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Dear Chief Executive:

I recently read Sir David Aker-Jones article "A simple road map -- making the leap to universal suffrage" (SCMP - Aug. 9/06).

I am writing this letter to express the hope that the SAR government will do a full review of this article in critical detail so that the community can be presented with a credible road map for giving all registered voters in Hong Kong the opportunity and the right to vote for the chief executive in 2012.

Sir David Aker-Jones' road map has the structural capacity on which can be built a viable process of transforming the present Election Committee of 800 into a Nominating Committee of 800 that could be broadly representative of the Hong Kong community.

The process of electing the various sectors of the Nominating Committee can be prepared by the SAR government to conform with the spirit of the Basic Law, the socio-political condition of Hong Kong, and in a manner that can be generally understood and receive wide support by Hong Kong people.

The Aker-Jones road map is so far the best ever I have come across. It has the potential to enable universal suffrage to be introduced in 2012 for electing in a balanced way the chief executive.

I urge the SAR government to accept the Aker-Jones' road map as a provisional framework in the extended process of informing, educating and preparing the Hong Kong public towards electing for the first time ever their chief executive by universal franchise hopefully in 2012.

Sincerely,

(Signed)

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