Leggo needs to probe West Kowloon disclosure case

ALBERT CHEUNG says people deserve the truth, given that public money is involved

The chief executive election campaign has passed by with very few issues so far, with the candidates Leung Chun-ying and Henry Tang Ying-yen making a number of key claims, seemingly with little substantiation. The answers put forward should be questioned and, if necessary, people who have not disclosed their interests should be disqualified as jurors or at least declared a potential conflict of interest.

During the campaign, the two candidates made several not-so-serious comments about the West Kowloon Cultural District project. Leung Chun-ying made the claim that steps were being taken to investigate the Southorn Project. Tang Ying-yen made similar comments, saying that he had been involved in the West Kowloon project. The issue has since been called to the public attention.

While theבים are intended to provide an opportunity to reconsider the project, the issue should be thoroughly investigated and, if necessary, people who have not declared their interests should be removed.

Cheap oil may come with a political price case

Matthew Halbert and Bas Percival say China risks overplaying its hand.

The recent turmoil in the Middle East was caused by the rise in oil prices, which threatened to cut global oil supplies, perhaps as low as 50,000 barrels a day. That's economically sustainable, but politically problematic. Putting Tehran back on an oil embargo path may be economically unsustainable without irreversible political changes. Few analysts expected China to be able to control the situation, and the situation could continue to evolve.

China should be aware that if it overplays its hand, the consequences could be severe.

Steps fallder on the road to democracy in South Asia

Brabha Challaney says events show elections, by themselves, do not ensure successful transitions

It is a long journey for developing nations to reach democracy. In Bangladesh, for example, the West has been given a political price for the development of democracy in the country, but it remains to be seen whether the developments have been genuine.

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