

To: Hong Kong University Students' Union Council
From: Mr. Shum Hin Lung, Winson, Chairman (Acting), Current Affairs Committee, Session 2009
Subject: Half-Yearly Report of the Current Affairs Committee, Session 2009

CURRENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Annual Working Report

(I) Component:

Chairman: Shum Hin Lung, Winson (EAS1)
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(II) Constitutional Function:

1. To encourage and stimulate Union Members' interests and participation in current affairs, local as well as international. "Current Affairs" shall include all the current affairs in economic, political and social aspects of the world, with special emphasis on Hong Kong;
2. To issue press statements on current affairs, following the procedure for issuance of press statements by Council Committees;
3. To advise Union Council on current affairs;
4. To organize seminars, forums, talks and debates on economic, political, social and other related topics, any person may be invited to participate in the discussion.

(III) Fulfillment of Duties

A) Publishing the press statements

- The main function of CAC in the first half year focuses on pressing statements on current affairs. We collected and discussed the point of view of the social issues to find compromise to write the press statement. The City University Students' Union Council ban on the June Forth Special Issue, the Release of Aung San Suu Kyi and the 7-1 march are some of the issues we discussed and published as a press statement. The approved statements are listed on Part (V).

B) Participation in Events

- There was no forums or seminars held by CAC. But most of the members of CAC joined some functions in particular concerning the June Forth Commemorations to show their concern about the events and be the role models for other students who are not interested in social issues, this can encourage them to participate in the social functions.

- Participating in HKFS Events is also another thing that we have done. A few members of CAC went to special meetings of HKFS to join the discussion of the social issues.

- Although the promotion to public is important we would do some discussion in the meeting. Such as the Hong Kong politics reform is discussed in the meeting.

C) Publishing the CAC's newspaper

We have discussed whether publishing the CAC's newspaper in the meeting of CAC. We agree that it is a good idea to promote current affairs in campus. And we can invite hall association to post this newspaper and allot it. Nevertheless, we do not publish it because of the lack of manpower.

(IV) Recommendations and Conclusion:

- As we all know, the promotion of current affairs is the duty of the CAC. I have to apologize that I have some mistakes. I do not call any meeting during my election period. I want to give an apology for everyone and to give thanks to all of the members of the CAC. All the members provided me with many suggestions and opinions on the social issues. Therefore, we can publish many good quality press statements. And also thanks to my committee colleagues who helped to press statements.

The notices of the last few meetings of Current Affairs Committee were given more than 3 days in advance. Because the notices of the meetings in semester one were shorter than 3 day in advance and make some in convenience. We have to respond to some of the social issues as soon as possible. It was the reason why I call many urgency meetings.

Because the functions of CAC overlapped my EAS's duty, the jobs are mixed up. Therefore, the number of CAC is less than the previous half year. I think that the CAC has another purpose that is to monitor the central executive members and to get students involved in discussion of the social issue before we decide which side we stand for.

Finally, I am glad to cooperate with every CAC members in order to fully utilize CAC as a platform to increase students' knowledge about the current affairs and trigger a good atmosphere for discussing social issues.

(V) Approved Statements

強烈譴責澳門政府無理拒絕陳文敏教授入境：

取消政治黑名單 保障基本人權自由

香港大學法律學院院長陳文敏教授於二月二十七日被澳門特別行政區以「保安理由」拒絕入境。原獲邀到澳門大學進行演講的陳教授是本港首位被澳門拒絕入境的學者，事件嚴重影響學術自由及交流。我們對事件深表遺憾，並強烈譴責澳門設下「政治黑名單系統」。

自從維護國家安全法被引入，許多香港泛民主派人士及記者先後被澳門拒絕入境，此舉嚴重侵犯言論、學術及傳媒自由，我們對澳門政府的行動深表遺憾，並對澳門入境政策欠缺透明度以致防礙出入境自由表示關注。

我們亦憂慮同類事件將來可能在香港發生。我們促請香港保安局局長李少光正視事件，立即採取行動與澳門當局直接交涉，以保障港人出入境自由。

我們認為，出入境自由不應因個人政治立場或背景而被限制，故我們要求澳門政府就此作出嚴正道歉及解釋，並確保同類事情不會再次發生。

香港大學學生會中央幹事會

二零零九年三月五日

We thus demand a formal apology and an explanation from the Macau Government, as well as an assurance that no further individual, regardless of his/her political opinion or any other status, will in future be arbitrarily denied entry into the Region.

Condemning the Macau Entry Ban on Professor Johannes Chan:

Pressing for the Abolishment of Political Blacklists

and the Safeguarding of Fundamental Rights and Freedoms

Professor Johannes Chan Man-mun, Dean of Faculty of Law, was denied entry into the Macau Special Administrative Region last Friday for 'internal security reasons'. Professor Chan, who was scheduled for a speech at Macau University, is the first Hong Kong academic to be refused entry into Macau.

We deplore the refusal of Professor Chan's entry and regret the 'black-listing' system employed by the Macau Government. We also fear that these will have severe repercussions on academic freedom and exchanges.

We recall that since the introduction of the Region's National Security Bill, a number of Hong Kong pan-democrats and journalists have been barred entry into Macau. These are infringements of the freedoms of expression, academic exchange and the press, and we strongly regret the Macau Government for such acts.

We are further concerned that the lack of transparency in Macau's immigration policies will become prone to governmental abuse, thus impeding on the freedoms of travel and movement. We fear that similar measures may be employed by the Hong Kong immigration authorities in future.

We urge that Mr. Ambrose Lee Siu-Kwong, Secretary for Security of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region, to deal directly with the Macau authorities, and to take immediate actions to resolve the matter.

Hong Kong University Students' Union

5th March 2009

平反六四屠城全民投票：為公義與真相發聲

今年是一九八九年六四屠城二十週年。我們認為，這是一個正式確認香港大學學生會對六四屠城立場的契機。我們將於二零零九年四月十四至十六日舉行全民投票，就著「中華人民共和國中央政府必須平反八九民運，並就六四屠城負上責任。」議案作出表態，公投結果將成為香港大學學生會對六四屠城的固定立場。

一九八九年春天，學生與工人在北京天安門廣場和平集會，追悼逝世的前中共總書記胡耀邦，繼而要求中共政府進行經濟及政治改革。一九八九年六月四日，維持了七星期的和平抗爭在中共政府的血腥軍事鎮壓下告終。

現今豎立在港大黃克競平台的國殤之柱正是一個一個強烈的、痛楚的表象，象徵著在屠城中破滅的生命、夢想與熱忱，也見證著一個可恥的事實：二十年了，中共政府仍未就這一段歷史對公眾作出合理交待。

當年的學生用抗爭與犧牲換取我們現享的自由；我們有責任承傳他們的精神，以免因年月的洗刷而流失。我們推動所有港大同學為真相與公義發聲，參與投票確認香港大學學生會對六四屠城的立場，並向社會大眾重申人權、自由、法治、民主——這些仍然被中共政府忽略的普世價值——的重要性。我們懇請同學於四月十四至十六日參與全民公投，在中國民主發展史上留下標記。

香港大學學生會

二零零九年三月十六日

General Polling to Rectify the June 4th Verdict:

Voicing out in the name of Justice and Truth

This year marks the 20th anniversary of the June 4th Tiananmen Square Massacre of 1989. We believe that this is the opportunity for the Hong Kong University Students' Union to affirm and proclaim the stance of the Union on rectifying the June 4th Verdict at the General Polling.

The General Polling of the motion: "The Central People's Government of the People's Republic of China must vindicate the 1989 Democratic Movement, and be held accountable for the June 4th Massacre" will be on held on 14-16 April 2009. The outcome of the General Polling will determine the permanent stance of the Union.

In the spring of 1989, students and workers joined in a peaceful protest in Tiananmen Square, Beijing following the death of reformer Hu Yaobang, to press for economic and political reforms. The seven-week occupation of the Square ended with a bloody, military crackdown by the Central People's Government on 4 June 1989.

The Pillar of Shame stands now on our campus as a vivid, painful narrative of the lives, dreams and passions lost during the Massacre. It is testament to the disgraceful fact that twenty years on, the Central People's Government has still yet to pay due regard to this part of history.

After 20 years of denial and injustice, the world has had enough. Thus, in the name of truth and justice, we urge that all Union members to voice out at the General

Polling. As the heirs to those who have fought and died for the freedoms which we now enjoy, we all share a duty to step forward on their behalf lest all of their sacrifices be in vain. With your vote, we shall leave our own mark in history towards the democratization of the People's Republic of China.

*The Chinese meaning of motion shall prevail if there is any discrepancy.

Hong Kong University Students' Union

16th March 2009

聲援城大編委出版六四特刊：

捍衛傳媒出版自主 正視屠城歷史真相

二零零九年三月十七日，香港城市大學學生會評議會就香港城市大學學生會編輯委員會（下稱城大編委）出版六四特刊計劃作出質詢，並在意向投票中以九票反對、一票贊成的結果使城大編委抽起該出版計劃。

我們認為，城大學生會評議會不應干預城大編委的編輯自主權，無理限制其出版及言論自由。此舉無異於政治審查，對身為第四權代表的校園傳媒造成嚴重影響。

對於會上評議員「把六四特刊於燭光晚會上派發可能煽動在場參與人士，引起混亂」、「城大編委出版六四特刊會影響城大聲譽」、「編委無權於校外派發刊物」、「編委於燭光晚會上派發六四特刊等同以學生會會費津貼校外活動」等言論，我們亦深感震驚。

我們欣賞城大編委六四特刊出版計劃，並對於計劃被抽起感到非常遺憾。我們希望城大學生會評議會日後能接納城大編委再次呈交的六四特刊出版計劃書，為城大同學以至公眾提供一個獲得六四資訊的渠道。

我們相信，即將踏入二十週年的八九民運一直與香港大專學界關係密切。二十年前，發起愛國民主運動、爭取自由、民主及政治改革的主要是大學生；二十年後，我們這一代大學生應肩負起平反六四的責任，繼續捍衛公義與歷史真相，我們因此相信六四特刊的出版對此極為重要。

香港大學學生會

二零零九年三月二十三日

**In Support of the 'June 4th Special Issue' by the CityUSU Editorial Board:
Upholding Media Autonomy and the Freedom of the Press
Unveiling the True History of the June 4th Massacre**

On 17th March 2009, the City University Students' Union Council ('the Council') conducted an enquiry into the proposal by the City University Students' Union Editorial Board ('the Editorial Board') for the publication of the 'June 4th Special Issue' ('the Special Issue'). By a nine-to-one majority vote, the Council banned the said proposal.

We regret the Council's illegitimate interference with the media autonomy of the Editorial Board, and the violations of the freedoms of the press and expression. This ban constitutes unjustifiable political censorship, with serious repercussions on the independent, supervisory role of the University's campus media.

We are further shocked by the Council's assertions that the distribution of the Special Issue would have 'a risk of stirring up the participants', and that it would cause 'potential damage to the reputation of the University'. We are concerned about the contentions that 'the Editorial Board has no right to distribute the Special Issue outside the campus', and that the publication would imply the 'sensitive, political stance of supporting the vindication of the June 4th Incident'.

We appreciate the Editorial Board's proposed publication of the Special Issue and we regret its suspension by the Council. Hence, we urge the Council to adopt the Editorial Board's proposal upon resubmission, in order to ensure a proper information channel for students and the public.

Twenty years ago, university students initiated and contributed to the national democratic movements in the name of freedom, democracy and political reforms. Today, we bear the responsibility to continue this movement, and to press for the rectification of the June 4th Verdict. Thus we believe that the publication of the "June 4th Special Issue" is imperative to this fight for justice and truth.

強烈要求日本政府就南京大屠殺惡行賠償 並認清歷史真相

本月十七日，南京大屠殺倖存者夏淑琴的律師收到 4.55 萬日圓作為誹謗的民事賠償。事緣在本年二月，日本最高法院就夏淑琴狀告《南京大屠殺的徹底檢證》一書作者東中野修道和出版社日本展轉出版社一案作出終審判決，裁定該書構成誹謗。

時至今日，夏淑琴為唯一在日本最高法院的訴訟中得到勝利並獲得賠償的倖存者。我們歡迎日本法院是次的裁決和賠償安排。我們深信，本案標誌著南京大屠殺受害者在尋求公義和揭露真相的路途上一重大勝利。

儘管如此，至今並未有屠殺倖存者就日軍的惡行而獲得賠償。我們強烈譴責日本政府至今仍然否定歷史事實以及歌頌戰犯。我們在此促請日本當局立即為屠城事件道歉和合理賠償受害者及其親屬。為此，我們希望日本人民能認清真相全部，毋忘歷史事實。在屠殺七十多年後的今天，我們要求公義能得以伸張，令受害者的創傷和烙印能得以撫平。

香港大學學生會
二零零九年四月二十日

Demanding Justice to Victims and Unveiling the Truth behind Japanese Atrocities

On 17 April 2009, compensation in libel amounting to 4.55 million yen was paid to the lawyers of Chinese Nanjing Massacre survivor, Xia Shuqin. Xia won a three-year lawsuit ending in February, when the Japanese Supreme Court ruled that Japanese author, Shudo Higashinakano, and his book publisher, Tendensha, were liable in defamation for producing a book about the Nanking Massacre in which Xia was called a false witness.

Xia is the only survivor from the Nanjing Massacre to have won at the highest appellant court and been awarded compensation. We welcome the Court's ruling and the payment in damages. We believe that this signifies more than the receipt of a monetary remedy, but marks an important victory to all who suffered because of the Massacre, in their fight for justice and the unveiling of the truth.

We, however, recognize that no compensation has ever been awarded to survivors for the harm caused by the unimaginable atrocities committed by the Japanese army. We thus strongly condemn the Japanese Government for continuing to deny the Nanjing Massacre and to glorify war criminals. We urge that the Japanese Government immediately apologise for the Massacre and compensate the victims and their families for their suffering. In doing so, we hope that the Japanese people will learn about and remember this historical tragedy. More than 70 years on from Nanjing now, we demand that justice be finally done, and that long-overdue comfort be brought to all who suffered because of the Massacre.

Hong Kong University Students' Union
20 April 2009

強烈譴責成龍先生踐踏人民自由和尊嚴

在四月十八日，成龍先生於博鰲關於「創意電影」的論壇中發表言論，不但形容香港和台灣因「太自由」而「很亂」，更明言「中國人是要管的」。成龍先生是次言論不僅踐踏香港市民寶貴的自由價值，更損害中華民族的尊嚴。因此，我們對此言論表示強烈譴責。

我們在此重申，自由乃不可侵犯的普世價值，也是香港社會長久以來成功的基石，絕不是如成龍先生所說會構成混亂。最為諷刺的是，成龍先生在論壇中談及的創意電影，其必要元素正正是香港人所享有的高度自由。

因此，我們認為成龍先生是次不當言論已令全體香港市民蒙羞，他亦不宜繼續作為香港的大使。成龍先生不單未能作為香港人的表率，其言論更恐荼毒年青一代，對此我們深表遺憾。我們在此嚴正要求成龍先生對他所作之不當言論立即道歉。

香港大學學生會
二零零九年四月二十日

Statement Condemning Jackie Chan for Trampling upon our Freedom and Dignity

On 18 April 2009, actor Jackie Chan spoke on a panel at the annual Boao Forum concerning creative filmmaking, expressing that Chinese people 'need to be controlled' and that 'excessive freedom' has caused 'chaos' in Hong Kong and Taiwan. We strongly condemn Mr. Chan's expressed views which severely undermine the cherished freedoms of the Hong Kong people. We also condemn the degrading and patronizing suggestion that Chinese people need to be 'controlled'.

We stress that freedom is an inviolable fundamental value: it has been the cornerstone of Hong Kong's success, and certainly not a source of 'chaos' as asserted by Mr. Chan. We find it most ironic that Mr. Chan was speaking about creative filmmaking in Hong Kong, which hangs on the very spirit of the freedoms we now enjoy.

Thus we believe that Mr. Chan, as a representative of Hong Kong, has humiliated all Hong Kong people by his words and is ill-fitted to represent Hong Kong in future. We fear that his words will have severe adverse impacts on the Hong Kong youths, who may look up to him as a role model. Hence, we demand an immediate apology from Mr. Chan for his words of disgrace.

Hong Kong University Students' Union
20 April 2009

入境處無理拒絕高志活入境令香港蒙羞
要求立即終止政治審查及取消政治黑名單

五月三十日，國殤之柱雕塑家高志活繼去年北京奧運會期間遭拒絕入境後再次被拒入境。高志活原定來港參加六四二十周年的紀念活動，以及修補國殤之柱。

高志活來港前已去信入境處查詢，但僅獲官方回覆。我們對香港政府毫無理據地拒絕高志活入境深表遺憾。

香港是一個自由的國際都會，更是中國境內唯一可以公開悼念六四的地方。入境處竟因其政治立場拒絕藝術家高志活入境，我們對此深表震驚及憤怒，並且譴責入境處基於純粹政治考慮的不合理出入境管制。我們憂慮入境處的政治審查及其黑名單制度會嚴重影響香港的高度自治及一國兩制的原則，且令香港這個自由之都蒙羞。

自由乃香港成功之基石，不容被任何的政治考慮妥協。故此，我們要求香港政府立即解釋高志活再次被拒入境之因由，終止一切政治審查及取消政治黑名單制度。

香港大學學生會
二零零九年六月一日

Shame on Hong Kong's Entry Ban on Jens Galschiot
Pressing For the End of Political Censorship and Blacklisting

Jens Galschiot, the sculptor of the 'Pillar of Shame' which stands on our campus, was barred from entry into Hong Kong after a 5-hour detention on 30 May 2009. This is the second time Galschiot has been barred from entry: his first expulsion occurred last year in the wake of the Beijing Olympics. This time, Galschiot was planning to repair the sculpture and to participate in the commemoration events on the 20th Anniversary of the June 4th Massacre.

We deeply regret the Government's absurd refusal Galschiot's entry without reason. The absurdity is compounded by the fact that Galschiot had enquired regarding his application for entry in advance, but the Immigration Department merely gave standard replies containing entry guidelines.

We note that Hong Kong has long been recognized as the free society and an international city, and the only place within China where the June 4th Massacre can be openly commemorated. Thus we are deeply shocked and angered that Galschiot, a mere artist holding a particular political view, is not permitted entry into the Region. We condemn the arbitrary and irrational decision which is purely political in nature, and as such is an illegitimate exercise of immigration control. We fear that the political censorship and blacklisting will severely undermine Hong Kong's autonomy and the 'One Country Two Systems' principle, and we lament that this disgraceful event puts the Region's reputation as a free society into disrepute.

We demand that the Hong Kong authorities immediate provide reasons for the expulsion of Galschiot, and to cease all political censorship and blacklisting. We stress that freedom is a cornerstone of Hong Kong's success, and it must not be compromised by trivial political considerations.

Hong Kong University Students' Union
1 June 2009

譴責緬甸軍政府虛假指控及不公平審訊
強烈要求立即釋放昂山素姬

緬甸民主領袖暨諾貝爾和平獎得主昂山素姬被緬甸軍政府以違反長期軟禁令為由起訴及拘禁。緬甸軍政府自一九九零年昂山素姬選舉獲勝後，拒絕交出政權，繼而於一九九三年軟禁昂山素姬至今達十三年之久。

我們強烈要求緬甸軍政府立即無條件釋放昂山素姬，並強烈譴責緬甸軍政府長期拘禁昂山素姬。聯合國人權委員會無理拘禁工作小組已表明軟禁昂山素姬無理並不正當，且違反緬甸當地法律。

緬甸軍政府為阻止昂山素姬參選來年大選，不惜作出虛假指控及進行「有劇本」的審訊，我們對此深感震驚及憤怒。是次閉門審訊有違公平、公正、公開的原則，而且司法欠缺獨立，昂山素姬的代表律師更被禁止出庭。我們譴責緬甸軍政府之不公義，其公然違反人權的行為蔑視國際社會所認同的普世價值。

昂山素姬一直義無反顧地為緬甸人民的自由和民主奮鬥，她標誌著緬甸人民的希望，更激勵了無數人士投身民主運動。我們在此向昂山素姬對人道主義的堅持致以最崇高的敬意。

香港大學學生會
二零零九年六月一日

Condemning the Show Trial by the Burmese Military Regime
Calling for the Immediate Release of Aung San Suu Kyi

Burma's pro-democracy leader and Nobel Prize laureate Aung San Suu Kyi has been charged and held in prison by the military regime for a violation of her long-term home detention order. Aung San has spent thirteen long years in detention since her win in the 1990 elections, when the military regime shamelessly refused to relinquish power.

We strongly urge the Burmese military regime to release Aung San from detention immediately and unconditionally. We believe that, as affirmed by the United Nations Working Group on Arbitrary Detention, Aung San's detention is arbitrary and unjustified, and in contravention of Burmese national law. We thus strongly condemn Aung San's continued arrest and detention. We are further shocked and outraged by the 'show trial' currently being conducted based on false charges, and with the shameless motive to keep Aung San from participating in next year's elections. Aung San has been deprived a fair and open trial by an independent judiciary, and stripped of her right to due process and competent legal representation. We condemn the Burmese military regime for its acts of grave injustice and its blatant violation of human rights, which is in defiance of the common bonds of the international community as a whole.

Further, we hereby pay tribute to Aung San Suu Kyi, who has fought and sacrificed in her long fight for freedom and democracy for her people. We believe that she stands as the beacon of hope and inspiration for many, and we pay our highest respect to her profound courage and her undying belief in the core values of humanity.

Hong Kong University Students' Union
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強烈譴責無理拘禁及逮捕劉曉波先生
立即停止一切針對中國內地維權人士的政治迫害

《零八憲章》起草人之一著名作家劉曉波，因涉嫌煽動顛覆國家政權和推翻社會主義，於前天（6月23日）被北京市公安機關正式逮捕，自去年《零八憲章》發行的前一天，十二月八日，劉曉波一直被警方拘留。最近當局對維權人士展開了一連串高調的逮捕，包括去年四月對監禁維權人士胡佳三年半刑期的判決、維權律師高智晟自今年二月起的失踪、《零八憲章》相關人士張祖桦在六月二十二日被拘留等等。劉被剝奪其代表律師莫少平的權利，而莫少平則沒有被正式通知其逮捕或控告。我們對劉曉波在被警方拘留時所作出的自願認罪的真實性和自願性也有質疑。

警方對劉曉波先生的持續拘留是絕對不合法和無理的，這違反了中華人民共和國刑法，其中指出監視居住是不可超過六個月和只限於在被監視者住所內進行。當局剝奪了其私人和保密的法律諮詢和缺乏遵守適當程序進一步阻礙對劉的公平審判的權利，我們對此侵犯基本人權和自由，蔑視法治的行為深表遺憾。我們還感到遺憾的是，中國卻未能履行其作為《國際公民權利和政治權利公約》（《公約》）簽署國的義務，根據盟約的精神，適當地遵守和改善人權狀況。

令我們更深感不安的是，逮捕將產生寒蟬效應，嚴重影響中國內地言論自由的行使。「零八憲章」提倡中國進行政治和民主改革，包括要求有更大的言論、結社和宗教自由，以及獨立的司法機關。劉曉波先生所為「零八憲章」共同作者，曾因為參與八九民運而被判坐牢，出獄後一直是國內最敢言和最有力量的批評者之一。拘留和逮捕劉曉波將無可避免地對「零八憲章」的簽署人構成一種威懾，此舉將不利整個民間社會的言論自由的行使。因此，我們譴責中國政府侵犯中華人民共和國所賦予的、最基本的言論自由。

為支持國內的維權運動，我們強烈要求：

- 1) 當局立即無條件釋放劉曉波先生及所有政治犯；
- 2) 中國政府正視及行使其所為《公約》簽署國的義務，根據中華人民共和國憲法和《國家人權行動綱領》充分尊重人權和法治；以及
- 3) 停止一切針對《零八憲章》的簽署者，在中國內地的維權人士、異見人士及其家屬的政治迫害和騷擾。

**Condemning the Arbitrary Detention and Arrest of Mr. Liu Xiaobo
Calling for an End to all Political Persecutions
Against Human Rights Defenders in China**

On 23 June 2009, prominent Chinese dissident Liu Xiaobo, co-author of the "Charter 08", was formally arrested for "alleged agitation activities" aimed at "subversion of the state and overthrowing the country's socialist system". Liu has been in police detention incommunicado since 8 December last year, one day before the release of the "Charter 08". This marks a high-profile arrest following, *inter alia*, the sentencing of human rights campaigner Hu Jia last April to three and a half years, the forced disappearance of human rights lawyer Gao Zhisheng since February this year and the detention of Zhang Zuhua, a co-organizer of the "Charter 08" on 22 June. Liu has been deprived of his right to access to his lawyer, Mo Shaoping who, on the other hand, has not been officially informed of the arrest or the charges. Doubts are also cast over the making and voluntariness of the confession which Liu has allegedly made while in police custody.

The continued detention of Liu is unlawful, arbitrary and in contravention of the Chinese Criminal Code which limits "house arrest" to only six months and confines it to the detainee's residential premises. The deprivation of private and confidential legal advice and lack of observance of due process further impede on Liu's right to a fair trial and privilege against self-incrimination. We deplore such violations of fundamental human rights and freedoms, the defiance of the rule of law, as manifested in the treatment of Liu and other human rights defenders in China. We further regret that China, as a signatory to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights ("ICCPR"), has failed its obligations to duly observe and improve the human rights situation according to the overall spirit of the Covenant.

Further, we are deeply disturbed that that the arrest will aggravate the chilling effect on the exercise of the freedom of expression in China. Calling for various political and democratic reforms in China, 'Charter 08' contains demands for greater freedom of expression, association and religion, and an independent judiciary. Liu, co-author of the Charter, has been one of the most outspoken and influential critics after being imprisoned for his involvement in the 1989 democratic movement. The detention and arrest of Liu will inevitably be a deterrent among the Charter's signatories, and will lead to adverse repercussions on the exercise of the freedom of expression in the civil society at large. Thus, we condemn the Chinese Government for its curbing of

the fundamental freedom of expression as guaranteed under the PRC Constitution.

In support of the human rights movements in China, we hereby demand the following:

1. The immediate and unconditional release of Mr. Liu Xiaobo and all other political prisoners;
2. China's due observance of its obligations as a signatory to the ICCPR, due respect for human rights and the rule of law in light of the PRC Constitution and the Human Rights Action Plan; and
3. An end to all political persecutions and harassment against the "Charter 08" signatories, human rights defenders, dissidents and their associates in China.

Hong Kong University Students' Union
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保障人權 推動民主 落實雙普選 —香港大學學生會七一宣言

回歸十二年，在今天「一國兩制」下的香港，民主進程停滯不前，基本人權自由不斷受到侵犯，民主方面的社會問題亦漸趨嚴重，加上政府頻頻施政失誤，引致民怨四起。

根據《基本法》，香港公民在平等的基礎上，均賦予了參與普選權利。然而，回歸十二年，全面普選行政長官及全體立法會議員仍未落實。政府不但漠視民意，更找來了無數的藉口令普選變得遙遙無期。從曾蔭權的六四言論和今年六四當晚維園裡的二十萬市民手中的燭光可清楚看出，只有真正的普選才能選出真正能代表香港市民的領袖，問責制才能於香港真正推行。因此，我們堅持爭取於二零一二年落實雙普選。

再者，基本人權自由持續受到打壓和侵犯。特區政府明顯地不斷收緊言論、遊行和集會自由；市民對平等公義的訴求亦接連遭到忽視。民間電台一直不獲發牌、社會運動人士遭受選擇性檢控、以至丹麥雕塑家高志活及民運人士於六四二十周年前夕再度被無理拒絕入境等事件，只是部份政府對市民的高壓手段而已。可見未來的民主道路仍有無數未知的困難。

二零零三年七月一日，五十萬市民為民主自由上街遊行，表達對政府施政的不滿。然而六年來，社會上各項問題都得不到改善，香港市民又豈能坐視不理？我們在此呼籲社會各界人士於七一當日積極參與遊行，表達自己的聲音，一起高呼對民主、自由的堅持及訴求，爭取普選，為香港的未來發聲！

香港大學學生會
二零零九年六月廿七日

For Human Rights, Democracy and Double Universal Suffrage HKUSU Statement for the July 1st March

Twelve years after the Handover in 1997, the democratic progress in Hong Kong under the 'One Country, Two Systems' remains stalled. Hong Kong people are increasingly aggrieved about the fundamental rights and freedoms violations, social problems and livelihood deterioration, as well as countless failed government policies.

The right of Hong Kong citizens to equal and universal suffrage is guaranteed under the Basic Law. However, twelve years after the Handover, universal suffrage for the Chief Executive and the Legislative Council still remains empty talk. In defiance of overwhelming public sentiment, the Hong Kong government has deferred the implementation of universal suffrage by providing one meritless excuse after another. From Donald Tsang's June Fourth views and the 150,000 candlelight at Victoria Park, it is clear that only through real universal suffrage can we produce truly representative leaders for Hong Kong who are accountable to us. Thus, we insist on pressing for double universal suffrage by 2012.

Further, suppression and violations of fundamental human rights and freedoms guaranteed in Hong Kong are not uncommon. The HKSAR Government has imposed tighter control on the freedom of expression, demonstration and assembly, while people's demands for equality and justice are greeted with government indifference. This has been manifested in countless occasions, including the continuous refusal to grant a broadcasting licence to Citizens' Radio, the selective charging of social activists, as well as the entry ban on the Danish sculptor, Jens Galsbøll and other democratic activists prior to the 20th anniversary of June Fourth.

On 1 July 2003, 500,000 of us Hong Kong people took it to the streets to voice out our grievances and demands to the government. Six years on, the situation has hardly improved. How can we still sit back this year?

We hereby call for your support for the July 1st March. Together we will shout out our aspirations and demands for democracy, freedom and universal suffrage, in a

strong voice for Hong Kong's future.

Hong Kong University Students' Union
27 June 2009

Shum Hin Lung, Winson
Chairman & External Affairs Secretary (I)
Current Affairs Committee, HKUSU, Session 2009

The annual report of Union Finance Committee, HKUSUC

The Union Finance committee is aimed at advising the Union Council on all matters of finance and investigating and taking action into matters of Union Finance. The focus of Union Finance Committee this year is on the improvement on financial regulation.

In this session, totally three meetings were organized.

In the first meeting, the structure of the union finance and consideration on funding approval were briefly introduced. Most of the members were satisfied with the consideration mentioned. Furthermore, the general operation of the Union Finance committee in the coming session was discussed and some rules were agreed. Also, the format and some guidelines on budget were discussed and distributed to each sub-organization. Besides, some penalties on overdue cheque were discussed.

Open discussion had been adopted in the meeting and most participants were willing to join the discussion. The decisions were made almost under no objection.

In the second meeting, the application on China Democracy Fund was approved. Also, funding on assisting the system renewal of CTV was discussed. Due to amount involved and the nature of the funding and after the consideration of media independency, the usage on Union Development Fund was suggested. Concerning the financial matters of OAC, the proposal on the committee was adopted and the purchase of booths was rejected by all members. The most controversial agenda was the proposal on amended financial regulation, some amendment were suggested while some were turned down.

The discussion atmosphere was good in this meeting. Although the duration of the meeting was longer, decisions made were under critical thinking with reasoned explanation.

In the third meeting, the audited financial report was reviewed and some comments are received from different representatives. Most of the discussion could be drawn to the conclusion and the report were recommended to present in the union council. Also, the proposed amendments on financial regulation were discussed, most of the suggestion were adopted. Besides, some old equipments of CTV are agreed to be written off themselves, the detailed arrangement would pending for the details of the amount and type of equipments counted. At the end, a reminder on providing most

updated bank statement and submission on bank account information of each sub-organization was made. The official details would be announced in the e-mail afterwards.

Some new representatives are present in the meeting. The attitude of them are highly appreciated albeit their newness. The meeting was finished with joyful atmosphere.

The effort of each representative from different parties was highly appreciated. We discuss different agenda actively and in friendly attitude. The online channel of the committee was adopted but has not been used effectively. In the future, hopefully, the discussion atmosphere can still be maintained. More discussion and effort could be put in the improvement on financial system. All in all, the focus of this year is successfully achieved.

To: Hong Kong University Students' Union Council
From: Mr. Shum Hin Lung, Winson, External Affairs Secretary I, HKUSU, Session 2009
Subject: Half-Yearly Report of the External Affairs Secretary I, HKUSU, Session 2009

External Affairs Secretary (I)

Annual Working Report

External Affairs Secretary I

Shum Hin Lung, Winson

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Constitutional Duties

The External Affairs Secretaries shall be responsible for encouraging and stimulating Union members' interest and participation in social issues.

(I) Fulfillment of Duties

A) AIDS Concern

- AIDS Concern Forum:

AIDS Concern Forum is to explore the seriousness of the problems and to promote the Anti-Stigmatization of AIDS. Miss Lin (HK AIDS Foundation Committee Member), Alan Leong (Legislative Councilor), and Chan Fei (AIDS CONCERN Campaign Officer (Anti-Stigma)) are the guests of the forum. There was also a platform for students and guests to interact.

- Dress in Red:

"Dress in Red" is a campaign that works hand in hand with the "AIDS Concern" to promote the message of preventing and concerning AIDS. All participants in "Dress in Red" had to dress in red or hang the red ribbon on that day to show their concern over the AIDS issue or to show their support to "AIDS Concern".

- AIDS Cold Knowledge Exhibition:

This exhibition is to reduce the stigma attached to the disease and some cold knowledge about AIDS such as there is no AIDS mosquito, normal social activities will not be affected by AIDS etc.

Why I organized this kind of uncommon topic is to stimulate the students to think of the stigmatization and to let them have a better understanding on the topic that they will not touch in their normal daily life. As a university student, we have the responsibility to keep an eye on all the social issues even though we may not change or not be able to change it. This time, students were not active and did not show interest in the AIDS related business.

B) June Fourth Commemoration

- June 4th Counter:

The aim of setting up the June 4th counter is to raise the awareness of the June 4th massacre. At the counter, we played some DVDs which showed the real situation on June 4th, 1989 and some interviews on the victims' families. We also displayed some newspapers published on June 4th and leaflets promoting General Polling to rectify June 4th verdict to students. We also held a donation for The Tiananmen Mothers, which is an organization to help the victims' families of June 4th massacre. I want to thank my committee colleagues and all the hall representatives who had helped to hold this June 4th Counter. Without your support, we

could never set up this counter to raise the awareness of June 4th among the students.

- Forum on the 20th Anniversary of the June 4th Tiananmen Massacre:

To raise public awareness of the 20th anniversary of the June 4th massacre is the main purpose of the forum. Hon. Mr. Longhair Leung Kwok-hung, Hon. Mr. Lee Cheuk-yan, Ms. Helena Kwong (Tiananmen Mothers Campaign) and Hon. Mr. Alan Leong SC, Mr. Ching Cheong are the guests of the forum. There were around 200 people attended the forum at the peak time. Many non-local students involved in the discussion during the forum. But, most of the local students did not agree with their point of view. However, the atmosphere of the forum was not bad. Many newspapers also reported this forum on the day after the forum. We really achieved the goal of holding this forum – to raise public awareness of the 20th anniversary of the June 4th massacre.

- General Polling to Rectify the June 4th Verdict:

What I did on this issue is to promote the general polling to rectify the June 4th verdict. Promoting the general polling is also one of the duties of the executive committee members. We distributed leaflets and sent mass e-mail to inform all the students that when and where we would hold the general polling.

- Cleaning the Pillar of Shame:

Pillar of Shame is a sign of democracy in China. We cooperated with The Hong Kong Alliance in Support of Patriotic Democratic Movements of China. We cleaned the board which was placed at the bottom of the Pillar of Shame. It represents we would never forget the June 4th massacre.

Besides HKU students, there were many students come from other universities. It showed that not only HKU students concern about the June 4th massacre.

- Re-painting the Swire Bridge Slogan:

Re-painting the Swire Bridge Slogan is one of the activities to memorize the June 4th massacre. The slogan also shows HKU students' stance on the June 4th massacre. It was raining on that day morning. Fortunately, the rain stopped just before the re-painting. At the beginning, we gave the mass media a speech to state our purpose of re-painting the Swire bridge slogan. And then, we re-painted the slogan. There were around 80 people joining this function. We had succeeded in promoting the message – never forget the June 4th massacre.

- Candlelight Vigil around the Pillar of Shame:

The candlelight vigil around the Pillar of Shame was held by central executive committees. We invited some ex-central executive committee members, HKUSU to share their experience and the situation on June 4th, 1989. All the people who joined the vigil were given a lighted candle to memorize the June 4th massacre's victims. There were around 250 people joining the vigil.

- In the successive activities among June 4th massacre, I have to say thank to all people who help to make it great especially hall representatives, committee colleagues and members of Current Affairs Committee. Without your help, without the great success of raising awareness of June 4th massacre. We achieve all the things we want. We raise public awareness of the 20th anniversary of the June 4th massacre and get more and more people involve in the democratic development and human rights situation of China. The human rights progress of China is not match with its economic progress. The human rights are improved over a few decades but the progress is not enough. We can see that Chinese people not only want to be rich but also be free. So, we still have to flight until the day that we have true democracy in China.

C) July First March

- Preparation Work:

I am one of the members of July First working group. In fact, the working group cooperates with students from other universities through HKFS to encourage the public to voice out their opinions in the July First march. We set up counters in some crowded areas such as Mong Kok and Causeway Bay to raise public awareness of the coming of July First. We also provided some papers and pens to let them write down their request(s) to the government. We put all the collected requests from the public into boxes and then brought the boxes to the headquarters of the government on our July First March.

- July First March:

I joined the march on 11 July to stand out my voice. We were fighting for democracy, a responsible government and a harmonious atmosphere in Hong Kong. We want many things but the government does not understand, so we have to stand out. On the march, different people used different ways to voice out their thoughts e.g. behavioral art, hand-made slogan boards, shouting out etc. Some of the organizations also grasp this chance to fight for the interests of the citizens. Although the government made so many wrong decisions or even did nothing to avoid mistakes, if we ourselves into the government officials' shoe, it is indeed a difficult task to fulfill everyone's interest, and maintain a balance in the society. So, we should not only complain the government but also actively participate in the social activities. It is the best way to solve the social problem.

D) First Council Meeting in HKFS

- As a member of Delegation to Hong Kong Federation of Students, I did not only attend the Council meetings but also attended the Standing Committee meetings which held on every Saturday night. In the Standing Committee meetings, we will discuss most of the social issues, write and pass the press statements and decide what action we will take on a particular issue. I will list out some of the topics we are doing recently.
- Co-signing the statement 「十八歲 有書讀?」:
- Co-signed the statement 「十八歲 有書讀?」 which was written by the Parents' Association of Pre-school Handicapped Children on 30 July, advocating for the right of education of students with disabilities who are above the age of 18 under the 3-3-4 curriculum reform.
- HKFS statement regarding the Voluntary Drug Testing Program:
I discussed at the HKFS meeting on 22 August the Voluntary Drug Testing Program. The stance of the HKUSU was against the Program since it may violate the right of privacy of the students and their privilege against self-incrimination. This stance was approved by the standing committees and the statement will be published soon.

E) Social Responsibility Focus Group for Publishing the Teaching Materials of Liberal Studies:

- Mr. Chan (Alliance of Lehman Brothers' victims), Tang Sau Lan (President of The Hong Kong Association For School Discipline And Counseling Teachers) and Lam Keung (Social Work Supervisor of Caritas Jockey Club Integrated Service For Young People - Lei Muk Shue) are the guests of the focus group. Social Responsibility is an issue that is always discussed in the University but not in the society. Therefore, Caritas Hong Kong invited me to join their focus group to discuss the social responsibility. In the meeting, we mainly talked about what social responsibility is, what we can do to educate our next generation the meaning of social responsibility and how we can guide them to take up such a responsibility. The fruit of the focus group will be published as the teaching materials and guidelines for the Liberal Studies in Secondary schools.

F) Board of Trustees of The World Mind Network

- The World Mind Network is an international organization which is devoted to using the latest Internet technologies to creatively address issues of sustainability, climate change, education in the developing world, cultural preservation, and pure research in ways which are entirely new, and yet recently proven. I was invited to join their functions in March. In the world mind network, we exchanged much information about some international social issues such as H1N1, Digital Music Institute and so on. What I have done there is to how to search for information that we need to set up a website or forum. For example, I searched for all of the addresses of the clinic in Sichuan province that provided the testing of HINI swine flu for building up a website. The website aims to provide comprehensive information to the people in the Sichuan province, as to help them prevent a large scale outbreak of the H1N1 Swine Flu. Although World Mind Network is a good idea, it is not so well known in some places which internet is not so popular. Besides keeping in touch for the H1N1 news, I have joined another program by The World Mind Network. It is all about the global warming. During the Copenhagen Climate Change Conference 2009, We did a research about the Kyoto protocol. We updated the news about the Climate Change Conference 2009 for everyone in the website. Also, I help to do some education material for poverty children and represent students to voice out our idea, to protect our earth and to reduce the emission of CO₂, to who concern climate change all over the world. In addition, We have tried to work out some practical solution to reduce the emission of CO₂ but the plan is still in trial.

G) Member of Delegation to Hong Kong Federation of Students

- As a member of the Delegation to Hong Kong Federation of Students, I have to attend all the Council meetings and the annual meeting of the HKFS. In the meeting, we will review all the work done in the Council meeting. In order to know more about what they do in Standing Committee meetings, I went to attend the Standing Committee meeting as often as possible.

H) Board Member of Hong Kong University Social Service Group Funding

- Hong Kong University Social Service Group Funding is to help any social organizations and people who want to promote or plan to do social service or social research when they need financial assistance. As a board member of Hong Kong University Social Service Group Funding, I have to check whether the applicants fulfilled the aim(s) of the funding and decide whether provide financial support or the amount for the applicants. We based on the creativity & feasibility and how many people can be benefited to determine whether we give them money. I also gave many suggestions for the applicants how to improve their activities. And I introduce a new way that is to invite the applicants to give the board members a presentation to let us know more and more about their plans. Besides allotting the funding, I have invited to help to promote a sociology research for university students.

I) Representative of HKUSU to Hong Kong Youth Alliance for the Assistance of the Underprivileged

- In September 2009, we have been invited to join the Hong Kong Youth Alliance for the Assistance of the Underprivileged to plan an activity which aims to lead university students to make a revision of the big news of the previous year and through this program to let them concern more about their society. We keep on checking the progress and give pieces of advice to make the program better. We also had voting right to decide which news is deserved to review. University students joined this program would make movies about the elected big news and these movies showed at The Hong Kong Polytechnic University as a public presentation in Jan, 2010.

J) Chairman of Current Affairs Committee, HKUSU

- Please see the half year report of the Current Affairs Committee, HKUSU.

(II) Recommendations and Conclusion

- In addition, I get involved not only in external affairs but the university affairs and Union Affairs such as being a member of (Career Advisory Broad, HKU), member of (Personal Development & Counseling Committee, HKU), Chief PIC of Main Building in I-day and drafting a proposal of HKUSU Orientation day. Involving in the University Affairs and Union Affairs let me know that having meetings with different people in colleague, answering their questions but at the same time maintaining a good relationship with them sometimes are even more challenging than answering the reporters' questions. And I understand how hard they have been working.

My main concern is to encourage and simulate students' interest and participation in social issues. Even though I am really interested in some topics concerning internal affairs, I must focus on the external affairs first. You can see that there are so many social issues waiting for us to give suggestion or care. I have tried my best to promote some topics which we do not touch usually in our daily life. Due to the limited resources we have to choose. I would like to serve all of you one more year but I cannot do it now. So, I would like to pass my experience to the next central executive members to help them to do it better.

You may think that what kind of issues should be promoted. In my words, I would like to promote the issues that I concern. Everyone has different thoughts. You promote the issues that you concern that means you are promoting some issues you know best and you can give members more. Then you can let students think more about the issues. Different executive members have different concern and then promote different kind of issues. The result is students can receive more different information and know about our world.

The most effective way to stimulate the students I know is to cooperate with all the societies under HKUSU. It is because we it seems that we are so distant with the students, and there is a barrier between you, which is unlike the societies that have a much closer connection with the students. So there is a necessity to cooperate with other societies to raise students' awareness of all social issues. And we can use different channels or methods to convey some of the social issues, because if we just use forum all the times, students would find it boring even though the topics of the forums are different.

Finally, I have to say thanks to all people again. Without your help, advice and tolerance, I would not finish my job successfully. Thank you.

Shum Hin Lung, Winson

External Affairs Secretary (I)

Hong Kong University Students' Union, Session 2009