Hui will narrate Hong Kong’s struggle for freedom and democracy through two protest slogans: from “Today’s Tiananmen, Tomorrow’s Hong Kong” in 1989 to “Today’s Tibet/Xinjiang, Tomorrow’s Hong Kong” in 2020. For three decades, Hong Kong people have struggled for democracy so as to preserve their preexisting freedoms. Chinese leaders, on the other hand, have tried to make Hong Kong safe for the Chinese Communist Party. International observers once believed that all was well in Hong Kong so long as Beijing did not roll out military tanks. This view missed the fact that the Tiananmen crackdown carried sub-military elements, especially outside of the capital city: the use of security agents to beat people to death in the city of Chengdu, the fomentation of “riots,” the narration of “the truth” about security forces and protesters, and the use of patriotic education and censorship to create “Tiananmen amnesia.” These are the same tactics that Beijing has deployed in Hong Kong in 2019-20.

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