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US Treasury's OFAC sanctions Hong Kong Chief Executive Carrie Lam, police chief and 9 other top officials

WASHINGTON, DC (August 7, 2020) In response to adding 11 major Hong Kong/Chinese officials to the sanction list by the Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) of the US Department of the Treasury this morning, HKDC releases the following statement:

From our managing director, Samuel Chu:

"Last Friday, I woke to the news that Hong Kong authorities had issued an arrest warrant for me, an American citizen speaking out for Hong Kong on American soil.

This Friday, the US strikes back by sanctioning Hong Kong's Chief Executive Carrie Lam and other Hong Kong and Beijing officials responsible for suppressing basic freedoms and the rule of law in Hong Kong.

Carrie Lam has said that she is not worried about being sanctioned. I hope for her sake that everyone in her administration shares the same feeling. I also want to congratulate her on elevating to the status of an international pariah. She will be sharing the same label with dictators, mass murderers, terrorists and Nazis.

HKDC applauds the administration for making use of the Hong Kong Human Rights and Democracy Act and the Hong Kong's Autonomy Act that we helped to pass and stepping up to sanction these key individuals responsible for the erosion of Hong Kong's autonomy and freedom. Authoritarians need obedient civil servants. Their actions have put millions under threats, and we hope this shows that their obedience will not be without consequences."

From our Board member, Professor Victoria Tin-bor Hui:

"Some of these individuals do not have assets in the US but in the UK and elsewhere. For these sanctions to have teeth, we urge the US government to work with allies to coordinate sanctions. Also, institutions and corporations involved in the repression of Hong Kong should be added to the sanctions list along with individuals."

Hong Kong Democracy Council (HKDC) is a Washington, DC-based nonpartisan, nonprofit organization dedicated to preserving Hong Kong's basic freedoms, the rule of law, and autonomy.

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