

公益社団法人 日本外国特派員協会

The Foreign Correspondents' Club of Japan

100-0005 Japan, Tokyo-to, Chiyoda-ku, Marunouchi, 3-2-3, Marunouchi Nijubashi Building 5F
http://www.fccj.or.jp E-mail: front@fccj.or.jp Tel:+81-3-3211-3161 Fax:+81-3-3211-3168

December 15, 2020

Asian Press Clubs' Joint Statement on Haze Fan - UPDATE

The Foreign Correspondents' Clubs and Associations of Japan, Hong Kong, Jakarta, the Philippines, South Asia, Taiwan and Thailand are very concerned to learn that Haze Fan, a Chinese employee working for Bloomberg News, has been detained in Beijing.

The FCCs stand by the Foreign Correspondents' Club of China in its efforts to seek an explanation on why the Chinese authorities detained Fan.

The clubs also join together in expressing alarm at reports of deteriorating conditions for journalists working for international media in China.

Fan has worked with Bloomberg since 2017. Other outlets she worked for before include Al Jazeera, CBS News, CNBC, and Reuters.

She has been missing since Monday, December 7th. Bloomberg received confirmation of her arrest on 'suspicion of engaging in activities that jeopardize national security' only on Thursday.

Chinese nationals perform invaluable roles in support of foreign media in China. Without their work, it would be difficult for foreign media to operate in China, and their safety is a matter of the highest concern.

Foreign Correspondents' Club of Japan

Foreign Correspondents' Club of Hong Kong

Foreign Correspondents' Club of Jakarta

Foreign Correspondents' Association of the Philippines

Foreign Correspondents' Club of South Asia

Taiwan Foreign Correspondents' Club

Foreign Correspondents' Club of Thailand