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# Alliance's letter 'ignored'

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THE pro-China New Hongkong Alliance has attacked the Government for not replying to its letter suggesting the Basic Law be taught in schools.

Alliance chairman Mr Wai Kee-shun said the letter was sent to the Chief Secretary Sir David Ford on May 21 and the Government had yet to respond.

Core members of the group, who are former Basic Law drafters or Basic Law Consultative Committee members, were eager to see a propagation of the Basic Law in the territory in the run-up to 1997.

They accused the Gov-

ernment of snubbing them as "insignificant" by ignoring their demand.

Asked why the alliance did not ask its member Mr Philip Wong Yu-hong to put the case through in his capacity as a Legislative Councillor, Mr Wai said it was entirely up to Mr Wong because he represented the Chinese Chamber of Commerce in the legislature.

The alliance, with six of its members appointed as Hongkong affairs advisers by Beijing last March, forms the largest group among the 44 advisers to China.

Those appointed were Mr Lo Tak-shing, Mr Wong, Mr Henry Litton, Mr Kan

Fook-ye, Mr Tso Wung-wai and Mr Zee Sze-yung. Mr Wai stressed that they were appointed in their personal capacity.

Formed in 1989, the group's membership was increased from 30 to 500 after a recruitment drive in January. Most of the founding members were professionals, but it now includes businessmen, clerical workers and housewives.

Mr Wai said the group planned to open a sub-branch in Southern district next month.

But he said it would be difficult for the group to become a political party because of a shortage of funds.