

- ✓ to enter Hong Kong without any imposition of conditions of stay;
- ✓ not to be deported or removed;
- ✓ to vote;
- ✓ to stand for election; and
- ✓ to occupy certain political or civil positions.

It should be noted that the Right of Abode is based on nationality and/or continuous residency in Hong Kong for not less than seven years.

The Right to Land

This will be a statutory right by which persons who previously had permanent residency in Hong Kong but are unable to retain the Right of Abode under the provisions of the Basic Law will be entitled to enter the HKSAR freely and to live and work without having to obtain permission and without having to renew their status with the Hong Kong authorities on a periodic basis. Persons falling into this category will be required to exchange their previous permanent identity card for an identity card bearing the "R" symbol ("R" = Right to Land).

After residing in Hong Kong continuously for seven years, a person can apply for Right of Abode status. Such persons must meet the conditions established in Section 24 (4) of the Basic Law. A person who loses Right of Abode status would automatically be entitled to Right to Land status. At the time of publication of this brochure, it