

# **HKCTU statement in response to HKPTU's decision to disband**

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Hong Kong Professional Teachers' Union (HKPTU) has announced their decision to disband today. HKPTU has been under enormous political pressure recently before arriving at this decision, which we understand and respect.

The sustaining attacks against HKPTU include political intimidation from the state media as well as the ruthless termination of partnership by the Education Bureau over the past few weeks. The continuous attacks thereafter eventually led to the forced disbandment of HKPTU, sacrificed under the government intervention in freedom of association.

The forced disbandment of HKPTU is certainly a drastic harm to promoting teachers' rights, as the educational sector loses the most representational organisation that can speak for the teachers' rights.

The persistent shrink of freedoms in the civil society and the terrifying atmosphere across the society are definitely harmful to the labour movement. Labour movement has never an easy way and even a more challenging future. In the face of such adversity, Hong Kong Confederation of Trade Unions remains in the position and remains speaking for the workers.

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