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Subject: Political Reform..appointment of Policy Secretaries etc

Dear Sir.

I have read the consultation paper regarding proposals on political appointments to assist policy secretaries and the Chief Executive.

I appreciate that today is the last day for comments and I will be brief.

I do not agree with the proposals, specifically the means proposed for appointments as deputy and assistants to Policy Secretaries. We should have democratically elected individuals as Secretaries, elected with policies known to the people and served by a politically neutral civil service . .

The development of political talent should be through the ballot box and the mandate of the people. It is called democracy , not elements of democracy as so creatively described by Stephen Lam.

The democratic elections at every level of governance , District Boards etc can provide the talent and the development of individuals for governance. Civil servants have their roles ,and some may decide to take part in democratic elections and decide to stand for election etc..Participation should not be by civil service appointment which has all the risks, as we see in appointments to public bodies by government , of cronyism and lack of accountability to the people of Hong Kong.

THE PROPOSALS IN THE PAPER SERVE ONLY TO PERPETUATE A SYSTEM WHICH NEEDS CHANGE.

Yours faithfully .

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