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## HONG KONG'S LIKELY LEADER PLEDGES TO 'SOLIDIFY' ITS INTERNATIONAL ROLE

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Hong Kong's sole candidate to become its next leader mapped out his policy platform on Friday (Apr 29), saying his focus will be on enhancing the city's governance, increasing the housing supply and maintaining its international status.

John Lee, 64, a former deputy head of police, is expected to be appointed Hong Kong's chief executive in a selection process on May 8, with the backing of Beijing.

"We are the access to the mainland market. These are the strengths that will not be replaced by any cities in China or any countries in the world," Lee told reporters after the launch of his manifesto entitled "Starting a new chapter for Hong Kong together".

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