



**THE GOVERNMENT OF THE HONG KONG
SPECIAL ADMINISTRATIVE REGION**
Hong Kong Economic and Trade Office
香港特別行政區政府
香港駐倫敦經濟貿易辦事處
18 Bedford Square, London WC1B 3JA, UK

Letters to the Editor
The Economist
The Adelphi
1-11 John Adam Street
London WC2N 6HT

10 September 2019

For publication

Dear Sir or Madam,

The advertisement "Stand with Hong Kong until Dawn" published in your magazine on 31 August 2019 is misleading. Violence is indeed escalating in Hong Kong – that is, violence and vandalism initiated and fomented by radical protesters. The Hong Kong SAR Government strongly rejects the use of violence to solve the issues facing our society.

Any arrests that have been made, or charges laid, will be fully tested and proven, or not, in our common law system underpinned by an independent judiciary.

Political reform has in fact been proposed by the HKSAR Government in line with the Basic Law framework. But, unfortunately, our proposals to change the election of the Chief Executive to "one man, one vote" was rejected and voted down by our legislature.

Yours faithfully,

Priscilla To
Director-General

Hong Kong Economic and Trade Office, London