

**WILL TSANG YOK SING BE THE SUCCESSOR TO TUNG CHEE HWA ?
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*Learn, wretches, learn the motions of the mind,
Why you were made, for what you were designed;
And the great moral end of humankind.
Study thyself, what rank or what degree
The wise Creator has ordained for thee;
And all the offices of that estate
Perform, and with thy prudence guide thy fate.*

It is highly unlikely that the above poem could be fully comprehended by Mr Tsang Yok Sing, an Executive Councillor of the Hongkong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) of the People's Republic of China (PRC), but notwithstanding his lack of wit and perspicacity, it is, also, highly possible that he is being considered, today, by Beijing to be the next Chief Executive of the territory.

Sadly!

Mr Tsang Yok Sing showed the mettle, from which he was made, when, late last week, he stated that the 2007 Elections for the next Chief Executive of the HKSAR could be achieved, peacefully, and without upsetting the Beijing Government, by disallowing from the Election process, all of those prospective candidates for the highest office of the territory, who are not acceptable to the National People's Congress (NPC).

Which, of course, is contrary to the idea of democracy.

Mr Tsang Yok Sing has suggested, in the past, in no uncertain terms, that he does condone upsetting or causing concern for the Beijing Government and that, regardless of whether on not Beijing is correct in any of its determinations, he supports those determinations.

At the same time, however, he would consider the aspirations of the people of the HKSAR, but only precedent to the aspirations of Beijing.

One of the concrete pillars of his entire idea for the 2007 Elections for the next Chief Executive is that there would be a Pre-qualification Committee, in the HKSAR (and, presumably, in Beijing, too), a Committee, which would either endorse a candidate's right to stand for office, or, alternatively, disallow a candidate for running for the office, for whatever reason is deemed appropriate, if, indeed, any reason is required to be made public.

Mr Tsang Yok Sing is a leftist of the best kind: He is, probably, more communistically inclined and orientated in his thinking than Karl Marx ever was when he penned his Communist Manifesto in 1848.

His ideas run counter to the concept of Universal Suffrage, of course.

In a radio interview in the HKSAR, Mr Tsang Yok Sing said, among other things:

'Although the first one or two terms of the (HKSAR) Chief Executive may face greater limitation, such as the method of nomination is similar to that used by the Election Committee, once Universal Suffrage is introduced, the whole political culture of the HKSAR will undergo a drastic change.

'Even if the first time (that an election is introduced) is not truly (democratic), no matter what, it would mark an improvement over the Election Committee at present.'

But what the people of the territory want, today, is the right to choose their leader.

The one thing that was made only too clear on July 1, 2003, when about 500,000, HKSAR residents took to the streets of the territory in a peaceful protest of their lot, under the clear lack of good and effective leadership of Chief Executive Tung Chee Wah, was that they demanded changes in the top echelons of Government.

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