

## **Appeal - Avoid violence & resolve the crisis at the Hong Kong Polytechnic University through negotiations and dialogue**

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The World Student Christian Federation - Asia Pacific region and the Student Christian Movement of Hong Kong are deeply concerned of the ongoing clashes at the Hong Kong Polytechnic University and appeal to cease the use of violence at the HKPU campus and resolve the ongoing crisis through negotiations and dialogues to avoid unnecessary loss of lives.

The South China Morning Post news reported that "on Sunday night, police urged everyone to leave the campus or risk "taking part in a riot". After 8 am the radical protesters decided collectively to leave the campus en masse, but were quickly met by rounds of tear gas fired by police at several entrances. Some managed to escape, while others were forced to retreat". A police source says, more than 400 people have been arrested at HKPU since Sunday. But hundreds of protesters remain inside HKPU, many are injured and in critical conditions. It's been more than 12 hours the clashes between the police and the protesters going on at the HKPU.

The Student Union of the HKPU's appeal to the HKPU Management for assistance has not been responded to. Mr. Owan LI, member of the Council of the Hong Kong Polytechnic University (HKPU), described this as the greatest crisis faced by the HKPU since its establishment, and the greatest humanitarian crisis in Hong Kong during the anti-Extradition Law Amendment Bill movement. He appealed to everyone to protect the students of HKPU.

We invite the Student Christian Movements of the WSCF to remember the people of Hong Kong in your prayers and appeal your governments to intervene in persuading the Hong Kong government for a political dialogue.

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