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Dear Editor,

Michael Smith's story "HK delays visa approval for Aussie diplomat" (April 2, print and online) contains two factual errors.

First, Hong Kong is not "independent" from China as stated – Hong Kong is an inalienable part of China. Under "One Country, Two Systems" Hong Kong enjoys a high degree of autonomy except in defence and foreign affairs, which are the responsibilities of our sovereign.

Second, no journalists were expelled from Hong Kong as a result of a decision by the Central People's Government relating to certain journalists working for US media organisations in the Mainland of China.

Yours sincerely,



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