

# Press Releases: Twentieth Anniversary of the Establishment of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region

Press Statement  
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On the occasion of the 20th Anniversary of the Establishment of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (SAR) and the inauguration of its new Chief Executive, the United States calls on all parties concerned to uphold Hong Kong's high degree of autonomy and the crucial ideal of "One Country, Two Systems," as codified in the Basic Law and the legally binding Sino-British Joint Declaration.

The United States has deep and abiding economic and cultural ties to Hong Kong, and admires the city's outstanding achievements, which are the result of its high degree of autonomy, its economic and personal freedoms, and its respect for rule of law. We also value our excellent cooperation with the Hong Kong SAR government, and look forward to building on that cooperation together with the administration of new Chief Executive Carrie Lam.

The United States remains concerned about any infringements of civil liberties in Hong Kong, including intrusions on press freedoms, and we support the further development of Hong Kong's democratic systems, including the implementation of universal suffrage in accordance with the Basic Law. As Hong Kong looks ahead to its third decade under Chinese sovereignty, we urge the preservation and enhancement of the key values and traditions that had made the city such an enviable success.

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