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Terminus 2049 Contributor Chen Mei (陈玫) Should Be Released From Custody

Dear Director Wang,

On behalf of the Thompson Rivers University Students' Union we call on you to unconditionally release Mr. Chen Mei who was removed from his home on April 19th 2020 by Beijing police. He was held incommunicado for a period of 2 months before his family was made of aware of his location at Chaoyang Detention Center. He is currently detained on charges of "picking quarrels and provoking trouble", facing up to 5 years imprisonment.

We are deeply concerned by reports from Amnesty International that Chen Mei is being held for collecting and archiving public information and is not able to have regular contact with his family or lawyer. Because he cannot contact his family, he has little to no knowledge of his own legal defense, and therefore has a hindered ability to maintain his own human rights. We believe that you have an obligation to investigate

We urge you to arrange for his immediate and unconditional release. Furthermore, please investigate the manner of his arrest and grant him unhindered contact with his lawyer and family for the remainder of his detention.

Thank you for your attention to this urgent matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "N Lane".

Nathan Lane
Executive Director
TRU Students' Union

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Mackenzie Francoeur".

Mackenzie Francoeur
Vice President Equity
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cc. Ambassador Peiwu Cong