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The Editor
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Dear Editor,

Your article “Hong Kong’s Non-Election Is Momentous and Meaningless” (September 20) presents a misleading and biased view.

As the first elections held under Hong Kong’s new electoral system, it is wrong to downplay or undermine the significance of the 2021 Election Committee (EC) Subsector Ordinary Elections, held on September 19.

The polls were held in an open, fair and honest manner and upheld the principles of "patriots administering Hong Kong", safeguarding the security and development interests of our nation, and the successful implementation of "One Country, Two Systems".

This is a milestone achievement in light of the political upheaval that our city has endured in recent years.

Comprising 1,500 members from 40 subsectors, the EC is broadly representative and fulfils another principle, that of balanced participation.

To suggest that the new electoral system is designed to silence opposition voices is also incorrect.

We welcome people from all walks of life and people who have different opinions about government policies to go into the political system, as long as we all share the common objective that we will continue to succeed under "One Country, Two Systems" and we will not do anything to undermine national security.

Governance by patriots/loyalists is both common sense and a matter of course for all sovereign states in the world. After all, no government would allow their local legislature to consist of people whose mission is to undermine the national interest or national security.

The EC has an important role to play in upcoming elections, including nomination and election of the Chief Executive, nomination of candidates for the Legislative Council election and election of 40 Legislative Council members.

The successful staging of the EC elections bodes well for Hong Kong's political development under the improved electoral system and is another sign that our city is back on track as an open, secure and vibrant international business and financial centre.

Yours sincerely,

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