

Appeal to be signed

International Appeal of Politicians for the Release of MC6 Protestors in Hong Kong

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Letter to Donald Tsang
Chief Executive
Special Administrative Region of Hong Kong
People's Republic of China

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Dear Mr. Tsang,

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We would like to express our concern for the 14 protestors from Korea, Taiwan, Japan, and mainland China, who are facing charges of unlawful assembly for the events that transpired on the 17th of December near the vicinity of the WTO Ministerial Conference site. All have been released on bail, but it is our understanding that they may be facing more serious charges in the near future.

The farmers, workers, and civil society activists involved in the actions of the 17th were among more than 1000 people understandably questioning the on-going negotiations within the conference site. These negotiations could potentially have had dire consequences on the livelihood of farmers and workers around the world. The protestors were attempting to voice their frustration and desperation at yet another round of the WTO conference that yielded no measures to address their concerns. We strongly feel that the unusual circumstances and specific nature of the case regarding the 14 activists needs to be taken into account, and request that a release at the earliest possible time and safe return home for the all those being held in Hong Kong be positively considered.

In addition, we must voice our serious concern at the uncalled for and excessive use of force by the Hong Kong Police during the night of the 17th. Many were injured, as electric shock batons were used, and it has been recently confirmed that "beanbag pellets" were fired at the protestors. We also note with disappointment the numerous instances of human rights violations during the process of detaining over 1000 protestors that have been documented by human rights organizations. We urge an impartial and thorough inquiry into the human rights violations and the violence used on the part of the Hong Kong police.

As concerned politicians regarding this matter, we would like to point out that a failure to properly investigate and rectify human rights violations would reflect negatively on the human rights standards of the Special Administrative Region of Hong Kong. A harsh sentence for the 14 would also put into question the democratic tolerance of the region, taking into account that no foreigners have been arrested in previous cases of similar demonstrations in other countries.

We will continue to monitor closely the proceedings regarding the 14 protestors and again stress our

hope that an early and safe release of the 14 activists be positively considered.

We thank you for your attention to this urgent matter.

Sincerely,

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Hong Kong Confederation of Trade Unions(HKCTU)

Hong Kong People’s Alliance on WTO(HKPA)

Korean Struggle Mission(Democratic Labor Party, Korean Catholic

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