

UK LIB DEM ANNUAL CONFERENCE DEBATE ON HONG KONG
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LIVING IN HONG KONG

My name is Christopher. I am a British, a Canadian, and one of the 10,000 Hongkongers who has been beaten and arrested by the Hong Kong Police in the past months.

I want to take this exceptional opportunity, to thank you all, the Liberal Democrats in the United Kingdom, on behalf of the Hongkongers.

For all of you, Hong Kong is not a far-away city of which you know little. You stand with us, you speak up for us, and you try to help us.

Let me update some situations of the city. Many protesters who were arrested for “illegal assembly” are now charged for rioting by the Department of Justice, and would face up to 10 years imprisonment.

Activists who were just chanting slogans on the street, are charged for “sedition against the Crown”, based on the provisions date back to 1933, and would be jailed for two months without a proper trial.

And we are now deeply concern about twelve missing persons. It was just as if they were trying to climb over the Berlin wall, with the German People’s Police calling for the Soviet Union to capture them. They have been detained in an unknown place already for a month.

Hong Kong has a population of Scotland and Northern Ireland combined, including over 500 thousand Commonwealth citizens, but within one year, all our civil rights have been deprived.

Our fight is to get the common sense back into our daily lives. We want to preserve the fundamental values of the civilized world in this Chinese city, but when we do so, just like I am talking to you right now, I can be accused for “seeking Hong Kong independence” and breaching the National Security Law.

This is not just an issue about Sino-British relations. It's about a giant player in the world politics who flagrantly breach the International Bill of Human Rights. If there is no consequence for such act, it will become a tremendous threat to the free world in the near future.

Luckily, Hongkongers are not living in Prague, Czechoslovakia in 1968. We are connected with the people who support liberal and democratic values around the world, and Lib Dems always play a leading role to let us connect.

I want to thank all of you who have tried to raise concerns about us in the British and International societies. I want to express my gratitude to all former and current MPs and their assistants for their hard work in the Parliament.

I especially want to give thanks to all my friends in Lib Dems Overseas, for their unconditional trust, and care for my safety every weekend. With your love and kindness, I know that Hong Kong will never walk alone.

民主自由，萬世不朽。香港，多謝大家。(May Liberty and Democracy last for thousands generations. Hong Kong, thank you all.)