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Dear Sir:

In 1992 Deng Xiaoping with his entourage came south and made an inspection tour of the Pearl River Delta. He liked what he saw and the rest is history.

Hong Kong and Guangdong Province joined forces and with the blessing of Deng Xiaoping and the Central Government, Hong Kong industry moved en masse into the Pearl River Delta. Often these days, we hear international traders referring to the PRD as China's 'workshop to the world'.

This year, 20 years later, China's newly elected General Secretary of the Communist Party of China Central Committee, Xi Jinping, chose Guangdong and the PRD as his first inspection tour destination. He seemed determined to emphasize continuity in China's opening up and reform policy, and its modernization and innovation drive.

During Deng Xiaoping's time, the Hong Kong factor of transplanting its factories to the PRD was crucial to the country's opening up and reform.

Xi Jinping's just completed visit to Shenzhen and Guangzhou portrays a new era calling for Hong Kong's "soft power" skills and global connections to link up with Guangdong and the PRD's large production potential to service the Mainland and the global community in a win-win situation of mutual benefit.

Several days ago in Legco, a motion of no confidence initiated by the democratic camp, accusing CY Leung of being untruthful and lacking in integrity regarding unauthorized structures at his Peak home, was voted down by the pro-government group.

Since taking office five months ago, CY Leung has been working hard to show that he cared for the grassroots and the average middle income families. He has also tackled with determination other issues such as environment, cross-border relations, and situations outside where Hong Kong citizens needed urgent help.

The democratic camp will in all likelihood continue to harass and attack him in an attempt to force him out of office.

On his part, CY Leung could use the holiday season to focus on drafting his January Legco address regarding his vision for Hong Kong, and on implementing his election manifesto promises to uplift Hong Kong people's living standards and their quality of life.

Sincerely,



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