**共同呼籲⽴立即釋放陳前總統**

**加拿大台灣人權恊會 連署聲明**

 自陳前總統被收押迄今已近六年的歲月了**.** 其間所遭遇過的非人道的侮

辱和迫害有目共睹**.** 近來幾經醫師專業的鑑定**,** 已經確認患有多項病症**;**

包括腦神經退化症**,** 合併中度巴金森氏症候群等**.** 且有中度語言障礙**,**

尿失禁**,** 睡眠呼吸中止症,及憂鬰症**,** 甚至時有**”**喪失生命**”**之虞**.**

有關諸多司法案件**,** 從一開始的⾮非公平**,** 公正審理的**”**中途換法官**”,”**脋

迫作偽證**”**等**,** 迄今僅剩龍潭購地案外 其四大案件的**;1)** 國務機要費**,**

**2)** 外交零用金案**, 3)** 二次金改**, 4)** 南港展覽館案 都已改判無罪**.**

再以阿扁歷經八年執政辜且不論其功勞**,** 應該有苦勞才是**.** 就世界觀來看從未有任何卸任總統有過阿扁式的 苦牢之災**,** 韓國的盧總統被關在寺廟二年後就被釋放了**.** 菲律賓的**Estrada** 總統和緬甸的翁山思姬也只在住家軟禁**.**

總之**,** 以國際人權的標準而言阿扁的上述情形下**,** 已不合一個民主法治

國家對待卸任元首的基本態度**.** 因此我們強烈要求**,** 請馬政府應該立即釋 放陳前總統**.** 同時也懇請各界團體和所有公民敦促選區首長**,**公職縣市議

員和立法委員們**,** 基於人道和有損台灣的國際形象應挺身而出**,** 呼籲馬總

統給予特赦**.**

 **加拿大台灣人權恊會**

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**Our Appeal – Free Former President Chen**

**Taiwanese Human Rights Association of Canada**

 It has been six years that former President Chen has been imprisoned. In that time he has suffered much inhumane and demeaning treatment, and more recently doctors have diagnosed him as having a number of diseases, including progressive dementia and parkinsons disease, mild speech defect, sleep apnea, incontinence, and depression. There is concern of him becoming suicidal.

 As to his legal situation, from the initial unfair procedural injustice of suddenly switching judges, suspicion of evidence produced under pressure, he is now been found not guilty in the four major cases brought against him: (1) State Affairs fund case (2) Embezzlement of secret diplomatic funds (3) Second phase financial reform case (4) Nangang Exhibition Centre case. The only conviction, still under appeal, is the Longtan Land purchase case.

 In consideration of the fact that in his eight year administration President Chen was not without contributions, he should receive some credit for this. Though there have been other democratically elected heads of state sentenced to prison, none have received harsh treatment which has been meted out to President Chen. In Korea President Roh was held in a temple for two years then released, and President Estrada of the Philippines was placed under house arrest, as was Ang Sang Su Ki in Burma.

 In sum, the above-mentioned situation of Chen Shui-bian is incompatible with what international human rights standards expect of how a democratic country should treat a former President. Accordingly we strongly urge the administration of President Ma to immediately release former President Chen. And we appeal to citizens, public organizations, and those who hold public office to come forward on the basis of humanitarian concern, and the good of Taiwan, and also join us in calling on President Ma to pardon former President Chen.

 **Signed at the Annual Meeting of THRAC**

 **Toronto, May 3, 2014**