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Dear Sir,

The advertisement “Catch Hong Kong As We Fall” on A5 of the August 19, 2019 edition of your paper is misleading.

Contrary to the advertisement’s allegation of erosion of rights and freedoms, Hong Kong people continue to enjoy the rights of assembly, procession and demonstration guaranteed by the Basic Law and other relevant laws. The freedom of protest and the freedom of the press are very much alive.

Hong Kong is and remains a lawful society. In handling public order events, the Hong Kong Police has to ensure these events proceed in an orderly and peaceful manner, and at the same time respect the rights and freedoms of others.

Consensus should be built through dialogues, not violence. As a civilized, free, open and pluralistic society that values mutual respect, harmony and diversity, we urge all members of the society to reject any violent protests, and to help restore peace and order. We are committed to protecting our core values including the rule of law, which allow Hong Kong to thrive in the past, present and future.

Sincerely,

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