for legco seats for functional to reduced to 15 , increasing geographical ones to 45 for 2008, and full universal suffrage by 2012

b) allow for the CE candidates to be nominated by the existing selection committee, and elected by universal suffrage in 2004. In 2012, candidates should be nominated from legco members.

If anything close to this is not proposed, then it is my view that the committee should be disbanded.

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