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## EDITOR'S NOTE

Welcome to the 4<sup>th</sup> issue of the Basic Law Bulletin. To explore ways to improve this publication, we are conducting a readers survey. Your assistance in giving feedback is of utmost importance. We would like you to help us by completing and returning to the Civil Service Training and Development Institute the enclosed questionnaire, so that the Bulletin can better meet your needs.

The theme of this issue is the fundamental rights and duties of the HKSAR residents. *The Focus* outlines how the applicable international human rights treaties are implemented in the HKSAR through the Basic Law, the domestic legislation and administrative measures. It is followed by the *Judgment Update* with summaries of three recent court cases on the protection of various rights and freedoms guaranteed under the Basic Law and the BoR, in particular the right to bail, liberty and security of person, right not to be subjected to cruel, inhuman or degrading punishment, and the freedom to travel and enter the Region under BL 31.

The *Sidelights* includes a summary of the major judicial decisions on human rights since the Reunification and information on the HKSARG's obligations to report to the United Nations on the implementation of the relevant human rights treaties in the HKSAR. It also covers a short article on the application of the Nationality Law in the HKSAR with reference to a recent Court of Appeal case. The *LegCo President's Decisions on Members' Bills* contains one decision relating to bank merger.

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