

# HONG KONG

You have read a lot, seen a lot, heard a lot about the events and protests in Hong Kong.

But what you read, see, hear – or “share” on social media – is just one piece of a complex social, economic and political jigsaw puzzle. It is a puzzle that we will solve on our own.

And, it may take time.

But we are determined to achieve a peaceful, rational and reasonable resolution.

## A few points we would like to make ...

- We are resolutely committed to “One Country, Two Systems” which provides the constitutional guarantee for Hong Kong’s continued development and success as a free and open society and economy.
- Hong Kong people have a long tradition of peaceful and rational protest, which continues. But, we reject the use of violence to resolve our current challenges. Violence solves nothing. We place our trust and faith in the rule of law which has served us so well for so many decades.
- The Government has started a cross-sector dialogue to talk through differences and look for common ground with no preconditions in the spirit of healing and reconciliation. It is our sincere and solemn wish to discuss grievances, issues, problems and solutions in a calm, respectful and meaningful way.
- Hong Kong has always been a resilient, resourceful and reasonable society. Our people are our greatest strength and possess the wisdom and wherewithal to handle anything that comes our way. And we will.
- Despite recent disruptions, the fundamentals and institutional underpinning of our economy and society are strong. We remain a safe, open, welcoming and cosmopolitan society and an internationally connected, vibrant and dynamic economy.

**We will no doubt bounce back. We always do.**

