



## **CALD Youth Statement - Condemning the Actions of the HK Government towards the pro-democracy activists**

We are deeply troubled by the recent actions taken against Simon Cheng, Frances Hui, Joey Siu, Fok Ka-chi, and Choi Ming-da by the Hong Kong police. These individuals, now residing abroad, face severe charges under the National Security Law. This escalation against activists who have bravely spoken up for democratic rights in Hong Kong is deeply alarming.

The accusations of incitement to secession, incitement to subversion, and foreign collusion are being used to target these activists. These charges not only constitute attacks on individuals but also represent a severe assault on the values of democracy, freedom of expression, and dissent.

This distressing situation reflects a worrying trend of transnational repression, where authoritarian regimes extend their crackdowns beyond borders, silencing voices of opposition and threatening the basic freedoms we hold dear.

CALD Youth strongly emphasizes the urgent need to protect Simon Cheng, Frances Hui, Joey Siu, Fok Ka-chi, and Choi Ming-da from these unjust charges and to hold accountable those responsible for such repressive actions. Our collective effort should focus on safeguarding human rights and defending individuals who bravely stood for the rights of the people in Hong Kong.

This isn't just about these five individuals; it's about safeguarding the rights and liberties of everyone, everywhere. CALD Youth condemns such oppressive measures and join Liberals and Democrats globally in expressing solidarity in ensuring justice prevails and democratic values are upheld not only in Hong Kong but across borders.

We call on our members around the region to speak up on these injustices and to stand up for our values.

From the Members of CALD Youth

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