

# **Education on “Understanding China and the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region, P.R.C.”**

**Postgraduate Programmes**

# Introduction

Students of all Postgraduate (Pg) Programmes are required to take a 3-hour e-learning module on “Understanding China and the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region, P.R.C.” in English.

## Background

As postgraduate students are potential leaders of the society, there is a need for them to gain some understanding of China and the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region, including modern Chinese history, restoration of Hong Kong to the People’s Republic of China in 1997, Hong Kong Basic Law, the Hong Kong National Security Law. In particular, non-local students should understand these topics so that they can have successful and healthy adjustments when they study in Hong Kong. Such knowledge can also enable graduates to serve as “ambassadors” to promote Hong Kong.

Besides, The Law of the People’s Republic of China on Safeguarding National Security in the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (commonly known as the “Hong Kong National Security Law or NSL”) has been implemented in Hong Kong since 23:00 on 30 June 2020. It is stated that “The Hong Kong Special Administrative Region shall promote national security education in schools and universities and through social organisations, the media, the internet and other means to raise the awareness of Hong Kong residents of national security and of the obligation to abide by the law” (Article 10).

Hence, it is essential for university students to understand the concepts and importance of national security, its manifestation in various areas (such as economic, environmental and political security), and the consequences of national security risks with reference to the historical events in modern Chinese history. Furthermore, students should understand the four major offences and related penalties in the NSL.

# The objectives of this e-learning module are:

## 01

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To briefly introduce the modern history of China with particular reference to the notion of “Century of Humiliation”

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To briefly introduce the restoration of Hong Kong to the People’s Republic of China in 1997, including the Basic Law of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the People’s Republic of China (Hong Kong Basic Law) and the constitutional principle of “one country, two systems”

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To enable students to understand the concept of national security and the importance of national security for Hong Kong

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To provide an overview of the Hong Kong Security Law and related issues

# E-learning Module Outline (3 hours)

## 01

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The concept of national security

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Why are national security important?

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The Law of the People’s Republic of China on Safeguarding National Security in the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (the Hong Kong National Security Law)

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Overview of the four major offences in the Hong Kong National Security Law

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Issues and myths surrounding the Hong Kong National Security Law

## Assessment

Students are required to pass an assessment which allows for multiple attempts. They have to take a test with 10 multiple-choice questions and must attain a minimum score of 8/10 to get a pass grade. Attainment of a “Pass” is a graduation requirement. The assessment materials, including the content of the 3-hour e-learning lecture, PowerPoint slides, and 20 lecture notes, are provided on Blackboard.

## Arrangement

Students of all Postgraduate (Pg) Programmes are required to take the 3-hour online module in English.

Students should take the 3-hour e-learning module on Blackboard and pass the e-learning module in their first year of studies. After completion of the online module and self-study of the 20 lecture notes, students may take the assessment (10 multiple-choice questions).

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