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Editor's Note

This issue begins by exploring how several fundamental rights and freedoms of Hong Kong residents are protected by the Basic Law. In the *Focus*, we shall discuss the right to institute legal proceedings in HKSAR courts against the acts of the executive authorities and their personnel under Article 35(2) of the Basic Law, and the avenues available to Hong Kong residents for exercising this right. Illustrations of this are provided by the two court cases covered in the *Judgment Update*, which relate to the right to freedom of peaceful assembly, freedom of demonstration and freedom of the person. Another illustrative example is the CFA decision under BL 100 & 103 in respect of the civil servants pay cut.

The *Sidelights* will outline certain aspects of the constitutional functions of the



Mainland authorities under the Basic Law in the light of the broader constitutional context under the PRC constitution. These include a new Annex III national law on the property of foreign central banks, the constitutional functions and structures of the NPC and NPCSC as well as the three NPCSC Interpretations issued under the Basic Law since Reunification. There is also an introductory note on the Administrative Procedure Law of the PRC which applies in the Mainland.

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