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## EDITOR'S NOTE

In this issue, we shall focus on the judicial system of the HKSAR. You will find in *The Focus* an outline of the basic institutional arrangements of and changes to the judicial system brought about by the Basic Law. In the next issue we shall further discuss how the independent judiciary upholds the rule of law and how it protects our fundamental rights and freedoms.

Covered in the *Judgment Update* are summaries of several recent court cases on BL 6 and 105, which for the first time introduce constitutional guarantees of property rights in Hong Kong. They arose in the context of the Lands Resumption Ordinance (Cap 124), Land Development Corporation Ordinance (Cap 15), Road Traffic (Traffic Control) Regulations (Cap 374, sub leg G), and Public Health (Animals and Birds) (Amendment) (No 2) Regulation 1998. Also included in the *Judgment Update* is a summary of a CFA judgment on the right of abode of a foreign national under the Immigration Ordinance (Cap 115) and BL 24(2)(4).

In the last issue we conducted a Readers Survey. Your response is encouraging and the comments are summarized in the *Sidelights* at p 24.

Editorial Committee  
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