

**2007 Legislative Council By-Election  
(Hong Kong Island Geographical Constituency)  
Regina Ip's Election Platform**

**Adjust Mother Tongue Policy**

**Fight for dual universal suffrage in 2012**

**Develop hi-tech clusters along boundary and in Lok Ma Chau Loop**

**Set long-term goals for air quality improvement**

**Eight must-dos on Hong Kong Island:**

1. Western extension of MTR Island line and construction of extension to Island south
2. Construction of a promenade along the north waterfront of Hong Kong Island
3. Construction of another escalator from Central District to Mid-levels.
4. Construction of cultural and recreation facilities including North Point Theatre; prevention of wall effect on the former site of North Point Estate.
5. Installation of noise barriers on Chai Wan Road (Neptune Terrace) and at Tsui Wan Estate
6. Air quality improvement projects under Canal Road Flyover
7. Sewage works on Hoi Wan Street, Quarry Bay
8. Ventilation design for Central-Wan Chai Bypass in North Point

**Objectives:**

Jumpstart economic restructuring; reduce gap between rich and poor; promote quality democracy; build more harmonious and cohesive society.

**Five Policy Areas:**

**Economic Development**

Our incomes and employment opportunities depend very much on the performance of the economy. Despite the current recovery, Hong Kong's competitiveness lags behind our regional competitors. Poverty problems are getting worse than before. SMEs business environment is deteriorating. The Policy Address has said little about poverty problems and technological development. I believe the Hong Kong SAR Government not only has to adopt policies to consolidate our current economic strengths, but also needs to promote a new economic transformation, especially through construction of integrated technology parks on the boundary and in the Lok Ma Chau Loop area, to ensure that economic development benefits every sector in the society.

## **Livelihood**

I share our people's common concerns about livelihood problems such as food safety and the rising cost of living. I promise I will do my best to ensure that the administration adopt policies that can truly benefit us, and take timely actions to protect our health, improve our living standard and alleviate the hardship of disadvantaged members of our society. I will urge the Government to enhance welfare for the elderly and increase the Old Age Allowance and the total value of medical vouchers.

## **Education**

Good quality education is the key to Hong Kong's long-term development. However, our education reform has failed to achieve its intended goals. Students' language proficiency is on a downward spiral. Parents are discontented but their choice is limited. Increased non-teaching workload puts excessive pressure on teachers, dampening teachers' morale. There is an urgent need for the Government to review the current policy so as to improve education quality and the implementation of existing policies, to promote parental choice and to improve teachers' morale as well as to let schools decide on the medium of instruction.

## **Constitutional Development**

The majority of Hong Kong people support early implementation of quality democracy. Undeniably, incessant internal arguments about constitutional development in the past decade have stalled Hong Kong's development. I sincerely believe we should aim at achieving "dual universal suffrage" as early as possible, preferably in 2012. I will put forward specific, workable proposals for achieving universal suffrage, and strive my best to promote consensus within the community and seek approval from the Central People's Government.

## **Environmental Protection**

Pollution, especially air pollution, is getting worse. Also, the protection of historical buildings has become a great concern for many of our citizens. I firmly believe the government should recognize the health implications of air pollution, take immediate and effective action, including adoption of WHO's 2006 global air quality guidelines to improve air quality and protect public health, and formulate long-term environmental protection and conservation policies to improve our environment.

## **Work Items:**

### **Economic Development**

- Ensure all citizens can benefit from economic growth. Promote upward social mobility. Develop social enterprises. Eliminate cross-generational poverty.
- Promote Hong Kong's transformation into knowledge-based economy to accelerate economic restructuring and improve our global competitiveness.
- Widen Hong Kong's economic structure. Promote technology and innovation. Enhance international competitiveness.
- Promote technology collaboration with Mainland China through construction of integrated technology parks on the boundary and in the Lok Ma Chau Loop area.
- Strengthen Hong Kong's status as an international business and financial centre and promote export of our financial, business and trade-related services.
- Scrutinize competition legislation. Urge the Government to introduce policies that truly improve SMEs' business environment.
- Push for timely implementation and completion of the ten major infrastructure projects. Create more jobs and improve living standard.

### **Livelihood**

- Enhance support for the family. Abolish the maid's levy. Review foreign domestic helper policy.
- Urge Hospital Authority to provide free PAP smear and mammography screening for women.
- Support fair treatment of public servants with a view to boosting their morale and enhancing performance.
- Review the medical system. Reduce workload of frontline medical and health services staff. Improve quality of healthcare services.
- Support strengthening of food safety monitoring measures. Improve food labeling measures. Protect citizens' health.
- Assist disadvantaged minorities. Improve day-time child care services and benefits for the elderly.
- Urge the Government to enhance welfare for the elderly and increase the Old Age Allowance and the total value of medical vouchers.
- Urge reduction of electricity and transportation charges.
- Support early legislation to stop race discrimination to protect the rights and welfare of ethnic minorities. Urge review of the performance of Equal Opportunities Committee and of the implementation of the current anti-discrimination legislation in order to eliminate discrimination against women and other disadvantaged members of our society due to gender, age, disability, sexuality and any other factors.

## **Quality Education**

- Demand the Government to review Mother Tongue Policy and allow more schools to use English as medium of instruction.
- Demand implementation of high quality small-class teaching in all primary and secondary schools.
- Fight for greater parental choice and diversity in education, including further development of direct subsidized schools.
- Urge reduction of teachers' administrative workload and provision of job security.
- Fight for reasonable salaries for experienced teachers.
- Demand the Government to reduce disparity in salaries between primary and secondary teachers and to further increase the ratio of graduate teacher posts in primary schools.
- Promote national identity education. Urge Education Bureau to make Chinese History a required subject at secondary level.

## **Constitutional Development**

- Promote consensus within the community and seek approval from the Central People's Government for "dual universal suffrage" in 2012.
- Put forward workable proposals for achieving universal suffrage in accordance with the principles of the Basic Law which can accommodate the interests of different sectors of the society.
- Urge the Government to adopt measures which facilitate political parties and political talent.
- Promote public understanding of and participation in development of quality democracy. Put an end to confrontational politics and promote a more tolerant and conciliating political culture.

## **Environmental Protection**

- Urge the Government to set comprehensive long-term goals for air quality improvement.
- Rationalize bus schedule. Reduce environmental pollution. Improve air quality on the road.
- Monitor emission reduction performance of the two electricity companies.
- Demand the Government to adopt WHO's 2006 global air quality guidelines to reduce the threat to public health.
- Push for marine emission reduction scheme. Urge the Government to require ships to switch to cleaner fuel when entering port.
- Urge the Government to enhance collaborations between HKSAR and PRD cities to improve Hong Kong's air and environmental quality.
- Lower first registration charge for low-emission vehicles to encourage the use of environmental friendly vehicles.
- Promote sustainable development. Strike a balance between conservation and economic development and adopt measures which preserve Hong Kong people's collective memory and unique identity.