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HKDC Supports and Agrees with US Secretary of State Mike Pompeo’s Statement “that Hong Kong is no longer autonomous from China”

WASHINGTON, DC (May 27, 2020) – In response to the historic announcement from **US Secretary of State Mike Pompeo** that “After careful study of developments over the reporting period, I certified to Congress today that Hong Kong does not continue to warrant treatment under United States laws in the same manner as U.S. laws were applied to Hong Kong before July 1997. No reasonable person can assert today that Hong Kong maintains a high degree of autonomy from China, given facts on the ground., **HKDC’s Managing Director, Samuel Chu** releases this statement:

“We strongly welcome and agree with Secretary Pompeo’s assessment that Hong Kong is no longer autonomous from China and that China has broken its promises of a high degree of autonomy and freedoms under ‘one country, two systems’ to the people of Hong Kong, the US, and the world.

This unprecedented de-certification of Hong Kong’s autonomy under the Hong Kong Policy Act and Hong Kong Human Rights and Democracy Act serves as a final warning to Beijing and China that Hong Kong belongs to the world, and not to China.

We believe that today’s announcement paves the way for President Trump to immediately issue an Executive Order and declare Hong Kong a national emergency pursuant to the International Emergency Economic Powers Act. And to make clear that China’s past, current, and pending actions on Hong Kong pose an ‘unusual and extraordinary threat to the national security and foreign policy of the United States’.

We urge President Trump to immediately marshal and unleash all available resources and tools to prevent the death of Hong Kong as a free and global city.”

Hong Kong Democracy Council (HKDC) is a Washington, DC-based nonpartisan, nonprofit organization dedicated to preserving Hong Kong’s basic freedoms, the rule of law, and autonomy as promised under the “one country two systems” model and enshrined in the Basic Law and the Sino-British Joint Declaration.

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