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Editor  
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Dear Editor,

I refer to your report “Pro-democracy activists in China fleeing Hong Kong by sea amid national security laws” on 19 September which contains misunderstandings that the new national security law in Hong Kong meant residents could face serious jail time simply for calling for political change.

I would like to stress that what the National Security Law regulates is the use of Hong Kong by foreign countries or external elements to carry out activities of secession, subversion, infiltration and sabotage. The National Security Law does not affect the legitimate rights of Hong Kong residents to exercise freedom of speech, including criticising government policies or policies and decisions made by officials.

The legitimate rights and freedoms enjoyed by the residents in Hong Kong will not be affected.

Yours sincerely,  
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