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HONG KONG'S NEW LEADER SWORN IN AS XI HAILS RULE BY 'PATRIOTS'

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John Lee was sworn in on Friday as Hong Kongs next leader, opening a new chapter for the former British colony as it marked 25 years since its return to Chinese rule.

The ceremony was overseen by Chinese President Xi Jinping, who travelled to Hong Kong on Thursday in his first trip outside mainland China since the pandemic began.

In his inaugural address, Lee promised to solve Hong Kongs problems one at a time while promoting the citys image overseas.

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