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Hong Kong journalists' report on China's 1989 pro-democracy movement Goes online

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In a bid to keep the knowledge of China's June 4 pro-democratic movement in 1989 alive and sustained, the Editorial Committee of the book *People Will Not Forget* announces today (3 June 2010) that the 400,000-character first-hand journalistic account goes online.

The book *People Will Not Forget* was written and compiled by a group of 64 Hong Kong reporters who have covered the pro-democratic movement in China in 1989. It gives a first-hand account from various perspectives of the movement that ended with the military crackdown at and around Tiananmen Square on June 4, 1989.

It was first published at the end of July 1989, less than two months after the crackdown. Though working for different media organizations in Hong Kong then, 64 journalists held out the same hope of telling the truth, setting the record straight.

Twenty-one years on, about 68,000 copies of the books have been printed, mostly sold and some distributed to secondary schools and youth centres. The remaining stock will be sold at the Candlelight Vigil on June 4 evening at the Victoria Park, Hong Kong.

The Editorial Committee of the book now puts the journalistic report online in a bid to reach out to society at large, especially to the younger generation who are not aware of this part of China's history. This is especially important as the younger generation is used to search information and build knowledge online. It's also a fitting move in view of the current secondary school curriculum reform which puts emphases on social awareness and understanding the history of China.

Proceeds of the book have been put into the *People Will Not Forget* Fund, managed by the Hong Kong Journalist Association (HKJA), which is aimed at promoting press and publication freedom in China and Hong Kong. (ENDS)

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《人民不會忘記》一書 全文上網

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讓人民永遠不會忘記 1989 年中國民運

由 64 名曾採訪北京民運的香港記者撰寫的《人民不會忘記》,今天 (2010 年 6 月 3 日) 全書 400,000 字上網,讓人民、尤其是年輕一代永遠不會忘記 1989 年中國民運歷史。

21年前,64名曾經採訪北京民運的香港記者,爲了讓歷史記載這件大事,迅速集合起來,將大家所瞭解的北京民運始末,綜合報道,組成一幅縱橫交錯的京城變亂圖。爲了梳理出較爲全面的場景,香港記者不惜打破工作機構的界限、放下搶新聞的惡性競爭,全心全力撰寫一己的所見所聞;一本新聞界前所未有緊密合作的新聞紀事書籍:《人民不會忘記》,於1989年7月底面世。

本書出版後,瞬即售罄,重印又重印,至1989年12月又出版了增訂版,銷售總數超逾50,000本。去年「六四」二十周年重新再印發18,000本,除部分派送予全港中學和青年中心,其餘差不多售清,只剩餘小量印本,將於今年六四燭光晚會發售。

《人民不會忘記》編輯委員會將全文上載至香港記者協會網站上,目的是讓更多人閱覽,特別是適應 新一代搜尋資訊的習慣,能在網上找到有關 21 年前六四事件的第一手全面報道、紀錄和分析,以多 元角度看待這一段歷史。這亦配合當前教改强調提高社會意識及瞭解中國歷史發展。

《人民不會忘記》一書銷售收入會一如既往,撥入香港記者協會下屬的「人民不會忘記基金」,用作促進及推動中國和香港新聞自由及出版自由之用。歡迎申請。

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