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Dear Editor,

I refer to the article “The eradication of Hong Kong’s autonomy is bad for business” (23 May), “China takes on Hong Kong as coronavirus emboldens Xi’s foreign policy” (online article on 26 May) and your editorial “Hong Kong move exposes China’s superpower fail” (26 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 decision by the National People’s Congress to enact the national security law will establish and improve the legal framework and enforcement mechanisms for the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region to safeguard national security.

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 ease business sector’s concern on whether Hong Kong will continue to be a safe city, which is a very important element in supporting international businesses. It will also create a more reliable and stable business environment for foreign investors.

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, including overseas investors, 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.

Yours sincerely,
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