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Dear editor,

I refer to your article “HK activist Joshua Wong tells German paper he's doing well in prison isolation” published on November 27. It is regrettable that opinion quoted therein on the rule of law in Hong Kong is far from the truth.

The Basic Law upholds judicial independence. Article 2 of the Basic Law clearly states that the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) enjoys independent judicial power, including that of final adjudication. Common law system, as stipulated under Article 8, shall be maintained. In addition, under Article 85, the courts of the HKSAR shall exercise judicial power independently, free from any interference.

The rule of law and judicial independence are among the core values that buttress Hong Kong's success. These attributes are highly regarded internationally and often cited by international businesses as a major factor for their continued presence and success in Hong Kong.

The HKSAR Government fully recognises that the rule of law is the cornerstone of Hong Kong's long-term prosperity and stability, and is determined to safeguard this core value at all times.

Yours sincerely,
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