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**AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL DELEGATION HOLDS
HONG KONG PRESS CONFERENCE ON
HUMAN RIGHTS AND THE TRANSITION**

An Amnesty International delegation is in Hong Kong to discuss the organization's concerns about human rights protection and promotion following the return of Hong Kong to Chinese Sovereignty. The delegation is led by Rory Mungoven, Director of the Asia-Pacific Program at the organization's International Secretariat in London, Pierre Robert and Catherine Baber, Researchers on East Asia.

At the press conference, the delegation will spotlight areas of concern including proposed legal changes, give Amnesty International's opinion on recent changes and their impact on the handover, and discuss the vested interest of businesses in Hong Kong to work for human rights protection and the rule of law. The delegates will also present a report -- *Hong Kong: Human Rights, Law and Autonomy -- the Risks of Transition*, which includes detailed recommendations to the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region government.

Members of Amnesty International's Hong Kong Section will also discuss their work and activities.

During their stay in Hong Kong, the delegates are meeting with an advisor to the Chief Executive-Designate, and representatives of the Hong Kong government, Legislative Council, Provisional Legislature, and non-governmental organizations.

Press conference details:

**11 am, Wednesday 19 February
Scout Association of Hong Kong
8 Austin Road -- Room 1001
Kowloon**

Tel.: (852) 2377 3300

The speakers will be available for interviews after the press conference. Interviews can be conducted in Mandarin, Cantonese, English and French.

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