

**SOME COMMON-SENSE APPRECIATION FOR  
CHIEF EXECUTIVE TUNG CHEE HWA,  
IF YOU PLEASE**

Some people, having never been in business for themselves, may think that a profit-making enterprise should be operated in accordance with the examples of the successful governments of the world, where democracy reigns and the head of government is accountable to the people.

But this thinking applies only to people who have never had to run a profit-making enterprise.

Ask any successful business this question: *'Who runs your company?'*

The answer, guaranteed: *'I do, of course!'*

Ask Mr Li Ka Shing as to the reason that he puts his 2 sons in positions of wide executive power, managerial positions over other executives within the same organizations in which Richard and Victor, rule supreme, executives, by the way, with many more years of experience than the young Li *'pups'*, and the answer, guaranteed: *'None of your business. I do what I want in my companies.'*

And quite right, too, Mr Li Ka Shing!

For people, who have had to shoulder the responsibility of making certain that an enterprise is, and remains, profitable, they are fully cognizant that an enterprise, in order to remain on the correct course, has to be run in accordance with the dictates of a management autocracy.

An authoritarian governmental regime, which may sound horrible and/or abhorrent to the staunch advocates of Western democracy (as opposed to the Eastern democratic flavour), especially those democrats who maintain that there is, and can be, no reason for an authoritarian governmental regime to exist, has its strength in that, when something has to be done, it is most likely to happen in a hurry, in an atmosphere where one man controls all the political power.

In the Hongkong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) of the People's Republic of China (PRC), there is a strange beast, lurking under the trees of Government House.

This beast is half animal and half vegetable.

This beast has no name, but it is generally held that it prowls under the guise of democracy (the animal state) whereas, in essence, it is more autocratically inclined (the vegetative state).

Strangely, the animal has never been named so that it wanders here and there; and, nobody seems to recognize it for its true nature, or real worth.

When Chief Executive Tung Chee Hwa decided that he would, personally, select *'his'* people to be installed as District Councillors, he was merely exercising his prerogative as an autocrat (the vegetative side of this political animal).

This determination will, no doubt, cause some democrat's (the animal side of this political animal) eyebrows to be raised, but it should be remembered that an autocracy is among the most efficient systems of government in the world.

In the 19<sup>th</sup> Century, Napoleon Bonaparte proved the value of having one man, along with his family members, run the Government of France.

And his influence pervades the very constitution of modern France, for this country's basic law is still known as, '*Code Napoleon*'.

(This makes TARGET wonder whether or not, one day, changes, which have been made to our mini constitution since the coming of Chief Executive Tung Chee Hwa, will become known as, '*Code Tung Chee Hwa*'?)

If it had not been for the Russians and the vast size of that country, today, Europe might have been named, '*The United French Countries of Europe*.'

Chancellor Adolf Hitler tried the same political and military stunt as Napoleon Bonaparte, between 1936 and 1945; and, if it had not been for the sheer military force of numbers, mainly from the United States of America, and, once again, the Russian people and the vast size of that country, Europe might have been the named, '*The Democratic Nazi Alliance of Europe*.'

In both cases, these 2 dictators, Napoleon Bonaparte and Adolf Hitler, came a-cropper due to the Russians and the vast size of the Russian Empire.

Of course, Hitler killed off many more Russians – it is said that about 20 million Russians were killed in World War II by this madman -- than did Napoleon -- estimates are put at less than 5 million Russians, killed in Napoleon's abortive campaign to conquer Russia -- due to the fact that Hitler's military forces had much better killing devices than did Napoleon.

(One hopes that the Government of the PRC will not think of trying to conquer Russia; and, that the lessons of history have proved to the mighty People's Liberation Army that, though might might be right, Russia is too much of a mouthful for one sitting)

Another example, of how to wield a big stick in business and win, may be taken from the US.

It is well known that the Ford Motor Company of the US, established in 1903 by the late Henry Ford, was started by the force of will of one man, its Founder.

Ford Motor Company stands, today, as the highest exemplification of one man's vision to create a mass-production facility with interchangeable motorcar parts.

This '*revolution*' in manufacturing set the stage for generations that followed in Mr Ford's footsteps.

The Government of the PRC is a very efficient political machine, and it is operates, officially, along the lines of the democratic (the animal part) precepts, held sacred in the United States of America.

However, in truth, it is an oligarchy -- which is slightly greater, in terms of bodies, than the autocracy (the vegetative state of the animal).

What Chief Executive Tung Chee Hwa has done, since coming to power in the HKSAR on July 1, 1997, is to ensure that he is fed sufficient information about what is going on in his fiefdom so as to allow him to make immediate decisions on matters of pith and moment.

When he was only Mr Tung Chee Hwa, he was running the publicly listed company, Orient Overseas (International) Ltd.

That is, most likely, where he learned his political trade, and where, without question, he learned that a successful company must be run by one man – and only one man.

Clearly, this one-man operation, in Orient Overseas, permitted him to be well acquainted with the necessary requirements of a successful PRC politician – because, in the world of the PRC Government, there is precious little difference between the successful running of a one-man show in business and running a one-man show in a government, especially a government, which controls the lives of 1.30 billion human beings.

It is vital for Chief Executive Tung Chee Hwa to be fed the correct information from people in whom he may repose trust and faith, from time to time – ‘his’ people.

For, if it transpires that one of ‘his’ people is seen to be lacking, in feeding our Chief Executive that information which is deemed correct and proper for his delicate ears, then, that person, the failure, must be replaced, forthwith.

It is the connatural and transparent knowledge that no one person is vital to the well-being of an autocracy – other than the person at the top of the pile, of course – that is the strength of the political system, which fosters an autocratic bent.

It works in the same manner as any driver, clerk, manager, or director in the employ of Orient Overseas: If it is determined that that party is not doing a good-enough job, then he is unemployed -- overnight, if not sooner.

In the Government of the PRC, there are constant purges, at least one major purge in every decade.

It is this kind of political house-cleaning that causes the entire PRC Governmental system to be shaken up in order to make it more efficient: A type of political cleansing, if you please.

The ‘*Red Book*’ of the late Comrade Chairman Mao Ze Dong recommended, strongly, that all revolutions should see an internal revolution, at least, one internal revolution per every decade.

This is necessary in order to make certain that the first revolution is on course.

(The recommendations, for an internal revolution within a revolution, was never meant to cascade down to the Chairman of the Chinese Communist Party, however)

The District Councils are not, in the overall scheme of things in HKSAR politics, very important, it will be noted, so that Chief Executive Tung Chee Hwa, by making his personal appointments to this (unimportant) Council, will be able to keep tabs on the grass-root element within his fiefdom (a fiefdom and an autocracy may be equated for the purposes of politics since they are both classified as being in the beastie vegetative state).

Of the 18 District Councils, only about 20 percent of the seats are appointed HKSAR/PRC people. The rest of the seats, all 390 seats, are directly elected.

The HKSAR/PRC seats, naturally, will be seats, which are pro-Establishment. The other 390 seats must be the loyal opposition.

If the 390 seats are not the loyal opposition, some or all of the seats could be out in the next election.

The loyal opposition, for the most part, comprises people who have not, as yet, been appointed by the HKSAR Government to hold the position of being ‘his’ person.

It is assumed that he, who washes his knickers very clean, may, one day, rise in the ranks, and be appointed by he who wears the purple knickers of office.

All this is good, common sense, it appears to this observer, and one must not be misled by the fact that the beastie is free, wandering the corridors of the District Councils, listening for his prey, and reporting back to the master of us, all.

