

The Basic Law prescribes the social and economic systems, fundamental rights and duties of residents, structures for the executive authorities, the legislature, the judiciary and other aspects and guarantees the implementation of “One Country, Two Systems” in the form of a high-level law, providing a solid basis for Hong Kong’s further progress and development. In the 15 years since reunification, the Central People’s Government (CPG) and the Hong Kong Government have strenuously devoted themselves to the full implementation of the Basic Law and have achieved resounding success.

## Relationship between the Central Authorities and Hong Kong

The “One Country, Two Systems” principle comprises three related concepts, namely “one country”, “two systems” and “a high degree of autonomy and Hong Kong people administering Hong Kong”.

### One Country

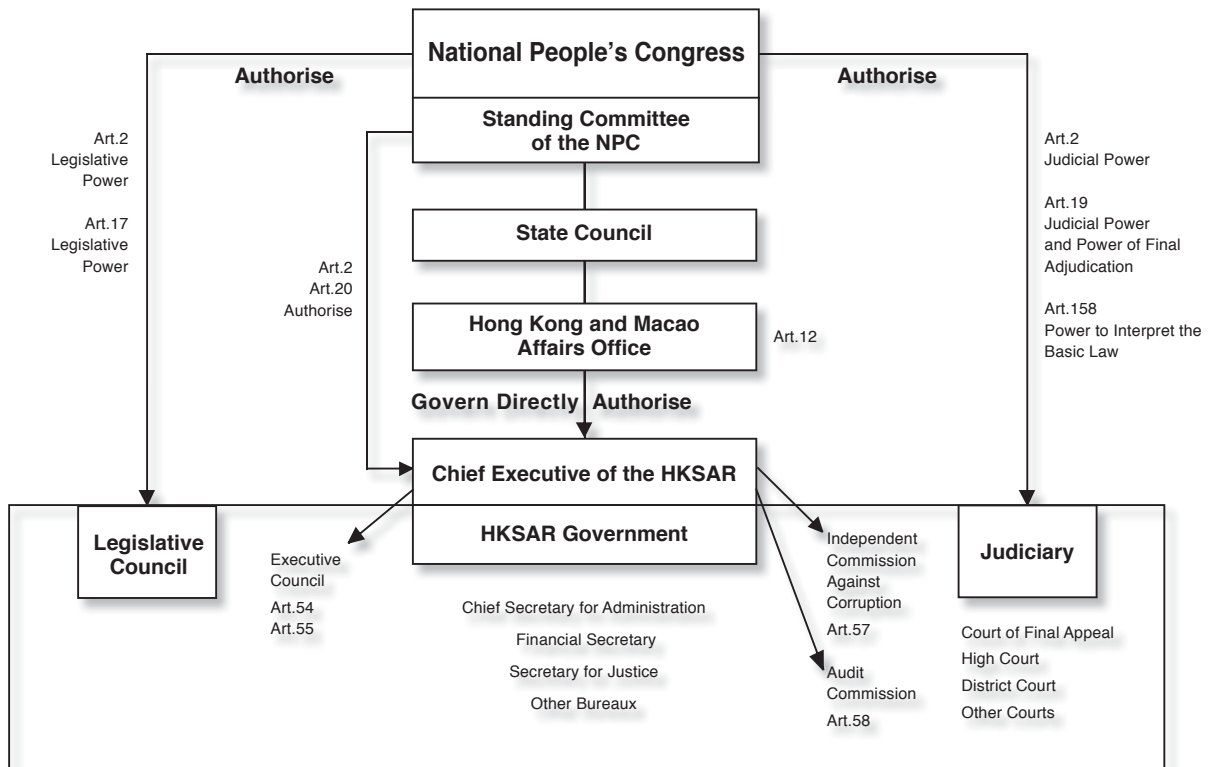
The “one country” concept represents national sovereignty, unity and territorial integrity. These principles are enshrined in the Basic Law and its preamble. For example, in line with the “one country” principle, according to the Basic Law, the CPG shall be responsible for foreign affairs and defence of Hong Kong and shall appoint its Chief Executive and the principal officials of the executive authorities.

*Scouts and guides help at the “Flags of Harmony and Unity” event to set a record, with 21,726 members of the Hong Kong Polytechnic University community and its supporters forming the world’s largest display of the regional flag of the HKSAR at Siu Sai Wan Sports Ground in September 2007. ©*





## The Basic Law: the Relationships between the Central Authorities and the HKSAR



*Vice-President, Xi Jinping (left), visits the Wong family in Kowloon in 2008 to gain a better understanding of Hong Kong family life.*







*President Hu Jintao (third from right) visits a family in Ma On Shan in 2007. ©*



*State Councillor Liu Yandong meets the leadership of the Hong Kong Youth Community Organisations. ★*









*The design of the Government Headquarters at Tamar has incorporated the “door always open” message.★*