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Executive Director, Solidarity Center

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Dear Shawna

On behalf of the Hong Kong Confederation of Trade Unions, I would like to congratulate the Solidarity Center on this special occasion of its 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Over the past twenty years, the Solidarity Center had been the beacon of hope for workers facing suppression by dictatorial regime or greedy corporations. Solidarity Center not just preaches international solidarity but acts on it, empowering unions over the world and advancing basic workers rights everywhere.

For the Hong Kong Confederation of Trade Unions, we appreciates the years of unwavering support from the Solidarity Center so that we had been able to strengthen our movement and fought for basic workers rights and democratic rights in an increasingly hostile political environment. We also strongly believe that the best protection for Hong Kong Independent Trade Unions Movement is a strong Chinese Independent Unions Movement and it is of utmost importance that there can be support for expanding the space for independent unionism in China. The Solidarity Center was there to shed light into the black hole of workers' rights in China.

I am sorry that we cannot come for your celebration. I am sure there will be many more years of good work by the Solidarity Center and the HKCTU wishes every success in the coming celebration of the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Solidarity center and also successes in our joint efforts to make the world fairer and better for workers.

Thank you and in solidarity,

Lee Cheuk Yan,

General Secretary, Hong Kong Confederation of Trade Unions