

Making Hong Kong a Better Place to Live and Work

I firmly believe that the hard work, responsibility, determination, and ingenuity of the middleclass forms the backbone of Hong Kong's economy. As a result, we need to strengthen the ranks of the middle class not shrink their numbers or add to their burden to ensure that Hong Kong's economy continues to grow. Doing so will also ensure a quality living environment and provide a better future for our children.

What I have done

- Worked with the DP to fight for the election of our Chief Executive by universal suffrage, as well as all Legislative Councillors, by 2007 and 2008 respectively.
- Persuaded Government to issue bonds to finance more infrastructure projects.
- Persuaded Government to postpone its deadline to eliminate the deficit by 2009/10, which avoided the need for tax hikes and further belt-tightening by citizens.
- Persuaded Standard & Poor's one of the world's preeminent credit ratings agencies to change its perception on the DP's economic stance, which supports a market economy and fulfilling the needs of the middle class.
- For other achievements, please refer to "Making Hong Kong a Better Place to Live and Work: Building a Caring Society" in Record of Accomplishments 19982004

Plans to build a better Hong Kong

Constitutional review

- **Fight for universal suffrage.** In response to demands by Hong Kong citizens, I and the DP will urge Government to introduce universal suffrage for electing the Chief Executive, as well as of all Legislative Councillors, by 2007 and 2008 respectively.
- **Open up channels of public discussion.** Open public discussion will help engage citizens in the policymaking process. I and the DP will request that Government appoints people from various sectors and backgrounds to serve on advisory committees in order to opening up channels of public discussion.
- **Fight against political discrimination.** I and the DP will urge Government to eradicate discrimination against political parties and rescind legislation requiring the Chief Executive, upon election to office, to resign from any political party to which he may belong.

Promote eDemocracy

- **Fight for eDemocracy** by encouraging the use of eConsultation methods, an ePetition system and eVoting or electronic counting systems in Government to facilitate democratic development and safeguard the freedom of information in Hong Kong.

Reform of Taxation System

- **Reform the taxation system.** Working with the DP, I will urge Government to introduce a progressive profits tax structure based on two tax bands to reduce pressures on the budget.
- **Impose Green Tax.** I also suggest to impose a green tax based on the "polluters pay" principle and, to study the possible economic benefits of the cancellation of estate duty.

CEPA

- **Establish a Greater China Free Trade Zone.** Within the CEPA framework, the DP and I will continue to urge Government to seek a long term agreement with Central Government for a Greater China Free Trade Zone comprising the Mainland, Hong Kong, Macau and Taiwan to further exploit Hong Kong's intermediary role in business.
- **Promote the PRD's capabilities.** I also suggest that Government collaborate with local governments in the PRD to promote the region internationally through regional trade fairs held in Hong Kong.

Green vision

- **Promote green industries.** The DP and I will urge Government to give tax allowances, and lift restrictions on industrial land usage and auxiliary facilities for green industries. It should also speed up construction of the Recycle Park, and offer longterm land leases at low rates to green industries to encourage their development.

- **Establish an Environmental Industrial Zone.** The DP and I will support the Government's initiative to establish an "Environmental Industrial Zone," which aims to develop environmental engineering techniques, as well as produce green products.

Develop environmental engineering technology. I also support Government's efforts to cooperate with the State Environmental Protection Administration on the Mainland to attract green industries from abroad to set up factories and conduct research in Hong Kong, as well as further develop environmental engineering technologies in the PRD.