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GERMANS TAKE ACTION AGAINST POLICE BRUTALITY AT CHINESE UNIVERSITY IN HONG KONG



Dear fellow Germans,

A number of German universities have a longstanding relationship with The Chinese University of Hong Kong (CUHK) as exchange partners, which to date has enabled many students to participate in overseas exchange in a safe and secure environment. However, the violence of the Hong Kong Police Force (HKPF) has escalated rapidly, to the point where they are completely out of control. The situation is currently very dire at CUHK. In the past couple of days, the CUHK campus has been under siege. On November 11th, the police confirmed firing a total of 1567 rounds of deadly Chinese-made teargas, 1312 rubber bullets, as well as 380 bean bag rounds and 125 sponge rounds at CUHK students in one single day. Many students and staff members, including foreign exchange students were trapped in the campus. With the possibility that Beijing would send in troops, there is a great fear that the Tiananmen Square Massacre (4th June, 1989) would repeat today at CUHK.

Furthermore, the tear gas used by the Hong Kong Police Force has been confirmed to be from mainland China and they have not been transparent with the chemical composition either. Besides protestors picking up expired tear gas canisters that was used on them, a reporter working at the frontline of the protest has recently been diagnosed with Chloracne. This condition is directly linked to high exposure of dioxin according to the United States Department of Veteran Affairs. The indiscriminate use of chemical agents on the public must be condemned and is a great health and safety concern for everyone living in Hong Kong.

On Sunday, November 15th, the German Foreign Office confirmed the arrest of two German nationals by the Hong Kong Police Force. The two young men, aged 22 and 23, are reported to be exchange students at Lingnan University, one of the many universities being targeted by brutal attacks. The German Consulate General in Hong Kong is maintaining contact with lawyers and local authorities on their behalf. Recent arrests of German exchange students underline the gravity and urgency of the humanitarian situation in Hong Kong, as the safety and basic rights of international and local students can no longer be guaranteed.

We urge all German universities with student exchange agreements with CUHK to take immediate actions to offer support to those affected, and to protect their safety and welfare. The excessive use of police force on the CUHK campus has posed a serious threat to the safety of the students and staff. The senior management of the university has failed to protect the students and staff from police operations. The way CUHK handled the situation was far from acceptable. This undermines the function of the university as a site for open inquiry, freedom of expression, and effective education.

We urge all German universities with a student exchange agreement with CUHK to take the following actions:

I. Issue a joint statement with other German universities to:

- Condemn the Hong Kong Police Force for its actions at the CUHK campus on 12th November, 2019;
- Demand CUHK to offer appropriate protection to all students and staff members; and
- Demand CUHK to prevent the Hong Kong Police Force from entering the campus without a warrant or arresting students without any justification.

II. Contact CUHK and the Education Bureau of Hong Kong, in order to put pressure on the university to prevent similar incidents from happening in the future;

III. Contact the German Consulate General of Hong Kong to request assistance to be provided to the university students and staff members affected;

IV. Reconsider partnerships with universities in Hong Kong in the future, considering the safety of students, shall such blatant violation of academic and intellectual freedom continues.

We value your time and would appreciate if you could give this request your most urgent and sympathetic attention.

Update: According to local news outlets in Hong Kong, as of 17th November, armed police with live ammunition have surrounded the Hong Kong Polytechnic University and blocked all exits. All journalists have been forced off the campus and threatened with being arrested if they stay. There are currently no medics on campus and the fate of everyone stuck in the university is extremely worrisome. We fear that a massacre may ensue as the Hong Kong police and government targets universities and their students. The police declared that they will use live rounds against students and protestors if they do not back down.

If you have any questions or wish to discuss this matter further, please do not hesitate to contact Germanystandwithhk@gmail.com

Yours sincerely,

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CUHK Exchange Partners

Australia

- Australian National University (U-wide)
- La Trobe University (U-wide, Nursing)
- Macquarie University (U-wide)
- Monash University (U-wide)
- RMIT University (U-wide)
- The University of Adelaide (U-wide)
- The University of Melbourne (U-wide, Law, MBA)
- The University of New South Wales (U-wide)
- The University of Queensland (U-wide)
- The University of Sydney (U-wide, Public Health)
- University of South Australia (United College)
- The University of Western Australia (U-wide)

Brunei

- Universiti Brunei Darussalam (U-wide, U-wide Summer)

Japan

- Akita International University (Social Science)
- Asia University (New Asia College)
- Doshisha University (U-wide)
- Gakushuin University (U-wide, Japanese Studies)
- Hiroshima University (U-wide, Japanese Studies)
- Hitotsubashi University (U-wide, Japanese Studies, MBA)
- Hokkaido University (U-wide, Japanese Studies)
- International Christian University (Chung Chi College)
- International University of Japan (MBA)
- Kansai Gaidai University (U-wide, Japanese Studies)
- Kansai University (U-wide)
- Keio University (U-wide, Chung Chi College)
- Kobe University (U-wide)
- Kwansei Gakuin University (U-wide, Japanese Studies)
- Kyorin University (U-wide, Japanese Studies)
- Kyoto Sangyo University (New Asia College)
- Kyoto University (U-wide, Japanese Studies)
- Kyushu University (U-wide, Japanese Studies)
- Meiji University (U-wide, Japanese Studies)
- Nagoya University (U-wide, Japanese Studies)
- Nagoya University of Commerce and Business (U-wide, Japanese Studies)
- Nanzan University (U-wide, Japanese Studies)
- Osaka International University (U-wide, Japanese Studies)
- Osaka University (U-wide, Japanese Studies)
- Rikkyo University (U-wide, Japanese Studies)
- Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University (Shaw College)
- Ritsumeikan University (U-wide, Japanese Studies)
- Soka University (Chung Chi College, C.W. Chu College, New Asia College, United College)
- Sophia University (U-wide, Japanese Studies)
- The University of Tokyo (Arts)
- Tokyo Gakugei University (U-wide, Japanese Studies)
- Tokyo University of Foreign Studies (U-wide, Japanese Studies)
- University of Tsukuba (U-wide, Japanese Studies)
- Waseda University (U-wide, GPA, JLM, MBA)

Korea

- Ewha Womans University (U-wide, New Asia College, U-wide Summer)
- Hallym University (JLM)
- Hanyang University (U-wide, U-wide Summer)
- Korea University (U-wide, BBA, Wu Yee Sun College, U-wide Summer)
- Pohang University of Science and Technology (U-wide)
- Pusan National University (U-wide)
- Seoul National University (U-wide)
- Sungkyunkwan University (BBA, Medicine, United College, U-wide Summer)
- University of Seoul (Shaw College)
- Yonsei University (U-wide, BBA, MBA)

Malaysia

- University of Malaya (U-wide)

New Zealand

- The University of Auckland (U-wide, Global Studies, Law)
- University of Otago (U-wide, BBA)
- The University of Waikato (U-wide)

Singapore

- Nanyang Technological University (U-wide, Engineering, Sports Science and Physical Education, U-wide Summer)
- National University of Singapore (U-wide, Architecture, Arts, Social Sciences, Chemistry, Engineering, Global Studies, Hotel and Tourism Management, MBA)
- Singapore Management University (BBA)
- Singapore University of Technology and Design (U-wide)

Taiwan

- Asia University (U-wide Summer)
- Chang Jung Christian University (Divinity School of Chung Chi College)
- National Central University (U-wide)
- National Chengchi University (BBA, JLM, MBA)
- National Cheng Kung University (Arts, Engineering, Social Science, Gender Studies)
- National Chiao Tung University (Cultural and Religious Studies)
- National Sun Yat-Sen University (BBA)
- National Taiwan University (U-wide, Law, Science, Social Science, Social Work, MBA)
- National Tsing Hua University (U-wide)
- University System of Taiwan (New Asia College)

Thailand

- Mahidol University (U-wide)
- United Arab Emirates
- American University of Sharjah (U-wide)

Austria

- Graz University of Technology (U-wide, Architecture)
- University of Graz (U-wide)
- University of Vienna (U-wide)
- Vienna University of Economics and Business (U-wide, Shaw College, Morningside College, Summer)

Belgium

- Katholieke Universiteit Leuven (U-wide, Chung Chi College)
- Universite Catholique de Louvain (MBA)
- Czech Republic
- University of Economics, Prague (U-wide, New Asia College, Wu Yee Sun College)

Denmark

- Aarhus University (C.W. Chu College, Summer)
- Copenhagen Business School (U-wide, MBA, Summer)
- Technical University of Denmark (U-wide, New Asia College, Shaw College, Morningside College, Lee Woo Sing College)
- University of Copenhagen (U-wide)

Finland

- University of Helsinki (U-wide, Summer)
- University of Oulu (United College)
- University of Tampere (U-wide, Shaw College, Lee Woo Sing College, Wu Yee Sun College)

France

- Ecole des Hautes Etudes Commerciales (HEC) (U-wide, MBA)
- Ecole Supérieure des Sciences Economiques et Commerciales (ESSEC) (MBA)
- Sciences Po (U-wide)
- TELECOM Ecole de Management (BA, Summer)
- TELECOM SudParis (Engineering)
- Universite Catholique de Lille (BA, U-wide, Chung Chi College, United College)
- Universite Jean Moulin (Lyon 3) (U-wide, Shaw College, S. H. Ho College)
- Universite Paris 1 Pantheon – Sorbonne (U-wide)
- Sorbonne Universite (U-wide)

Germany

- Albert-Ludwigs-Universität Freiburg (U-wide, Shaw College, Wu Yee Sun College)
- Freie Universität Berlin (U-wide)
- University of Applied Sciences Stuttgart (Architecture)
- Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin (U-wide)
- Karlsruhe Institute of Technology (Faculty of Engineering, Faculty of Science, Shaw College, S. H. Ho College, Wu Yee Sun College)
- Leibniz Universität Hannover (U-wide)
- Rheinische Friedrich-Wilhelms-Universität Bonn (Chung Chi College)
- Ruprecht-Karls-Universität Heidelberg (U-wide)
- Universität Mannheim (U-wide, Economics, MBA)
- WHU – Otto Beisheim Management (BA, MBA)

Hungary

- Eötvös Loránd University (C.W. Chu College)

Ireland

- The University of Dublin (U-wide, BA)
- University College Dublin (U-wide, BA, Social Work)

Italy

- Politecnico di Milano (Architecture)
- Politecnico di Torino (Architecture)
- Università Carlo Cattaneo (LIUC) (U-wide, United College)
- Università Commerciale L. Bocconi (U-wide, Law, New Asia College, S. H. Ho College, Wu Yee Sun College, MBA)

Netherlands

- Amsterdam University College (Morningside College)
- Delft University of Technology (Architecture)
- Erasmus University Rotterdam (Arts, BA, EUC, Social Science, Journalism & Communication)
- Leiden University (U-wide)
- Maastricht University (U-wide (School of Business and Economics), U-wide (University College Maastricht), Shaw College, S. H. Ho College, Lee Woo Sing College, Wu Yee Sun College, Arts, Social Science, Environmental Science, Geography and Resource Management, Psychology, Urban Studies)
- Tilburg University (U-wide, New Asia College, Shaw College)
- University of Groningen (U-wide, New Asia College, Wu Yee Sun College)
- Utrecht University (U-wide, Morningside College, S. H. Ho College, C. W. Chu College, Economics, Summer)

Norway

- University of Bergen (U-wide)

Poland

- Warsaw School of Economics (U-wide)

Russia

- Saint Petersburg State University (MBA)

South Africa

- Stellenbosch University (U-wide, S. H. Ho College, Summer)

Spain

- Escuela Superior de Administracion y Direccion de Empresas (ESADE) (BA, MBA)
- IE Business School (BA)
- Universität Pompeu Fabra (U-wide, United College)
- University of Navarra (U-wide)

Sweden

- Chalmers University of Technology (Engineering, Science)
- Karlstad University (U-wide, Lee Woo Sing College, Science)
- KTH Royal Institute of Technology (Engineering, Science)
- Lund University (U-wide, BA)
- Malmo University (U-wide, New Asia College)
- Orebro University (U-wide, Chung Chi College)
- Stockholm University (U-wide, BA, Summer)
- University of Gothenburg (U-wide, United College, Shaw College)
- Uppsala University (U-wide, Shaw College, Lee Woo Sing College, Wu Yee Sun College)

Switzerland

- Ecole Polytechnique Federale Lausanne (EPFL) (Engineering)
- ETH Zurich (Engineering, Science)
- University of Bern (U-wide)
- University of Fribourg (U-wide)
- University of Geneva (U-wide, Summer)
- University of Lausanne (U-wide)
- University of St. Gallen (U-wide, MBA)
- University of Zurich (U-wide)

Turkey

- Koç University (U-wide)

United Kingdom

- Aston University (U-wide, BA)
- Cardiff University (BA)
- City, University of London (BA)
- Durham University (U-wide, Law)
- King's College London (U-wide, Summer)
- London Business School (MBA)
- School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS), University of London (U-wide)
- The University of Liverpool (U-wide, Engineering)
- The University of Manchester (U-wide, BA)
- The University of Sheffield (U-wide, Law, Urban Studies)
- University College London (Morningside College, Engineering, Linguistics and Modern Languages)
- University of Aberdeen (U-wide, Shaw College, Morningside College, Lee Woo Sing College, C. W. Chu College, Wu Yee Sun College)
- University of Bath (Economics)
- University of Birmingham (U-wide, Global Studies)
- University of Bristol (U-wide)
- University of Cambridge (S.H. Ho College, Architecture)
- University of Dundee (U-wide, Chung Chi College, Shaw College)
- University of Essex (U-wide, United College)
- University of Exeter (U-wide, BA, Summer)
- University of Glasgow (U-wide, United College)
- University of Kent (U-wide, Scoiology)
- University of Leeds (New Asia College)
- University of Southampton (U-wide)
- University of Sussex (U-wide, United College, Shaw College, Morningside College, Lee Woo Sing College, C. W. Chu College)
- University of Warwick (BA, Government and Public Administration, MBA, Sociology)
- University of Westminster (U-wide, Government and Public Administration, Contemporary China Studies)
- University of York (Morningside College)

Canada

- HEC Montreal (BA)
- McGill University (U-wide)
- Queen's University (U-wide, BA, Shaw College)
- Simon Fraser University (U-wide, Chung Chi College, Public Health)
- The University of British Columbia (U-wide, BA, MBA)
- University of Alberta (Chung Chi College, New Asia College, Wu Yee Sun College)
- University of Calgary (United College, Shaw College)
- University of Ottawa (Morningside College, Lee Woo Sing College)
- University of Toronto (Mississauga Campus) (Science)
- University of Toronto (Scarborough Campus) (U-wide, Business studies, S.H.Ho College)
- Tilburg University of Toronto (St. George) (Shaw College, Science, BA, MBA)
- University of Victoria (BA, Shaw College)
- University of Waterloo (U-wide)
- Western University (BA, U-wide, Geography and Resource Management, Urban Studies)
- York University (BA, English, MBA, Shaw College)

Chile

- Pontifical Catholic University of Chile (U-wide)

Mexico

- Tecnologico de Monterrey (U-wide)
- Universidad de Monterrey (U-wide, Shaw College)

United States

- American University (U-wide, Shaw College)
- Baylor University (U-wide)
- Bellarmine University (U-wide)
- Brandeis University (C.W.Chu College)
- Brown University (S.H.Ho College)
- Bucknell University (S.H.Ho College)
- Carnegie Mellon University (Fine Arts)
- Claremont McKenna College (U-wide)
- Cornell University (HMG)
- Dartmouth College (Engineering)
- Duke University (MBA)
- Emory University (BA)
- Episcopal Divinity School (Divinity School, Chung Chi College)
- Georgetown University (U-wide)
- Georgia Institute of Technology (Architecture, Engineering)
- International Student Exchange Program (ISEP) (U-wide, Shaw College)
- Lehigh University (U-wide)
- Loyola Marymount University (Chung Chi College)
- Miami University (BA)
- New York University (MBA)
- Northeastern University (U-wide)
- Northwestern University (MBA)
- Occidental College (New Asia College)
- Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute (U-wide)
- Rice University (U-wide)
- San Diego State University (Chung Chi College, Morningside College, S.H.Ho College, C.W.Chu College)
- St. Edward's University (Wu Yee Sun College)
- Stony Brook University (U-wide, Engineering, Shaw College, Morningside College)
- Syracuse University (U-wide, Engineering)
- The George Washington University (U-wide)
- The Pennsylvania State University (U-wide, Hotel and Tourism)
- The University of Chicago (MBA)
- The University of Iowa (Accounting)
- The University of Michigan (BA)
- The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (U-wide, BA, MBA, Music, Lee Wu Sing College)
- The University of North Carolina at Greensboro (U-wide, Chung Chi College)
- The University of Texas at Austin (BA, Journalism and Communication, MBA)
- University of California, Education Abroad Programme (U-wide)
- University of California, Berkeley (Physics)
- University of California, Los Angeles (MBA)
- University of Florida (MBA)
- University of Hawaii at Manoa (U-wide, New Asia College)
- University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign (U-wide, Engineering, New Asia College, United College)
- University of Massachusetts Amherst (U-wide, New Asia College, United College)
- University of Miami (U-wide, Shaw College)
- University of Notre Dame (U-wide)
- University of Pennsylvania (U-wide, BA, Engineering)
- University of Pittsburgh (U-wide, Mathematics, Wu Yee Sun College)
- University of Redlands (Chung Chi College)
- University of Rochester (U-wide, Morninside College, Wu Yee Sun College)
- University of South Carolina (U-wide, BA, United College)
- University of Southern California (BA, Journalism and Communication)
- University of Tennessee at Knoxville (United College, Lee Woo Sing College)
- University of Virginia (Fine Arts)
- University of Washington (U-wide, Lee Woo Sing College, C.W. Chu College)
- University of Wisconsin-Madison (U-wide, New Asia College)
- Virginia Polytechnic Institute & State University (U-wide)
- Washington and Lee University (Chung Chi College)
- Wheaton College (Morningside College)
- Whitworth University (Chung Chi College)
- Williams College (United College)
- Washington University in St. Louis (BA)
- Yale University (Divinity School, Chung Chi College)
- Yeshiva University (Divinity School, Chung Chi College)