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The Editor  
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Dear Sir:

Chief Executive C.Y. Leung's decision not to attend the Apec Summit in Russia, which no former Chief Executive had missed before, shows his priorities are focussed on Hong Kong.

Resolving urgent issues such as national education, affordable homes for Hong Kong people, and coping with large flows of mainland tourists, require his staying in Hong Kong at this time to ensure right solutions are found and implemented.

On the national education issue, Anna Wu Hung-yuk, chairwoman of the Committee on the Implementation of Moral and National Education has said: "The Committee will be free to recommend any suggestions after thorough discussion..." (Sept 6).

It was widely reported in the media on September 8 evening that the Chief Executive had "scrapped the three-year deadline for implementation and announced schools will be free to choose independently whether to teach the subject. He pledged not to push for compulsory lessons while in office." (Sept.9).

The Hong Kong Civic Association, established in 1954 as a citizens political concern group on matters including education, wish to urge the Parents Concern Group on National Education, Scholarism and the Hong Kong Professional Teachers' Union to keep in dialogue with the Chief Executive and Chairwoman Anna Wu Hung-yuk, to discuss and work together on the way forward for the sake of Hong Kong's primary and secondary school population and their concerned parents.

One of our association's core values is the willingness to engage in dialogue to arrive at solutions to community problems. This core value has sustained our faith in advocating and pushing for progressive change to enrich the lives of Hong Kong people. We commend it to the above three education concern groups as well as to the student leaders of the citywide university class boycott just held.

Sincerely,

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Chairman

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President