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Hong Kong student and activist. He was arrested in the 2016 Mong Kok civil unrest. He ran in the 2016 New Territories East by-election in the New Territories East and received more than 66,000 votes, around 15% of the votes. Five months later, he was barred from running in the 2016 Hong Kong Legislative Council election due to his pro-Hong Kong independence stance. The slogan "Liberate Hong Kong, the revolution of our times" was first used by Edward while he was running for 2016 Hong Kong Legislative Council election. He is currently serving a 6-year sentence.



Dear Hong Kongers,

I hope this letter has not arrived too late.

This has been a muggy and long summer. Every night on the weekend, I would put on my headphones to listen to the news broadcast on the radio, worrying about the situation in Hong Kong. The next morning, I would watch the morning news on TV. By around noon, I would read the newspaper. Over and over, as I looked at the blood-stained scenes, my heart would be filled with sorrow and pain.

I know no matter how hard I try, I can never imagine the physical and mental suffering that you all are going through. Amidst the gunfire, you all must have been filled with grief and fury, witnessing the bloodshed on the streets, and hearing the sorrows and screams all around.

As the number of people arrested and hospitalized continues to swell, I think of the future that you all will have to face, and of the wounds that will be hard to heal. I really want to know, is there anyone who can mend the wounds inflicted on this society?

I have been separated from the society for over a year and a half now, and the information that I receive is extremely limited. I suppose writing this letter from where I am does not carry any weight, let alone writing a commentary on the matter.

However, I still hope that you all will understand: you have all exemplified incredible courage and rewritten the history of Hong Kong with your passion and love for this place. Certainly, justice has yet to come, and perhaps you may be filled with fury in your heart; but this is only human nature. I sincerely urge that your mind must not be dominated by hatred. In such times of crisis, you must always remain vigilant, and continue to think and reflect.

I always remind myself this: to work in politics is not just about making supporters continue their support for you. More so, it is about transforming those who were not on your side of the fence, it is about changing their mindsets, and making them identify with your point of view.

If that is the case, if we do want society to view those condemned as "a mob" who have been engaged in "riots" with more tolerance and empathy; if we do want the society to understand the demands of these people who have been silenced, and accept the remonstrance of these people who have been rendered powerless; I think we must be more vigilant and alert to all our words and deeds. Will they bring us closer to our goals, or will they drive us farther away from it?

The people who should be resolving societal issues are choosing to turn a cold shoulder; instead, they seem keen to put Hong Kong's destiny on the line in a game of political gamble. What we need now is not to gamble our precious lives against them, but to purify and transcend our perseverance and hopes through our suffering.

I sincerely pray that every Hong Konger can cross this historical juncture, safe and sound.

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爆眼少女 Girl who lost her eye

On August 11th, there was a demonstration around the Tsim Sha Tsui Police Station. The police shot about ten bean bag rounds from inside the station. One of which hit a girl in the right eye. This caused an outrage, and so many people went to the airport the day after to protest that the airport shut down.



Dear fellow Hong Kongers. I am the girl whose eye got shot on August 11th. There are many things I would like to share with you all. And yet I could only do this via a video recording, due to my health condition. First of all, I must debunk a piece of disinformation. I don't have a brother. Anything allegedly said or written by my "brother" is thus utterly false. Yet I can confirm that the LIHKG posts are written by my younger sister and friend. Any future updates will only be communicated via these two accounts.

The connivance by Chief Executive Carrie Lam and the Commissioner of Police has opened the door for the Hong Kong Police Force to descend from a team of disciplined service that was supposed to uphold the rule of law and protect lives of citizens, into a gang of criminals with the internet to murder, mutilate, and assault their very own citizens. You have failed Hong Kong, which has always strived to become the world's safest and stablest society, and her people. I, as a victim of police brutality myself, must severely condemn the Hong Kong Government and the Hong Kong Police Force. I urge them to put a stop to all violent acts towards Hong Kong citizens, and to honor their professional responsibility to enforce the law, such that the terrorist incidents that occurred in Yuen Long, Tsuen Wan, North Point, and Tseung Kwan O will never occur again.

I would also like to use this opportunity to thank the Hong Kongers, who came out and fought for me after hearing about my injuries, whether it was the assembly at the Hong Kong International Airport, the demonstration on August 18th, or activities around the world in support of me. I am incredibly moved. I'm so touched that you have spent your precious time and energy for me. Not even the heavy rainstorm could dampen your compassionate hearts. All you've done for me will remain forever etched in my heart. I shall carry on with the energy you have bestowed upon me to live the rest of my life with strength and resilience.



I especially want to express my gratitude towards the medical workers, who have taken care of me so graciously and attentively, and provided me with the best environment to recover in. When I could open one of my eyes for the first time and my body started to feel a bit less disoriented at last, I finally learned about everything you had done for me, including silent sit-ins, chasing slogans, and writing heartfelt cards to me. Every scene touched my heart. You are all my heroes. You are the unsung heroes of all Hong Kongers.

Of course, I would like to thank all my relatives and friends who care deeply about me. Although I am not able to reply individually, I am still genuinely moved by your kind regards. I promise we will make up for the lost time we could have spent together once I am recovered. For the time being, my family and I need more personal space and time. I'll let you know when we are ready for hospital visits.

I gathered that some generous people had offered to finance my daily and medical expenditures. I will not hesitate to reach out for help if I ever experience any difficulties in that department. Thank you very much in advance.

In Egyptian mythology, the Eye of Horus was an ancient symbol of protection and source of power to fight the evil. I hope that my eye can become a beacon of hope that supports Hong Kongers to ward off evil. It is my humble desire for no one else in this movement to be injured or arrested.

Lastly, I implore the Hong Kong Government to positively respond to the Five Demands, and to set up an independent Commission of Inquiry in order to salvage its legitimacy in the eyes of its own citizens. Hong Kongers, add oil.

On September 29th, an Indonesian journalist was shot in the eye, again, by police. She will also lose her eye sight forever. The police did not even try to investigate this incident. Her lawyer found the shell case at the scene five days after the incident.