



After the return to the motherland, Hong Kong made new achievements one after another, as its residents' fundamental rights and freedoms are fully protected, the democratic political system has been steadily promoted.

The HKSAR has maintained steady economic growth, its social programs have been further enhanced, and Hong Kong's international exchanges and its international influence have further expanded, the white paper said.

In the meantime, the central government has made various efforts to support Hong Kong in meeting difficulties and challenges. It also supported Hong Kong in enhancing its competitive strengths, strengthening exchanges and cooperation with the mainland, and ensuring secure and stable supplies of basic necessities to the special administrative region.

However, the white paper said while comprehensive progress has been made on all fronts in the HKSAR, the practice of "one country, two systems" has come to face new circumstances and new problems.

"Some people in Hong Kong have yet felt comfortable with the changes. Still some are even confused or lopsided in their understanding of 'one country, two systems' and the Basic Law. Many wrong views that are currently rife in Hong Kong concerning its economy, society and development of its political structure are attributable to this," the white paper said.

The paper called for fully and accurately understanding the meaning of "one country, two systems" policy, saying that "the high degree of autonomy of HKSAR is not an inherent power, but one that comes solely from the authorization by the central leadership. The high degree of autonomy of the HKSAR is not full autonomy, nor a decentralized power."

The white paper called for resolutely safeguarding the authority of the country's Constitution and the Basic Law of Hong Kong, adding the Hong Kong people who govern Hong Kong "should above all be patriotic."

Meanwhile, the white paper said it is necessary to stay alert to the attempt of outside forces to use Hong Kong to interfere in China's domestic affairs, and prevent and repel the attempt made by a very small number of people who act in collusion with outside forces to interfere with the implementation of "one country, two systems" policy in Hong Kong.

Firmly advancing the cause of "one country, two systems" is the common wish of all the Chinese people, Hong Kong compatriots included, and is in the fundamental interests of the country and people, the general and long-term interests of Hong Kong and the interests of foreign investors, the white paper said.