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The Editor  
Letters to the Editor Column  
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Dear Editor,

I write to bring to your attention that the “Stand with Hong Kong until Dawn” advertisement published in your paper on 20 August 2019 was misleading.

There is no basis to suggest that the rights and freedoms of Hong Kong people are under threat or have been eroded. The freedom of protest and the freedom of the press are very much alive and well for the whole world to see. For example, since June, the Hong Kong Police have issued more than 100 Letters of No Objection in response to 125 applications for rallies or processions. Local and international media have been covering these events in great detail without interference and continue to do so.

Since June, numerous peaceful and orderly rallies, processions and public meetings have been held in Hong Kong. At the same time, there were violent protests orchestrated by a small group of hard-core agitators, severe chaos at the Hong Kong International Airport causing disruption to visitors, vandalism of public property and attacks on Police stations. These were not peaceful and rational expression of views, but disrespect for the rights and freedoms of others.

At such a critical juncture in Hong Kong’s history, people from all sectors should help restore the peace and calm for which Hong Kong is well known and under which it has thrived. On this, the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region Government is starting a platform for dialogue with people from all walks of life to help address the differences in society.

Please publish this letter in your paper.

Yours faithfully,

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