

Hong Kong Government Says Open to More Talks With Protesters

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"Today's dialogue will hopefully be the first of several rounds of dialogue," Carrie Lam told a press conference after a two-hour meeting with student leaders who have spearheaded more than three weeks of rallies that have caused disruption in the city.

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But Ms Lam, who called the talks "constructive", said the government's firm position is to follow China's insistence that candidates for the city's next leadership election must be vetted by a pro-Beijing committee.

"If the students cannot accept this position, I am afraid we will continue to have different views," she said.