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FCCJ joins FCC HK in expressing concern over the arrests of Apple Daily journalists in Hong Kong.

The Foreign Correspondents Club of Japan supports a statement by our colleagues in Hong Kong expressing concern that events there will serve to intimidate independent media in Hong Kong and will cast a chill over the free press.

The FCC HK statement follows:

The Foreign Correspondents' Club, Hong Kong is concerned over the arrest of five Apple Daily executives, including its editor-in-chief Ryan Law and deputy chief editor.

According to the Hong Kong police and media reports, the five were detained on suspicion of conspiracy to collude with foreign forces under the National Security Law and were undergoing questioning.

The FCC notes that the Hong Kong police's search of the Apple Daily premises took place under a warrant "covering the power of searching and seizure of journalistic materials." Press reports indicate that police searched journalists' notes and files and accessed their computers.

We are not pronouncing on the legalities of the situation or today's actions. However the Foreign Correspondents' Club is concerned that this latest action will serve to intimidate independent media in Hong Kong and will cast a chill over the free press, protected under the Basic Law.

The Freedom of Press Committee