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The Editor
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Dear Editor,

It is unfortunate that your Editorial Board maintains its blinkered and misguided views on Hong Kong, this time in relation to the unveiling this week of our first Five-Year Plan for social and economic development.

Had your researchers and writers taken a more level-headed approach, they would have noticed that there is nothing to suggest we are moving away from our long-standing capitalist system and free market economy. In fact, the opposite is true.

Global investors, innovators and talents can be reassured by our long-term commitment to free market principles and global orientation. As a small and externally oriented economy, it is imperative that we give full play to our "one country, two systems" advantages: our free flows of trade, capital, talent and information as well as protection of private property and a low and simple tax regime, etc.

Yes, this is all good for Hong Kong and enhances our role as an international gateway to the Chinese Mainland economy. It is also very good news for overseas investors who are seeking new and exciting opportunities in our country and our region. Hong Kong is your trusted connection point, a reliable partner for unlocking more opportunities in the years ahead.

Naturally, most observers appreciate that effective governance and good planning are conducive to maintaining a successful market economy, as evidenced by the mid- to long-term planning of economies around the world.

I would encourage your readers to review our inaugural Five-Year Plan and judge for themselves the bright prospects for partnership in their specific areas of expertise.

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