

Reflection on the Centenary of the 1911 Revolution

Today is the tenth of October which is the centenary of Wuchang Uprising and I would like to share with you the significance of this Uprising to the development of modern China, as well as its relationship to Hong Kong.

The Uprising served as a catalyst to the 1911 Revolution which led to the collapse of the Qing dynasty and the establishment of the Republic of China, the 1st republic in Asia. It ignited the fire of liberation and revolution in China, which 17 provinces declared independence soon after the Uprising. Therefore, Wuchang Uprising certainly is the milestone of China to move forward towards democracy.

On the other hand, Hong Kong was 'the base for revolution' according to the Father of our Nation, Mr. Sun Yat-sen. As Hong Kong was a colony, its special political status helped the Revolutionists to plan numerous revolutions in Hong Kong. For example, Xingzhonghui was established and based in Hong Kong. Thus, Hong Kong served as the pioneer of China to revolution, from an empire state to a republic, by sowing the seeds of democracy and liberation. Without the support of Hong Kong, the place and its people, the course of revolution in the history of modern Chinese would take a different form and direction.

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