

**TAKE ACTION: Please cut and paste this letter onto your personal or Institutional letterhead expressing concern about the ill treatment of PEN Canada Honorary Member & editor Hada**

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His Excellency Hu Jintao  
President of the People's Republic of China  
State Council  
Beijing 100032  
P.R.China

Excellency,

The members of PEN Canada, the Canadian centre of the international writers' organization, International PEN, are writing to express concern about reports of ill treatment for detailed Honorary Member of PEN Canada Editor **Hada**.

Hada was arrested on 10 December 1995 for his activities as founder and publisher of *The Voice of the Southern Mongolia* and for his leading role in the Southern Mongolian Democracy Alliance (SMDA), an organisation that peacefully promotes human rights and Mongolian culture. He was convicted in 1995 of inciting separatism and espionage and sentenced to fifteen years in prison and four years deprivation of political rights. His sentence expires in 2010.

Hada received a degree in 1983 from the department of Mongolian language and Literature at the Inner Mongolian Teacher's College for Nationalities. In October 1989, he opened the Mongolian Academic Bookstore in Hohhot, the Inner Mongolia capital. The bookstore was closed down immediately after his arrest in 1995, and all the books, research papers and other properties were confiscated as criminal utilities and evidence.

Hada, who co-founded the SMDA in 1992, published with the organisation an underground journal, *The Voice of Southern Mongolia*, and he also finished a book, *The Way Out for the Southern Mongols*. In the book, Hada detailed what the Chinese government had done to the Mongols of Inner Mongolia, including mass killings, deprivation of social and political rights, and suppression of Mongol culture.

According to PEN Canada's information, Hada, editor of *The Voice of the Southern Mongolia*, is regularly ill treated in Chi Feng prison. There have been unconfirmed reports that Hada has suffered abuse and that his health has deteriorated as a result. He reportedly suffers from stomach ulcers and coronary heart disease.

**PEN Canada protests the fifteen-year prison sentence handed down to PEN Canada Honorary Member, editor and political dissident Hada, and calls for his immediate and unconditional release in accordance with Article 19 of the United Nations International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, to which China is a signatory. PEN Canada also expresses concern for his health and well being following reports that he is frequently ill-treated in detention, and seek assurances that he is receiving all necessary medical care.**

Sincerely,

[Your name and address]

Appeals To:

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