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NEWSLETTER (158)

It is high time to go & listen to the Verdict in the Court

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Dear President Ng,

Our Union has put forth 8 points of queries in our Newsletter 157, asking the Administration to publicly clarify the case of Ms. Tammy Lai vs HKBU, so that all our University staff can know where justice lies and judge for themselves who has misled the public. However, after more than 2 months, the Administration still has not responded forthrightly to our demand, not even providing clarifications to such simple factual query as whether the agreement for settlement has already been enacted in the form of a High Court Consent Order, as the Administration seems to indicate in a previous unsigned announcement from an unknown office.

Silence cannot cover up facts. The above-mentioned case has not yet been resolved, and would again be heard in High Court No. 19 at 9:30 a.m. on Oct. 27th. We cannot help but ask, if the agreement for settlement has already been reached, why another hearing? If such an agreement has not yet been reached, then the Administration's last unsigned announcement would amount to lying to the staff and to the public. Who among the higher administration would dictate such announcement to the public?

While we shall persist in our pursuit of the truth, we trust that our President may not be fully informed of the details of the case, and many Council members would also be kept in the dark, knowing very little about the case. Therefore, in order to forestall any misguidance, we solemnly write this letter to invite our President to go to the High Court personally to listen to the case and the Court's verdict on it, so that in the future our President would be in a good position to give a public account of the case to the staff, to the Council and, ultimately, to the public.

We also plead all colleagues to continue to pay attention to the development of the case, to ensure that justice would be done and that the legitimate rights of university staff be duly protected.

With best wishes

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