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Advancing human rights in Hong Kong through
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CIVIL SOCIETY WELCOMES DIALOGUE WITH GOVERNMENT ON HUMAN RIGHTS

HONG KONG – The Hong Kong UPR Coalition (the Coalition) today welcomes the Hong Kong SAR government’s [announcement](#) of a public consultation for the United Nations Universal Periodic Review (UPR).

Every five years, the UPR process provides local civil society organisations an opportunity to hold the government accountable on its human rights records internationally. As a signatory to numerous international human rights instruments, Hong Kong has an obligation to deliver robust human rights protection according to international norms. Responsibility for the UPR process rests within the Constitutional and Mainland Affairs Bureau.

“Successive Hong Kong administrations have recognised that Hong Kong core values include civil liberties and the rule of law,” remarked Simon Henderson, spokesperson for the Coalition and Senior Policy Advisor, Justice Centre Hong Kong. “The UPR provides the government an opportunity to live up to its commitment to safeguarding human rights.”

In her maiden Policy Address, Chief Executive Carrie Lam stated that “freedom of the press, respect for human rights, pluralism and inclusiveness as well as the freedom of expression” are core values. She also pledged that these values are “unbreachable”.

“The time has come to test whether this pledge is one of consequence or a hollow gesture,” added Mr. Henderson.

In a first, the UPR consultation document has been made available in Bahasa Indonesian, Hindi, Nepali, Tagalog, Thai and Urdu. “The Coalition has raised the issue of translating United Nations consultation documents with government officials and welcomes this move. Consultation processes should be inclusive, reflecting the diverse make up of Hong Kong society,” he noted.

The Coalition believes that the UPR provides an opportunity for the government to demonstrate the Chief Executive’s pledge to “connect”. He added: “We look forward to working with the government leading up to the UPR hearing in November and beyond.”

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About Hong Kong UPR Coalition

The Hong Kong UPR Coalition represents the collaborative efforts of different civil society groups to advance human rights in Hong Kong through the United Nations Universal Periodic Review (UPR) process. Founded in 2017 for the third cycle of the UPR process, the Coalition is facilitated by Justice Centre Hong Kong and comprises a wide variety of non-governmental organisations. It is directed by the Hong Kong UPR Coalition Steering Committee, which consists of nine members, namely Civil Human Rights Front, Disabilities CV, The Hong Kong Society for Asylum-Seekers and Refugees, Hong Kong Watch, Justice Centre Hong Kong, Les Corner Empowerment Association, PEN Hong Kong, Pink Alliance and Planet Ally.

About Universal Periodic Review

The Universal Periodic Review (UPR) is a unique mechanism of the United Nations Human Rights Council aimed at improving the human rights situation on the ground of each of the 193 United Nations member states. It is the first international human rights mechanism to address all countries and all human rights. The UPR is a peer review process, and complements the work of the United Nations treaty bodies.