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立法會迎來新格局 建制派任重道遠

香港國安法的實施遏制了「港獨」氣焰，全國人大常委會就香港立法會議員資格問題作出決定，則粉碎了所謂「議會戰線」，隨着四名攬炒派政客即時喪失議員資格，另外十五名攬炒派議員集體捆綁「鬧辭」，現在立法會的議員絕大多數是建設力量，這是「愛國者」主體治港在立法會的體現。立法會站上新起點，迎來新格局，相信建制派議員一定能更好地履職盡責，展示新形象、新作風。

立法會內委會及財委會昨日開會，這是攬炒派「鬧辭」之後首次舉行會議，兩個會議均順利舉行，讓人耳目一新。「一國兩制」之下，立法會應以建設力量為主，但也容忍忠誠的反對派，代表各方意見，監督政府施政。根據議事規則，議員對政府議案及撥款申請可以支持，也可以反對，甚至可以「吹毛求疵」，目的只有一個，就是讓政府的施政變得更好，更符合公眾的利益，但絕對不可以利用制度漏洞，無底線地拉布及製造流會，以達到癱瘓議會、阻撓政府施政甚至顛覆政府的邪惡圖謀。

昨日的立法會會議順利進行是一個良好的開始，情況令人鼓舞。同日，還有一個小組委員會會議流會，原因是，委員會成員多為攬炒派，建制派議員只有一位，攬炒派「鬧辭」造成了人數不足。攬炒派曾無差別成立許多委員會，並搶着做主席，如今卻為了「攬炒」而甩手不幹，根本是不負責任。攬炒派聲言「齊上齊落」，事實上卻是「七零八落」，至昨日僅有兩名攬炒派真正辭職，另外十三人辭職需待到十二月一日才生效，理應繼續履職至十二月一日，但這些人收了人工卻不返工，如此工作態度，做一般打工仔尚且不合格，何況是做議員。

但換一個角度看，攬炒派捆綁離去，未嘗不是一件好事。拉布流會成為絕響，立法會恢復本來面目，可以說是回歸二十多年來，反對派所做的唯一正確的事。連日來，廣大市民踴躍通過街頭簽字及網上聯署支持人大常委會的決定，足見民心所向。

正如港澳辦在聲明中指出，部分反對派議員的辭職鬧劇不會對立法會正常運作產生影響，立法會減少了一些搗亂破壞的力量，只會更好地發揮建設性作用。希望留任的議員依法履職，在防控疫情、復甦經濟、紓解民困等方面更加積極有為，更有效地審議通過廣大市民關注的民生福祉方面的政策措施，與社會各界一道齊心協力，維護國家安全，維護香港的整體利益，維護香港的長期繁榮穩定，從而為「一國兩制」實踐行穩致遠發揮應有的作用。

爾曹身與名俱滅，不廢江河萬古流。攬炒派絕望「自炒」，人大常委會的決定為立法會回歸正軌掃清障礙，建制派議員可以更好地發揮建設性力量，而留任的反對派議員則應扮演忠誠的反對派角色，如此則相得益彰。一個風清氣正的立法會，一個有所作為的立法會，符合香港利益，符合國家利益，令人充滿期待。

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Legco ushers in a new pattern with pro-establishment camp to carry heavy responsibilities through thick and thin

While the enforcement of the HKSAR National Security Law [the Law of the People's Republic of China on Safeguarding National Security in the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region] curbs the arrogance of the advocates for Hong Kong independence, the decision of the Standing Committee of the National People's Congress (NPC) on the qualification of members of the Legislative Council (Legco) of the HKSAR smashes the so-called "Council Frontline." With four politicians from the pro-mutual-destruction camp being disqualified with immediate effect and another 15 from the same camp jointly performing a "resignation farce" to **kick up a big fuss**, the remaining lawmakers now are mostly from the pro-establishment camp. This is the embodiment in the legislature of [the principle of] "Hong Kong people governing Hong Kong with patriots as the main body". The Legco now stands at a new starting point, **ushering in** a new patter. It is believed the pro-establishment lawmakers will be able to better fulfill their duties, to present a new image and to demonstrate a new work style.

Legco's House Committee and Finance Committee held their meetings yesterday. These were meetings held the first time after the "farcical resignation" by the pro-mutual-destruction members. Both meetings went on smoothly, giving the public a breath of fresh air. Under "one country two systems", the Legco must be based on constructive forces while also tolerate the loyal opposition. In this way it can represents various sectors to supervise the government. According to its Rules of Procedure, Legco members may support, oppose or even "**pick holes in**" any motion or funding proposal filed by the government. But all this should be done with only one aim, which is to enable the government to improve its administration and to better serve public interests. It is absolutely not allowed to make use of loopholes in the system to do filibustering endlessly and cause meetings to be aborted without limit in an evil attempt to paralyse the legislature, impede the government's administration or even overthrow the government.

The smooth going of the Legco meetings yesterday is a good start which is inspiring. On the same day, a subcommittee meeting had to be aborted because the majority of its members are from the pro-mutual-destruction camp with only one from the pro-establishment camp. The "farcical resignation" by pro-mutual-destruction members thus resulted in a lack of quorum. Legco members from the pro-mutual-destruction camp have indiscriminately set up a lot of subcommittees and jostled for their chairmanships. Now they **chuck it all in** for the purpose of seeking mutual-destruction, which is completely irresponsible. They proclaim that they would "act in unison" but in fact they are "in a state of disarray". As of yesterday, only two of them have actually resigned. The other 13 won't quit until December 1, and logically they should continue fulfilling their duties until then. But they do not go to work while still receiving pay. With such an attitude toward work, even an ordinary employee will surely be disqualified, let alone a lawmaker.

Yet from another perspective, the collective resignation by legislators from the pro-mutual-destruction camp may not be a bad thing. This puts an end to filibustering and abortion of meetings once and for all, and restores the Legco to what it should be in the first place. This could be said the only right thing the opposition has ever done in the past more than two decades since Hong Kong's return to the Motherland. These days, many citizens enthusiastically show their support to the decision of the NPC Standing Committee through street and online signing petitions, an evidence of the common aspiration of the people.

As pointed out by the Hong Kong and Macao Affairs Office [of the State Council] in a statement, the farcical resignation by certain opposition lawmakers won't affect the normal operation of the Legco, which will instead be able to better play a constructive role with a significant weakening of the destructive power within. Lawmakers remaining in office are hoped to fulfill their duties according to the law, to be more proactive in epidemic prevention and control, economic recovery and alleviating people's hardship, to more efficiently scrutinise and pass policies and measures of public concern regarding people's livelihood and benefits, and to join hands and work together with various social sectors in safeguarding national security, safeguarding Hong Kong's overall interests and safeguarding Hong Kong's long-term prosperity and stability, so as to play their due role in ensuring the smooth and long-term successful practice of the "one country, two systems" policy.

"The bodies and souls of people like you will fall into decay eventually, but it will not stop the rivers flowing for all eternity." Desperate as they are, pro-mutual-destruction Legco members now opt for "self-destruction". The NPC Standing Committee's decision has swept away all the obstacles for the Legco to get **back on track**. Pro-establishment lawmakers now can better play a constructive role, and the opposition lawmakers remaining in office should play the part of loyal opposition. In this way they can complement each other. It is in Hong Kong's interest and in the nation's interest to have an upright and righteous legislature that is opt to do something to make a difference. For this, the public is full of expectations.

WORDS AND USAGE

- **Usher in sth** (phrasal verb) – To mark or observe the beginning of something.（迎來，開啓）

Examples:
1. The Industrial Revolution ushered in a period of great technological advancements.
2. We ushered in the new year with a celebration.

- **Kick up a fuss/storm** (idiom) – To show great anger about something, especially when this does not seem necessary.（挑起事端，起鬨滋事）

Examples:
1. If they fire him, Tom is ready to kick up a storm.
2. He kicked up a tremendous fuss about having to wait.

- **Pick holes in (sth)** (idiom) – To make an effort to find flaws or negative aspects in something through excessive analysis or criticism.（找漏洞，挑毛病）

Examples:
1. Critics picked holes in his performance, but his fans seemed to love it.
2. The lawyer picked holes in the witness's story.

- **Chuck it (all) in** (idiom) – To give up doing what one has been doing; to quit.（甩手不幹）

Examples:
1. He grew tired of his job and decided to just chuck it all in.
2. If I didn't have to keep the job to live, I'd have chucked it in long ago.

- **Back on track** (idiom) – Going in the right direction again after a mistake, failure, etc.（重整旗鼓，重回正軌）

Examples:
1. The large investment helped the company get back on track.
2. I tried to get my life back on track after my divorce.

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That is how to improve our listening skills...

在考聆聽公開試的時候，較為弱的考生往往不能專注，又或者因為平時沒有聆聽英語，最後在考試時候不能明白考試內容，成績強差人意。本欄今集希望介紹一些可以透過平常生活細節中鍛練聆聽技巧，在自娛中也可以有趣學習。

跟閱讀及寫作一樣，如果我們平時沒有把英語成為生活上的一部分，只在考試前臨急抱佛腳，實在難以考得好成績。很多考生以為只需瘋狂地練習past papers，drilling 便可考取好成績。勤力為考試準備當然最好，但英語畢竟是一種技能，平時的練習是不可缺少的。當然不是每個人都對語文有興趣，但我們可以嘗試把自己的entertainment and hobbies「英語化」

1.雖然我不是音樂人，但在我的spoken English課堂中常加插有意義的pop songs，lyrics worksheet等等。聆聽英文歌曲絕對可有效地改善我們的聆聽技巧及對語文的敏感度，即使害羞的學生不會在課堂上跟我一起唱一起跳，大家也可以輕鬆一番。

2.欣賞紀錄片／卡通片／英文電影，最重要是專注在自己喜歡的類別之上。我有些學生喜歡觀看歐洲fashion show或足球節目，也可以很迅速及有效地學到大量vocabulary, collocations and sentence structures.

3. 很多學生只喜歡聆聽native speakers的英語或只喜歡聆聽Queen's English，其實透過聆聽不同國籍的Intonation 可以有效地訓練我們的聆聽技巧。

在這裏送上一首我經常跟學生分享的歌曲及lyrics worksheet—英國樂隊Supertramp在1979年推出The Logical Song. 一些具教育意義的好歌曲就是長青不老，百聽不厭，同學在聽歌之餘也不妨寫下「聽後感」，記錄自己所思所想，也可以發電郵跟我分享。

The Logical Song– Supertramp（lyrics worksheet）

A.Fill in the blanks

When I was _____, it seemed that life was so wonderful, a miracle, oh it was beautiful, _____.
And all the birds in the trees, well they'd be singing so _____, joyfully, playfully watching me.
But then they send me away to teach me how to be _____, logical, responsible, practical.
And they showed me a world where I could be so dependable, clinical, intellectual, _____.

B. Put the sentences in order

the questions run too deep
There are times when all the world's asleep,
but please tell me who I am.
I know it sounds absurd
Won't you please, please tell me what we've learned
for such a simple man.

C. Match the phrases

Now watch what you say
fanatical, criminal.
liberal,
or they'll be calling you a radical,
Won't you sign up your name,
presentable, a vegetable!
acceptable, respectable,
we'd like to feel you're we'd like to feel you're

The Logical Song參考視頻：
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