

**Table 1: Work Related to Freedom of the Press and Freedom of Expression**

	Statement / Press Releases	Open Letter/ Submission/ Press Conference	Action/ Meeting
<b>2016</b>			
Jun	<p>A large number of Hong Kong journalists went to Wukan village in Shanwei city of Guangdong Province to cover the news of the village chief Lin Zuluang being arrested by the authority. The press office of the Shanwei city government accused Hong Kong journalists of having engaged in 'instigation, plotting and directing' of events. Some journalists were detained and beaten by mainland police. HKJA and Independent Commentators Association expressed shock over these accusations. We also solemnly demanded that Shanwei authorities face up to the problems, to make legal and reasonable adjustments and to immediately stop interfering with the lawful reporting activities of journalists.</p>	<p><b>Press Conference:</b> HKJA released 2016 Annual Report titled "One Country, Two Nightmares".</p>	
Jul	<p>Chief Secretary Carrie Lam claimed at a forum that press freedom in Hong Kong has not deteriorated. While there have been expressions of concern overseas about the Hong Kong situation, she could find no concrete examples to support this allegation. HKJA totally disagrees with her and reiterates once more that since the beginning of C Y Leung's administration HKJA has been highlighting specific incidents of curbs on the Hong Kong media.</p> <p>HKJA expressed grave disappointment and regret that the Court of First Instance had granted the University of Hong Kong an injunction that permanently restrains the content of its September 2015 council meeting on the appointment of a Vice-Chancellor from going public. HKJA worries that the court's decision will set a precedent which HKJA believes will further undermine press freedom.</p> <p>HKJA and The Independent Commentators Association expressed concern over two Hong Kong journalists Wang Jianmin and Guo Zhongxiao being jailed by a Shenzhen court for running illegal business. ICA and HKJA are worried that the mainland authority would selectively suppress some "target" or sensitive publications on the pretext of law,</p>		

	<p>which may make those journalists who have to travel from time to time to the mainland dare not to speak out.</p>		
	<p>The Hong Kong Economic Journal (HKEJ) scrapped the column of veteran political commentator Joseph Lian Yi-zheng. HKJA and Independent Commentators Association were shocked and required HKEJ to explain to the public.</p>		
Aug	<p>Hong Kong government rejected the online media to enter all press facilities for the Legislative Council elections. HKJA felt strongly regretted and criticized the government for ignoring the role of online media.</p>		<p>HKJA organised a forum on the 2016 Legislative Council Election and invited the candidates standing for Sports, Performing Arts, Culture and Publication Functional Consistency seat - Chow Pok-yin and Ma Fung-kwok - to meet with members and answer their questions.</p>
Sept	<p>A reporter and a photographer were surrounded and attacked when covering an activity held by police supporting organisations. The photographer's mobile phone was snatched by the protesters. HKJA and Hong Kong Press Photographers Association expressed deep concerns and condemned the assault.</p>		
	<p>Chief Executive C Y Leung issued a legal letter to Apple Daily over an editorial, saying the corruption allegations against him in that editorial was intended to prevent him from exercising his right to stand for the re-election. HKJA expressed "shock and regret" over the potential effect of Leung's legal action on freedom of speech.</p>		
Dec	<p>The Ombudsman ruled that the HKJA's complaint against the government's policy to deny digital-only media access to its government press events and information dissemination system substantiated. It called on the government to review soonest its practises and draw up related guidelines. HKJA welcomes the ruling.</p>		<p>The Election Committee election was held in Dec. Chai Hua, founder of the Initium and candidate in the Publication sub-subsector, sought for a vote from HKJA. HKJA organized a forum for members to meet and discuss with Chai on his platform.</p>

2017			
Jan	Two cameramen were attacked and pushed by protesters at the airport while covering the news of Legislative Councillor Nathan Law returning from Taiwan. HKJA strongly condemned the violence against journalists.		
	HKJA is disappointed by the government's delaying tactic in the accreditation of digital only media after the Secretary for Home Affairs Lau Kong-wah said the government was still studying its feasibility.		
Feb	HKJA, together with other six media unions and organisations, strongly condemned the escalating violence and threats against Sing Pao and its staff. The campaign of terror was on the surface an outrageous attempt to silence the paper. One of its senior editors had his house door smeared with red paint. HKJA called on the government and the police to step up efforts to protect the newspaper's staff and to bring the culprit(s) to justice.		
Mar		<b>Open Letter:</b> HKJA together with other 11 media unions and organisations wrote to three Chief Executive candidates and the incumbent to appeal for professional online-only media's full access to all government press events and facilities on the Election Day. The other 11 organisations were: Foreign Correspondents' Club, HK Press Photographers Association, Independent Commentators Association, Next Media Trade Union, Ming Pao Staff Association, RTHK Programme Staff Union, Inition Media, Stand News, Local Press, CitizenNews and Hong Kong Free Press.	HKJA held the "2017 Chief Executive Election Forum". All three candidates, Woo Kwok-hing, Carrie Lam and John Tsang attended the forum.
			HKJA filed an application for judicial review against the government's bar of online-only media from government press events and facilities., and also requested the Court to grant an interim relief to allow all online-only journalists holding HKJA membership cards access to press facilities on the Chief Executive election day.
April		<b>Press Conference:</b> HKJA released the results of the 4 <sup>th</sup> "Press Freedom Index" Survey.	The 8 <sup>th</sup> Annual Kam Yiu-yu Press Freedom Awards Ceremony was held together with a seminar.
			HKJA arranged a meeting between the Chief Executive-elect Carrie Lam and some 30 young journalists from media organisations and unions. The main points being discussed in the 2-hour-meeting included the difficulties encountered by journalists when covering

			government news and the challenges faced by the journalism profession.
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