

CONCERN AND HOPE FOR THE SAFE RETURN OF OUR DEAR FRIENDS

To the good natured citizens in China:

We are deeply concerned that we have not been able to contact our dear friends Dr. Xu Youyu, Mr. Pu Zhiqiang, Mr. Hao Jian, Mr. Hu Shigen, Mr. Liu Di and Mr. Yao Wentian.

Dr. Xu Youyu and his colleagues have continued their rational and peaceful intellectual endeavors to heal the deep wounds endured by the Chinese society due to the unfortunate incident of 1989, thus, as their friends and good neighbors we sincerely hope from the bottom of our heart that they are free from any danger as their ongoing endeavors are strictly based on their good conscience and patriotism.

We are all united under the principle that everyone living in the East Asia has the right to not only material wealth but also freedom, dignity and equality under law regardless of one's political system or ideology. In this sense, we affirm that there is no essential difference between the people living in China or in neighboring countries and we have no intention whatsoever in encouraging any confusion or disorder in certain nation-state or region. As friends who share common values, what we sincerely and truly ask for is the opportunity for our dear friends and good people like Dr. Xu Youyu to continue contributing to the development of Chinese society and the establishment of peace and coexistence in East Asia.

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along with 158 citizens in the East Asian Region