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Dear Editor,

I refer to the article “Hard men deliver the kiss of death to basic freedoms” (23 May) and your editorial “Hong Kong diktat a mark of China’s wilful outlook” (25 May).

The comments ignored the constitutional reality that Hong Kong is an inalienable part of China. As such, it cannot and must never become a base for subversive activities or organisations seeking to destabilise our country.

The proposed national security legislation for Hong Kong will ensure the enduring success of “One Country, Two Systems”. “One Country” is the prerequisite for and foundation of “Two Systems”. Only when national security is safeguarded can “One Country Two Systems” be fully and smoothly implemented, can Hong Kong enjoy greater stability and prosperity, and can the interests of all stakeholders, the international community included, be better protected.

The proposed law will only target acts of secession, subversion, terrorist activities as well as activities interfering with Hong Kong Special Administrative Region’s internal affairs by foreign or external forces. The vast majority of law-abiding Hong Kong residents have nothing to fear.

Hong Kong's freedoms will be preserved and Hong Kong's vibrancy and the core values in terms of the rule of law, the independence of the Judiciary, the various rights and freedoms enjoyed by people will continue to be there. Our high degree of autonomy and the cardinal principle of Hong Kong people administering Hong Kong as enshrined in the Basic Law will remain intact. The long-term stability and prosperity of this vibrant international metropolis under the unique and well-tried “One Country Two Systems” will be further assured.

Yours sincerely,

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