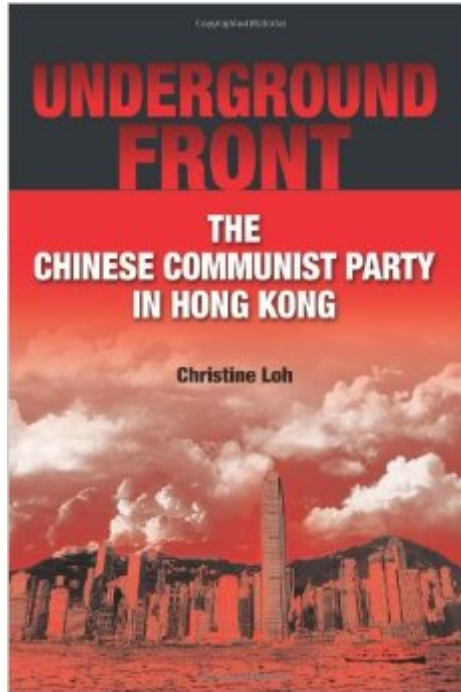


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Underground Front is a pioneering examination of the role that the Chinese Communist Party has played in Hong Kong since the creation of the Party in 1921, through to the present day. This book brings events right up to date and includes the results of a survey about the Hong Kong public's attitude towards the CCP.

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Ever since the Chinese Communist Party (CCP) was founded in 1921, Hong Kong has consistently been regarded as a threat and opportunity by party leaders. First as a British colony until retrocession in 1997 and then as part of the "one country, two systems," the CCP views the territory as a potential springboard from which foreign powers could undermine the authorities on the mainland. Simultaneously, Hong Kong was the main platform where both the British and Chinese governments could conduct dialogue and, as 1997 approached, a source of much-needed capital and an instrument to test special administrative rule. This, and much more, is the focus of former Hong Kong legislator Christine Loh's fascinating Underground Front. The amount of information contained in her well-researched book makes it an extremely useful tool to understand the CCP's policies in Hong Kong. Loh walks us through what she sees as the six main phases of CCP relations with Hong Kong: early Marxism in Hong Kong; the early years of CCP rule in China; the Cultural Revolution; the Deng Xiaoping era; the post-Tiananmen Square Massacre era; and the first decade after retrocession. Throughout this time -- and even after Hong Kong became a special

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