# Hong Kongs pro-democracy protests reach Denmark.

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As a group of Hong Kong citizens residing in Denmark 'United for Democracy' in solidarity with Hong Kong, the Danish sculptor <u>Jens Galschiot</u> contributed with a 3 meters tall model of 'Pillar of Shame'. The original sculpture is placed in Hong Kong U, in remembrance of the Tiananmen massacre.

A large number of Hong Kong citizens turned up for the solidarity campaign, and 1,275 signatures were collected in support of the pro-democracy civil disobedience movement.

Artist Jens Galschiøts son spoke at the demo.

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It seems that China's curbing of free speech has got a solid grip, also in Hong Kong. Galschiot is just one of many critics who have been denied entry. So the city is deprived of a cultural exchange that is taken for granted in all open democratic societies. The <u>expulsions</u> are a strident violation of the principle of 'One country – Two systems' that was guarantied ahead of Hong Kong's reunion with China in '97.

In 2013 Galschiøt managed to <u>enter Hong Kong</u> to repair 'The Pillar of Shame'.

In these very years Hong Kong stands before realizing the 1997 agreements with China, to develop a real democracy in Hong Kong. But they are under a lot of pressure from non-democratic forces. The results of these negotiations are crucial for the future of Hong Kong.

A functioning democracy on Chinese ground, even though it is only in Hong Kong, is an extremely important symbol for the more than one billion living in main land China.



**Download the documents about Tiananmen 1989:** <a href="http://www.aidoh.dk">http://www.aidoh.dk</a>
/Tiananmen89

Galschiot's activities related to China: http://www.aidoh.dk/China-Activities

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## About Jens Galschiøt:

#### At the moment:

Galschiøt is a sculptor who works with international art installations. At the moment he is working on a gigantic project about the religious tensions in the world.

He has named this art and dialogue project <u>'The Children of Abraham'.</u> The focal point of the project is the 3.5 meter tall and 70 square meter sculpture called F.U.N.D.A.M.E.N.T.A.L.I.S.M. It is made of these letters made in 8,000 copper books symbolizing the Torah, the Bible and the Quran. 24 big monitors constantly display the 'brightest' and the 'darkest' quotations form Judaism, Christianity and Islam.

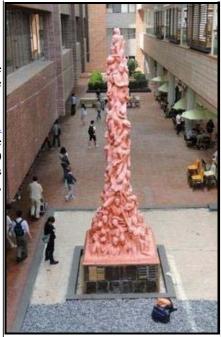
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### General information about Galschiøt can be found at:

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Overview over Galschiøt sculptures

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