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Dear Sir

I believe that the last thing that Hong Kong needs is a further political
layer of bureaucracy. This will stultify the already inert administration
and render it even less responsive to public concerns. This sound
contradictory but opinion towards "politicians" in HK is correctly
skeptical. The evidence so far on the main political parties is that most
have not represented grass root opinion (on many issues, such as harbour
reclamation, the Star Ferry/Queen's Pier closure, air pollution, buildings,
education etc) and instead spend their time pondering how to please and
pandaring to Beijing. It is only the smaller parties in HK that have done
anything positive that has a real local and international developmental effect.

If there was a true democratic system in Hong Kong, then paid "civil
servant" political appointments would be totally unnecessary. Political
advisers exist elsewhere but they are subject to public election via their
political masters.

As it is, the public I have spoken to see this as an expensive
window-dressing exercise at best, and an interference with clean and
uncorrupt administration at worst. The HKSAR civil service may be bloated
and inefficient but at least it is deemed to be largely non-corrupt. In my
opinion, the introduction of political appointees will remove the current
political neutrality of the Civil Service, not enhance it as the
consultation document attempts to suggest. It will also undermone morale in
the Civil Service as a number of commentators have pointed out.

A side issue is that, by and large, the rest of the world thinks the last
thing that anywhere is short of is politicians!

Yours faithfully

（Name provided）

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