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In response to the respectful Andrew Li's remarks "Judges don't need to be patriots,(15th August 2014 A3 under - Judiciary)

Yes all judges in Hong Kong need not be patriots but all citizens and or permanent residents of Hong Kong SAR – China should be patriots irrespective of their vocation or profession.

A patriot is defined as one who is devoted to and ready to defend his country. If we go one step further a patriot is one who respects his countries territory or territorial boundaries without infringing upon others, loves and respects his fellow men and always willing to serve his or her countrymen without resorting to jingoism.

Hong Kong is undeniably a part and parcel of China and Motherland China is our life line support and its citizens are expected to show some obligatory consideration and also patriotic sentiments in the least.

A judge being a patriot does not mean to succumb to any interpretations of government officials which could be corrected or amended or making biased decisions at the cost and forfeiture of one's intellectual evaluations to determine and discriminate between the righteous and the unrighteous.

Judges may not be considered as administrator of a country or state but surely their decisions and sound reasoning influences the actions of the administrators. Judges therefore may be considered as administrators by default.

Perhaps this is what Beijing expects of Hong Kong's patriotic citizens, whether judge or not and that is to think out of the HK box and learn to think together of the bigger picture as a united whole rather than a fragmented, independent, autonomous part as a whole.

Change is the law of existence and changes should be brought about not by vested interests and any force but by rational and composed dialogues with mutual feelings of compromise and above all with a wave of patriotism.

Lastly a patriot does not relinquish his rights to disagree or complain against any inequities or redundant laws or malpractices.

Disagreements are the very source of better understanding, however it is always the non-confrontational way such conflicts are negotiated or mediated that sets the tone of a harmonious relationship. To achieve such common goals it would be highly recommended for Hong Kong and Beijing to adopt the 3C plan. i.e. Mutual (Concern + Cooperation + Compromise) = Occupy Central Harmony

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