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Dear Mr. Ambassador,

We are pleased to invite you to our exhibition by the EU Parliament and the connected debates on March 19th and 20th

The event has been initiated on the basis of our growing concern about human rights in Hong Kong and China. As we see it, we experience China's influence in Europe where we witness political pressure and censorship of art and culture and rewards are offered for the apprehension of deported Hong Kong democracy activists in Europe.

On the esplanade outside the Parliament, we have chosen to exhibit the now confiscated liberty symbol 'The Pillar of Shame' and other art pieces that have been forbidden in Hong Kong or China. Thereby we mark that censorship in China does not apply in Europe.

We have invited a diverse panel of artists, Members of the European Parliament (MEPs), NGOs and Human Rights experts and activists to contribute their perspectives.

We know that the Chinas probably disagree with many of the above statements. This is why we have made room in the debates to make your case. We hope that you can participate in the debates to present China's view on the subjects.

We hope you, or a representative from the embassy, will participate in the debate as your insights and concerns are essential to us.

Attached you will find an introduction to the exhibition and debates.

I look forward to your positive reply.

Best regards,

Kira Marie Peter-Hansen, Initiator of the event and member of the European Parliament since 2019.

Jens Galschiøt, Co-host of the exhibition Artist and creator of the sculpture 'The Pillar of Shame'.


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