



# Toronto Association For Democracy in China

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## We Are All “Tank Man”

Twenty-nine years ago in the early morning of June 4<sup>th</sup>, China’s tanks in Tiananmen Square cold-bloodedly crushed hundreds of students to death and suppressed their petition for government reform and democracy. The day after, a young man, in white shirt and plastic bags in hand, braved in front of a fleet of tanks. We all know him as “The Tank Man.” Today China’s tanks, under the disguise in various shapes and forms, are in position all over the world, ready to, if not already have, crush down government integrity, democratic system, law-and-order and citizens’ daily life. Let us all be tank men and tank women to face China’s tanks and stop its sharp power from penetrating further.



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## 會長序言

“中國全國人大於 2004 年通過修憲把「尊重和保障人權」寫進憲法... 但迄今為止... (依舊是) 有法律而無法治，有憲法而無憲政... 執政集團繼續堅持威權統治，排拒政治變革，由此導致官場腐敗，法治難立，人權不彰，道德淪喪...” 這段《零八憲章》的引言是寫在11年前。今天的局面對比當年的控訴，是更令人髮指的變本加厲！

“渴望自由的人死去，亡靈卻活在反抗中”。這是劉曉波的遺言，也是對世人的期盼！

劉曉波兩度不顧安危回國參與推動中國民主運動，數度被刑拘、逼害和坐牢，但仍在抗爭的行列中從不缺席。而你我，在民主社會的人權保障下，會缺席嗎？

劉曉波斯人雖逝，遺骸亦被烟滅，但那張安放著2010年諾貝爾和平獎的空椅，將繼續承傳劉曉波的抗爭精神。也注滿了我們對中國民主的渴求！

多倫多支持中國民運會自去年公布籌建劉曉波紀念碑以來，在支持者的慷慨捐助下，藝術雕塑的部分已接近完成，但安放雕塑的雲石碑台仍因款項不敷而未能定案。懇請各界朋友繼續捐款，好讓劉曉波紀念碑能在六四30周年前順利完成。

毋忘史實存真相、薪傳火種待黎明。

## Never Forget Tiananmen Massacre!

毋忘六四！結束一黨專政！

## Message from the Chair

"In 2004 China amended its constitution to include the phrase 'respect and protect human rights' ... Unfortunately most of this political progress has extended no further than the paper on which it is written. The political reality ... (which continues to be the same as of now) is that China has many laws but no rule of law; it has a constitution but no constitutional government. The ruling elite continues to cling to its authoritarian power and fights off any move toward political change." It has been eleven years since the above was written in the Foreword of "Chapter 08". The situation in today's China is even more horrible than at that time!

"Those who thirst for freedom die but their souls live on in resistance." This is Liu Xiaobo's last word, his aspiration for the world!

Without concerning his own personal safety, Liu Xiaobo has twice returned to China to participate in democracy movements. He was repeatedly detained, persecuted and imprisoned. **For us who are under the safety net of human rights protection, will you join me to fight for Liu's vision?**

Liu Xiaobo has died and his body decimated. However, the empty chair holding his 2010 Nobel Peace Prize continues to hold his spirit of resistance and our desire for democracy in China!

Last year, TADC announced a project to erect a Liu Xiaobo Memorial. With the generous donation from our supporters, the bronze empty chair sculpture is nearing completion. We have yet to finalize the marble base for the sculpture due to insufficient funding. **I urge all of you to donate now, so that the Liu Xiaobo Monument can be completed before the 30th anniversary of June 4th.**

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## Liu Xia Set Free

While we were still fighting for her release during the June rally, Liu Xia was suddenly set free from China a month later. "This is what international pressure can do for human rights," said Alex Neve, Secretary General of Amnesty International Canada. "Thanks to tens of thousands of people who spoke up as part of the 'Free Liu Xia' campaign, she has at long last been freed and is now safely in Germany." Cheuk Kwan, TADC spokesperson, reminded that her brother and only relative Liu Hui was not allowed to leave with her, likely being held as hostage to restrict her from speaking to her will. Let us also not forget all the lawyers who have been detained and tortured for the reason of helping Chinese citizens to defend their civil rights.

Human Rights Activists Welcome Liu Xia's release

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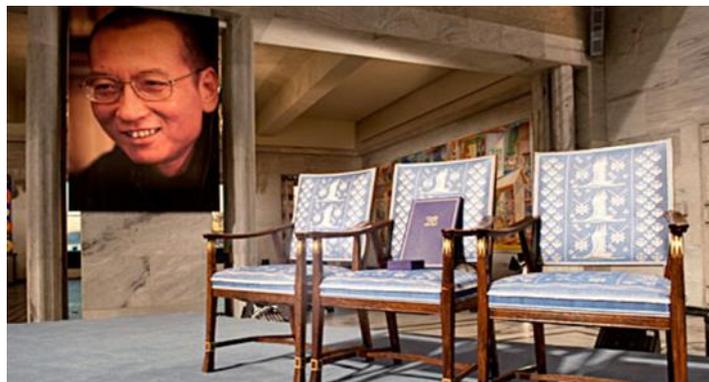
## Liu Xiaobo Empty Chair Memorial

During the June 4th Rally of 2018, TADC announced the project to erect a bronze sculpture in memory of Liu Xiaobo. The project is a joint effort with

Amnesty International Canada and PEN Canada to commemorate Liu's long and non-violent struggle for fundamental human rights in China. He was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 2010 while imprisoned for "inciting subversion of state power" by his publication "Charter 08" and other writings to call for political reform in China. Upon his absence, the award was presented to an empty chair witnessed by the world. In 2017, he became the second Nobel Peace Prize Laureate to die in state custody. TADC is turning the empty chair to a larger-than-life sculpture to remember his legacy, his fight for democracy with the ultimate cost of his own life.

This project is completely funded by the public. Your generous support is critical to make it happen. Please use your web banking app of a Canadian bank to donate through Interac E-Transfer to **donation@TheEmptyChair.ca**, or click the PayPal button here to donate using credit card.

For details on the project and on making donation, please visit website [www.TheEmptyChair.ca](http://www.TheEmptyChair.ca).



## Candle Light Vigil for Liu Xiaobo

TADC held a candle light vigil at University of Toronto on July 13, 2018 for the first anniversary of the passing of Liu Xiaobo. It was a joyful moment to see Liu Xia's release, yet we should not lose sight from other human rights lawyers and activists who continued to be locked up in China's prisons.

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## Chinese Government Mass Detention of Uyghurs in Xinjiang

In early November, TADC sent an [open letter to Prime Minister Trudeau](#), urging him and cabinet ministers to stand up for human rights violation against the Uyghurs in Xinjiang and take actions to protect Canadians. Various news agencies have in-depth reports to document detention centers completed and expanded within the last few years and treatments to ethnic Uyghurs detained in the centers without trial.

## Arrest of Meng Wanzhou in Canada and Arrest of Two Canadians in China

Following the arrest of Meng in Vancouver on Dec 1, 2018 by the extradition request from US, China made its retaliatory action by arresting 2 Canadians in China accused of endangering national security and by sentencing a Canadian drug trafficker to death penalty. While Meng has since been released on bail, the two Canadians remain locked up without access to lawyers. John McCallum subsequently was fired as the ambassador to China in late January of repeatedly making inappropriate comments on the extradition of Meng. Cheuk Kwan, TADC spokesperson, made multiple [presences at radio programs](#) throughout that period to speak on the transpiring situation.

Stay tuned to upcoming TADC announcements on events to commemorate the 30th anniversary of June 4th.

敬請留意本會即將公佈一系列六四30周年紀念活動的訊息。



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## 絕不言棄 紀念9.28四週年

2014年9月28日的雨傘運動，香港市民以雨傘為盾牌、以保鮮紙為盔甲，面對87枚催淚彈、胡椒噴霧和警棍，和平堅定，毫不畏縮。你們的無畏精神、爭取普選和實踐自主的決心，深深地印在全世界的腦海中。

四年以來，中共極權加緊對香港作全方位打壓，務求控制你們的言論、結社、表達思想、出版、學術和參政的自由和權利；並且背棄對香港人和對國際社會的承諾，破壞一國兩制，恣意踐踏法治，罔顧法律訂立精神，動輒引用條文上網線上線，製造白色恐怖，扼殺任何有關香港政治前景的討論和活動空間。

我們在紀念雨傘四周年之際，謹此再次承諾與香港市民並肩攜手，風雨同行，盡力共同爭取民主、捍衛人權、伸張公義、維護公平法治。

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## Liu Xiaobo

was awarded the 2010 Nobel Peace Prize during his imprisonment in China. At the award ceremony in Oslo, the award was presented to an empty chair. In 2017, Liu became the second Nobel Peace Prize laureate to die in state custody.

Together with you, we will turn his empty chair into a life-size bronze memorial. It will be a place for us to honour his bravery - he who had stood up to the Chinese authoritarian government and defended human rights with his life.

Even more important, the memorial will be a place for us to reflect on our humanity:

Why, in this inter-connected global village, we could only watch in horror as a Nobel Peace Prize laureate withered away in a Chinese prison and feel powerless to do anything?

Why, we could only watch in dismay as his ashes disappeared into the ocean against the wish of his beloved wife Liu Xia, who has been in illegal confinement, but unable to get our government of the free societies to break their silence?

The empty chair in Oslo was filled with courage, dignity and a strong belief in human rights and democracy. Let's fill our Empty Chair Memorial with admiration, inspiration and hope.



Please donate!  
Thank you!

## 從未缺席的抗爭！

一個握有全球第二大經濟體、控制著十三億人民的政權怕甚麼？！

中共怕劉曉波的一紙零八憲章！因為零八憲章沒有忘記八九民運的亡魂，更是其精神的延伸。

中共怕劉曉波的自由！因為劉曉波不苟且附從特權、不容獨裁者擁有對百姓和國家資源予取予奪的自由。

中共怕劉曉波活着！因為世人沒忘記獄中的劉曉波，且藉著諾貝爾和平獎擴大人們的記憶，記下六四屠殺，也記下1989年後各種變本加厲至沒有底線的人權暴行。

中共怕劉曉波的骨灰！因為怕世人對劉曉波永為紀念。劉曉波為中國民主運動取得國際的推崇，更為繼來者留下一份珍貴遺產。中共要這份遺產隨着骨灰撒入大海而灰飛煙滅。

豎立劉曉波紀念碑是承傳八九民運和零八憲章的精神，也是讓歷史真相世代代永留鐵証！

請捐款支持劉曉波紀念碑！讓2010年諾貝爾和平獎得主的空座椅灌滿我們對民主中國的渴求，更讓我們一同見證劉曉波精神那份從未缺席的抗爭！

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亡靈卻活在反抗中  
劉曉波

*"Those who thirst for freedom die but their souls live on in resistance"*  
Liu Xiaobo

## We Need Your Immediate Action:

Over the last six months, we have gone a long way from raising fund to engaging a sculptor to start the art work, to having the sculpture at its final stage. At the same time, TADC has worked together with PEN Canada diligently to secure a location as the home for the Empty Chair. We are excited to have commitment from an organization to display the sculpture at a public and prominent place. Once we have finalized the procedures and approvals for an agreement, TADC will announce the location at a later time.

The budget for this Empty Chair sculpture is C\$50,000. By the end of January 2019, we have collected \$35,000 from those who share the same vision with us. We have to reach the fundraising target to finance the last few steps in putting the sculpture at its place. Your financial support is critical and essential. We sincerely urge you to make donation now, and to encourage your family and friends around you to do so.

## 我們需要您立即採取行動：

在過去的六個月裡，從籌集資金以至聘請雕塑家開始藝術作品，至雕塑現正處於完成階段，我們花了不少時間心力。與此同時，民運會與加拿大筆會一起努力不懈地尋找展覽場地。我們很高興得到一個機構的承諾，樂意把銅座豎立一處公開和顯眼的位置。因應現階段仍需完成一些程序和審批才能達成最終協議，本會將容後公佈該位置。

空座雕塑預算經費為五萬加元。截至本年一月底，我們從各位有心人處已共籌得三萬五千元。我們需要達到籌款目標，才能有足夠資金完成最後幾個步驟，將雕塑豎立起來，您的經濟支持至關重要。我們懇切請求閣下立即作出捐助，並鼓勵您身邊的家人朋友盡一點力。

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