

**DO MOST HONGKONG PEOPLE RESPECT THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE ?
IF SO, FOR WHAT REASON ? IF NOT, WHY NOT ?**

When the Prime Minister of Great Britain presents himself at an official function, there is respect, paid by the assemblage, attending the function, not so much for the man or woman who has been elected to this high office via the democratic process, but because the very office, itself, commands respect.

The person, who has attained this position through the democratic process, is a representative of every citizen of the United Kingdom, regardless of his sworn allegiance to any particular political party.

Respect for the Prime Minister of Great Britain is akin to a rank-and-file soldier, saluting an officer as he or she approaches: The rank-and-file soldier is saluting his superior officer, not the man or woman, wearing the uniform, but recognition of the rank of his superior officer – it is the position within the hierarchical structure of the military that the rank-and-file soldier is saluting, not the person.

In the United States of America, the office of the President is that which commands respect.

Not every citizen of the United States of America may appreciate the man who sits in the Oval Office, but every citizen must respect the Office of the President.

The same cannot be said of the highest political office of the Hongkong Special Administrative Region of the People's Republic of China – sadly.

Recently, the Chief Executive of the Hongkong Special Administrative Region, Mr Donald Tsang Yam Kuen (), made an appearance at a 5-star hotel and, in the parking lot of this hotel, a motor-cycle policeman stood by.

A bell-boy could be overheard, talking about the arrival of the Chief Executive.

'Donald is here,' the uniformed bell-boy giggled to a fellow, uniformed bell-boy.

One would have thought that to have the head of the Government of the Hongkong Special Administrative Region visit this hotel would have been a thrill for this bell-boy, but, instead, he considered it as being a bit of a joke.

It is very evident that the Chief Executive of the Hongkong Special Administrative Region, even to many grass-roots residents, does not qualify for the respect that other representatives of foreign governments receive by dint of them, just having been appointed to their positions to this tiny enclave of the People's Republic of China.

It is well known that the outgoing President of the United States of America has made so many mistakes, during his Presidency, that it is, really, a joke.

To list all of the faux pas of President George W. Bush would take many reams of paper.

Even at an official function, attended by many leaders of the Western World, not realising that his microphone on the conference table had not been turned off, he was heard to comment to the Prime Minister

of Great Britain: *'If those people would stop that shit ...'*

Prime Minister Tony Blair quickly reached over in order to turn off the President's microphone before commenting.

Say what one may about the outgoing President of the United States of America, but what one cannot say about him is that he was corrupt or that he did not put his country ahead of his own interests.

Truly, he tried to represent the people of the country who entrusted him with the highest office in the country.

History may well list him as one of the most-unpopular and ineffective Presidents of the country, even as one of the worst Presidents to hold this high office in The Land of The Free and The Home of The Brave, but history will not lambast him for any acts that were blatantly contrary to the law or that he acted other than in a manner that he thought, at the time, was in the best interests of the country and of every citizen within it, in that order.

For all of his many faults, President George W. Bush is awarded the respect that is due to his high office.

If the head of a government is not well respected, probably, it is his own fault.

In the case of the First Chief Executive of the Hongkong Special Administrative Region, Mr Tung Chee Hwa (), he was not respected at all.

That was because, among other things, he was a bumbling fool of the first order when it came to trying to act as the head of the Government of the Hongkong Special Administrative Region of the People's Republic of China.

He could not even read a speech, properly, one written and prepared for him in accordance with his style of speaking where his ghost writer had indicated the places where he should pause for effect.

Instead, he would read even those words that were meant as guide for him, only.

So, one would hear the speech along lines that went:

'We all know that life is not always a bed of roses (pause here and sigh, audibly) so that one has to learn to live with the sweet as well as the sour (a small smile, at this point, and look blandly at the camera) ...'

The actions of this would-be pretender to the *'throne'* of the Chief Executive of the Hongkong Special Administrative Region and of some 7 million-plus, mainly Chinese, people, were marked with ineptitude, the incidents of which are too numerous to record in this report.

The successor to Mr Tung Chee Hwa, Mr Donald Tsang Yam Kuen, is, in some ways, even worse than his predecessor because it has been noted, on numerous occasions, that he is not acting for and on behalf of the territory and of the people who live here, but in a manner that will please and/or appease his political masters – in Beijing.

The Hongkong Special Administrative Region of the People's Republic of China is not, now, governed along the concept, as proposed by late leader of the Chinese Communist Party, Mr Deng Xiao Ping (): One-country, Two systems (of Government).

While there is, still, the preservation of the rule of law, while there are, still, many freedoms, inculcated into the fabric of government and, it follows, into the rich and varied society of the territory, it is seen that the actions of Chief Executive Donald Tsang Yam Kuen are often in variance with the aspirations of the people of these 416 square miles.

Left to his own devices, by accident, no doubt, Chief Executive Donald Tsang Yam Kuen could sink the good boat Hongkong.

He knows next to nothing about his job and he is perceived to fear the obloquy of Beijing should he stumble, politically.

Therefore, he does not stumble: He does not move ... unless urged by Beijing so to move.

There have been many incidents when, after a senior Government official of the People's Republic of China has stated, publicly, what he expected of Chief Executive Donald Tsang Yam Kuen, the Chief Executive moved with the speed of a frightened rabbit who appeared to have forgotten the location of his warren.

It was noted that such movements were those at the oblique command of Beijing.

The Chief Executive of the Hongkong Special Administrative Region is rarely proactive, but he is, decidedly, reactive.

What has sickened many residents of the Hongkong Special Administrative Region is that, on a trip, this year, to Beijing, he was seen, pen and paper in hand, writing down the words of his superiors.

It was as though a modern-day, Jesus Christ had descended on Beijing and there was a disciple, in worshipful reverence, recording the Son of God's every move and utterance.

On more than one occasion at a Legislative Council meeting, he has been seen to have lost his temper and has come close to having a tantrum.

In short, he has rarely acted in the manner that one would expect of the political leader of 7 million-plus residents of the Hongkong Special Administrative Region and, as a result, he is not afforded the respect that is due to such a leader.

Clearly, Beijing has taken note of all of the above.

Luckily for Chief Executive Donald Tsang Yam Kuen, the residents of these 416 square miles are not like the residents of Thailand and any protest, here, is, usually, marked by passive resistance: A massive walkabout, as happened, from time to time, during the tenure of office of the First Chief Executive who tried to rule the territory.

If the Hongkong Special Administrative Region of the People's Republic of China had been, truly, democratic, Mr Donald Tsang Yam Kuen would never have been able to sleep in his bed on Upper Albert Road.

By dint of being the only person, known by Beijing to be easily manoeuvred, one who would do the bidding of his masters in the Capital City of the People's Republic of China, Mr Donald Tsang Yam Kuen replaced Mr Tung Chee Hwa who, summarily, sacked himself with such alacrity that it surprised even this medium.

In this respect, **TARGET** () had been told by very reliable sources, prior to his hasty exit as the First Chief Executive, that Mr Tung Chee Hwa wanted out, but it was understood that he would feign ill health as the excuse for his exit from office.

Instead, after **TARGET** had published this intelligence, Mr Tung Chee Hwa determined to march into the Legislative Council Chamber and inform the lawmakers that he had had enough of his playing the role of politician and had told Beijing that he was going home to his wife, Betty.

And that was that!

He left the Legislative Council Chamber, jumped into his official motor car for the final ride to his Mid-

Levels flat, and never again signed an official document as Chief Executive Tung Chee Hwa.

Today, the residents of the Hongkong Special Administrative Region of the People's Republic of China continue to suffer the maladroitness of Chief Executive Donald Tsang Yam Kuen, who is referred to by bell-boys of hotels as, simply, 'Donald'.

Is there any good and valid reason that he should be respected?

Or has this medium missed something?

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