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Dear Sir or Madam,

The advertisement "Britain, will you stand on the right side of history?" of your paper (Aug 31) is misleading.

Hong Kong people continue to enjoy the rights of assembly, procession and demonstration guaranteed by the Basic Law and other relevant laws. The freedom of protest and the freedom of the press are very much alive.

Hong Kong is and remains a lawful society. In handling public order events, the Hong Kong Police have to ensure such events proceed in an orderly and peaceful manner, and at the same time respect the rights and freedom of others.

Consensus should be built through dialogue, not violence. As a civilized, free, open and pluralistic society that values mutual respect, harmony and diversity, we urge all members of society to reject violent protest, and to help restore peace and order. We are committed to protecting our core values including the rule of law, which allow Hong Kong to thrive in the past, present and future.

Yours faithfully,

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