



Message from the Chief Secretary for Administration and the Chairman, Basic Law Promotion Steering Committee

The Basic Law, implemented since 1997, has laid a solid foundation for the development of Hong Kong in various aspects, and has fully embodied the long-term policies of the Central Authorities towards Hong Kong in implementing "One Country, Two Systems", "Hong Kong People Ruling Hong Kong" and a "High Degree of Autonomy". The Basic Law has mapped out concrete arrangements to facilitate Hong Kong's smooth transition in 1997 and has maintained various systems which underpin Hong Kong's success. In the past decade, Hong Kong has faced different challenges such as the Asian financial crisis. With the support of our motherland, and capitalizing on our own advantages, Hong Kong has recovered from the adversities. Under the Nation's 11th Five-Year Plan, Hong Kong will continue to maintain our status as an international financial, trading and shipping centre. With the support of the Central Authorities and the efforts of the Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region, I believe that Hong Kong will be able to leverage on the opportunities provided by the Basic Law and the "One Country, Two Systems" principle and continue to play our unique role and contribute to the future development of our motherland.



Henry Tang

Message from the Secretary for Justice

The "One Country, Two Systems" principle is an unprecedented concept. The successful implementation of the Basic Law in the past decade has borne witness to the undisputed achievement of our new constitutional order. Hong Kong has overcome numerous challenges in the past ten years and achieved outstanding results. One of the keys to this success is the rule of law. While being an inseparable part of China, the laws previously in force in Hong Kong have been maintained. Hong Kong also exercises independent judicial power, including that of final adjudication. Ever since the Reunification, Hong Kong has been forging closer ties with the Mainland, and there is increasing exchange and co-operation between the legal systems in Hong Kong and the Mainland. We are delighted to witness the successful implementation of the "One Country, Two Systems" principle as the cornerstone of Hong Kong's prosperity and stability.



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Wong Yan Lung



Message from the Secretary for Constitutional and Mainland Affairs

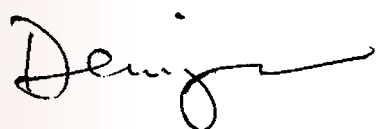
The Hong Kong Special Administrative Region has made a number of remarkable achievements in the past ten years. These include, for example, progress in economic restructuring, growing participation in international affairs, and perfection of the electoral systems. In all aspects, the Basic Law has laid a strong foundation for Hong Kong to leverage on opportunities for further development. The Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region will continue to strengthen co-operation with different sectors of the community, so as to maintain stability and prosperity in accordance with the Basic Law.

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Stephen Lam

Message from the Secretary for the Civil Service

The Basic Law is the constitutional document for the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region. It is closely related to the everyday life of all Hong Kong citizens. Civil servants in the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region have always placed great importance on the rule of law; and their knowledge and understanding of the Basic Law is essential to ensure effective governance under the rule of law. Adhering to the principle of "Understanding One Country and Implementing Two Systems", the Civil Service Bureau has, over the past decade, organized extensive training activities on understanding our Country and the Basic Law for all ranks of civil servants. I am confident that civil servants will continue to enhance their knowledge of the Basic Law and work for the prosperity and stability of Hong Kong.



Denise Yue



Message from the Convenor, Working Group on Civil Servants, Basic Law Promotion Steering Committee

The principles of "One Country" and "Two Systems" are complementary. The successful implementation of the "One Country, Two Systems" principle is highly relevant to civil servants. Civil servants have strengthened their understanding of the motherland, consolidated the concept of the nation, and strictly followed the Basic Law and the spirit of the rule of law in serving the community. It is my sincere wish that civil servants will continue to uphold the principle of "One Country, Two Systems" and dedicate their utmost efforts to the development of Hong Kong and China.



Ma Fung Kwok