

**January 29 , 2019 Statement by Li Ching-yu, Wife of Li Ming-che**

**In solemn protest of the Chinese government's abuse of the human rights of a prisoner of conscience by cancelling humanitarian visits from family**

Sleeping pills don't work,  
and alcohol doesn't work.  
I'm exhausted and want to stop  
but this spirit in me won't permit it.

I need to go, to go  
To some great height and look down.  
I need to go until I reach that height  
I need to keep going.

- from Liu Xia, "Rant" 2003; translated from the Chinese by Ming Di and Jennifer Stern

Extracting forced confessions, torturing prisoners – in all of history, no perpetrator of violence who actively does these things has ever admitted to them.

International Holocaust Remembrance Day was three days ago. According to statistics, five percent of people in Europe still refuse to acknowledge that a genocidal holocaust ever occurred.

A few weeks ago, it became apparent that Taiwan still has Cheng Hui-chung and her fellow supporters of Chiang Kai-shek, who refuse to

*messing around with me. Everyone wants to get in on the act. They even order me to sign papers sending back books I receive that are hundreds and thousands of years old. How stupid is that! But I don't want to bother the people handing me these papers, because I know they're not the people making the decisions. Get out there and tell everyone about this. I have so much more to say."*

The PRC issued a statement saying, "Disregarding reality, you afterwards made a public statement containing serious factual errors...." In that case, I would ask PRC to come out and release the audio and video of our meeting.

With my husband in a prison in the PRC, what position am I in to tell lies? If I told any lies, you could expose them immediately.

Are not human rights the very things that, in the laws of the PRC, "impede the reformation of criminals"? Not to mention that Li Ming-che is himself no criminal.

The universal human rights standard for those incarcerated is found in Article 10 of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights: "All persons deprived of their liberty shall be treated with humanity and with respect for the inherent dignity of the human person."

From December 2008, after Liu Xiaobo was detained by the PRC government on the "suspicion of inciting subversion of state power," international attention to his case and attempts to intervene on his behalf continued unabated. But from beginning to end, the PRC blocked all efforts by international human rights organizations to visit him, responding only that Liu Xiaobo was being treated humanely in prison