

Looking Forward



Perhaps, some of the BHK forum members have received the news of resignation of both Mr Turk Chan (Co-founder) and Mr Humphrey Lau (Secretary), due to personal reasons. Their leaving (effective in September, 2010, as Co-founder and Secretary respectively) will certainly be a great loss to the organisation on such an important level. Their hard work over the past years has been fruit-bearing and immensely effective.

For Turk, one can still recall his inspiring post on one HK forum, which

subsequently led to the establishment of this very organisation. His continuous work on the BHK forum and representing BritishHongKong in North America have been greatly appreciated.

For Humphrey, his expertise in and knowledge of British nationality law and its history have been a treasure to the organisation. His constant commitment to finding more documents and books about nationality law and human rights is highly praised.

These two key members of the organisation and their continuous contribution to the cause of fighting for full British and EU citizenship for BN(O) holders, will still remain helpful to the future of BritishHongKong.

BritishHongKong will continue to work as an organisation to fight for the rights of all BN(O)s of all ethnicities.

Latest updates from BritishHongKong

As mentioned above, BritishHongKong will still continue to fight for the basic human rights for all British National (Overseas) of all ethnicities. We have been collecting and researching on books, materials and official documents in the United

Kingdom, other Commonwealth countries and Hong Kong that would help us understand the situation better and deeper. Perhaps we are one of the first in the public domain to have a glance of these tremendously important documents. However, owing to the tremendous amount

of documents received, it will take some time before making some known to general public, especially BritishHongKong is to go through some major organisational restructuring this month.

Further updates and news shall be posted on the official website.

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Donation:

BritishHongKong is continually needing your financial support to keep this organisation going. Without your important and generous support, our effectiveness in fighting for BN(O)s these basic human rights will be limited. There is still a lot of work to be done in order to have our goal reached. So please help us now, at <http://www.britishhongkong.com/main/donate.html>

Thank you!

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Some news about the Lisbon Treaty

European Citizen Action Service (ECAS) has, on behalf of BritishHongKong, put forward a question to the European Commission on the legality of the Declaration No.2 to the Maastricht Treaty, after the ratification of the Lisbon Treaty.

The response we received from them as follows, "Declaration No.2 to the Maastricht Treaty was adopted in the context of the Maastricht Treaty being used **to modify** the EC Treaty (Rome) and the CECA and CEEA (Brussels). It thus follows that the Declaration can now be linked with the EC Treaty (Rome). As it has been

Organisational Restructure of BritishHongKong

As BritishHongKong aims to advance our approach and influence as a human rights organisation to cope with both the current economic downturn and the change of HM government, we will implement this organisation restructure in early September this year. The new restructure of the organisation will require a much larger number of volunteers than ever before. Also, a booklet will be produced as a guide to the functioning of BritishHongKong, for or visitors and other interests groups.



Executive Council	Research Team
Planning Committee	HK Liaison Group
UK Office	BritishHongKong Call Centre
HK Representative	Marketing/Advertising Team
Publication Team	Forum communication team

Further details will be updated on the BritishHongKong website soon!

Recruitment

As a result of this major organisational structural change in BritishHongKong, we need your involvement and participation in the organisation. If you are interested in helping BritishHongKong for the cause of fighting for all BN(O)s of all ethnicities, please do not hesitate to send us an email indicating your talents and interests, which would help the organisation in whatever way. Furthermore, there are positions that require only a little command of the English language, for those who may think that as a barrier to joining BritishHongKong. So please email us now, at info@britishhongkong.com.

We need you to join us now!

made clear that the Lisbon Treaty **did not repeal** the EC Treaty (Rome)," **the Declaration [for the 'definition of UK nationals for the Community Purposes'] can be construed as still being valid**" (in the Commission's own words). In addition to this, we were also assured that there is no doubt that the *competence for granting their nationality to individuals remains firmly with the Member States themselves.*"

Although the response is not that BritishHongKong would like to receive, there is still much work to be done in fighting for both full British and European Citizenship. BritishHongKong is currently studying this matter.

Further news on this particular matter will be informed on the BritishHongKong official website.