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**AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL HOLDS HONG KONG PRESS CONFERENCE ON
HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS IN CHINA**

Amnesty International's Secretary General, Pierre Sané, is in Hong Kong to launch a worldwide campaign and comprehensive report on human rights violations in China – the second stop in a campaigning tour which includes Bangkok and Tokyo.

At the press conference, the Secretary General will spotlight the responsibility of businesses to protect and promote human rights in China, and the vested interest of businesses investing in China to ensure that the Chinese government upholds the rule of law.

He will also discuss the role of governments in standing up to Chinese pressure to prevent international scrutiny of its human rights record, and Amnesty International's response to attempts to silence the organization's message.

During his stay in Hong Kong, the Secretary General is seeking meetings with representatives of the Chinese government. He is also meeting representatives of the Hong Kong Legislative Council, the General Chamber of Commerce and the US and Dutch Chambers of Commerce.

Press conference details:

11 am, Friday 15 March

Hong Kong Cultural Centre

Speaking at the press conference: Pierre Sané, Secretary General, Amnesty International; Jean Haesen, Amnesty International Netherlands Business Group; Mardi Remedios M Suplido, member of Amnesty International Philippines and former member of Amnesty International's international board; Pierre Robert, Researcher on China.

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

Materials:

A press pack will be distributed at the press conference, including a 121-page report, *China: No One Is Safe*, an eight-page summary briefing of the report, a news release and information on the business aspect of the campaign. For broadcasters, VHS and BETA copies of a video news release and three eight-minute documentary style stories are available with accompanying scripts. The footage is available for free worldwide broadcast.

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