STAND WITH HONG KONG JOURNALISTS
PRESS PHOTO EXHIBITION ON HONG KONG ANTI-EXTRADITION LAW MOVEMENT

DATE
6 - 8 November, 2019
VENUE
Palais de l'Europe
lobby of the hemicycle, 1st floor

BACKGROUND
Since June 2019, the world has witnessed millions of Hong Kong (HK) citizens participating in the protests against a proposed controversial extradition law that would allow criminal suspects to be extradited to mainland China. Critics say this would undermine HK’s judicial independence and could put dissidents at risk, including activists and journalists.

Although the government announced on 2019.09.04 that it would withdraw this controversial bill, the situation in HK has not improved, and indeed has taken a turn toward the worse, with HK still facing more uncertainty and unrest, and amid growing indications that this uncertainty has affected China's relationship with and standing in the international community.

OBJECTIVES
In this critical time, we would like to present a press photo exhibition that highlights the current social and political condition of HK. Between peaceful demonstrations and people dodging tear gas or "less-lethal" police weapons or molotov cocktails, reporters on the frontline have been braving tremendous risk to cover all the protests and clashes. By sharing the power of photojournalism amid this chaos, we wish to stand in solidarity with all members of the press, as well as to initiate conversations among Hong Kong people and the international community about human rights, freedom of speech and freedom of press.