



## *The Betty Letters*

*My Dear Grandchild,*

*The pearl is the most beautiful of all gemstones because it is made from the suffering of a living creature – the oyster. I was not the first person to realise this fact, of course, but I am the person who, probably, realises this the most in these difficult days. I am, as you know, commonly referred to as The Pearl of Hongkong. And this pearl is suffering, make no mistake about it. I am suffering because this pearl notes the quality of some of the people, who want to be included in the next batch of Legislative Councillors. My heart goes out to my people: The Pearl suffers, daily! While Baroness Lydia Dunn Thomas went on television to weep at her plight, I shall not weep at my plight, openly, but maintain, steadfastly and quietly, that which I have always maintained: I work, unceasingly and unselfishly, for Hongkong and the people of the realm. Which Legislative Councillor, or would-be Legislative Councillor, can make such a commitment? None! That is the short answer. I note the manner of some of these candidates to the Legislative Council, those people, who stand on bridges, waving at the passing motor cars. I note the manner of some of the candidates, who have no political agenda – other than their avowed hope to earn \$HK181,000 per month by being able to don the purple of office and be called, ‘The Honourable’. And I note the manner of some of the candidates, who are sots and womanisers. Pity the Hongkong electorate, which must choose such garbage! Grandpa and I have been watching the low moral standards of some of the candidates. Confucius would have had nothing to do with many of these candidates, whose only attribute is that of chutzpah. If Hongkong were Singapore, Grandpa’s mentor, Minister-for-Life Lee Kuan Yew, would have banned some of these candidates from running for office. Singapore has a way of dealing with such people. Singapore believes in protecting its people from the corruption of those who would try to usurp the powers-that-be. Grandpa has been thinking of instituting the same type of controls in Hongkong, but he is a little afraid of the United States and of its present, cowboy President. He recalls what happened to Saddam Hussein, who ruled Iraq for a couple of decades. I telephoned Minister-for-Life Lee Kuan Yew, warning him of the jingoistic attitude of the incoming President of the US, Mr John Kerry. Minister-for-Life Lee Kuan Yew laughed and explained that his son, Lee Hsien Loong, was a Brigadier in the Singapore Army, having been placed in that position by dad, when he was Prime Minister. It seems that Brigadier Lee Hsien Loong is well versed in the industry of killing. Brigadier Lee Hsien Loong is, today, the new Prime Minister, appointed and elected by the people of Singapore. He was unopposed, you know. There was no requirement for electioneering in the City State of Singapore; and, there was no requirement for any kind of road show to be held, as there is in the US. Yes, My Dear Grandchild, Singapore knows what is best, and the Singapore Government does not waste any time in making certain that its population gets the best people to run the Singapore shop, even if the population is unaware as to what is best for it. It is something like a child, which is forced to swallow medicine: The child may not enjoy the taste of the medicine, but, when it recovers from the illness, it appreciates, being well. Singapore is a shining beacon for Asia: Hongkong should follow its example when it comes to choosing leaders. The Motherland has, always, embraced the Singapore model. There has been peace in the Motherland since June 1989 when the Government of Paramount Leader Deng Xiao Ping peacefully told the students, camping out in Tiananmen Square, to go home and take care of their studies. There is only one political party in the Motherland. It is the Chinese Communist Party. Things run like clockwork in the Motherland because there is no confusion among the*

*population. They know what is up and what is down. For what reason should one need more than one political party when things are running smoothly?*

*The Pearl of Hongkong has spoken.*

*I love you, all.*

*The Chief Lady of Hongkong*

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