2. Clarification of Position on Behalf of Students of Chu Hai College who were not Allowed to Register, June 19, *1969*

I have been lecturing in Chu Hai College for eight years, and I would like, through the columns of your newspaper, to clarify my position with regard incidents concerning this College.

At the end of August twelve students of this College were requested by the authorities not to register for the coming scholastic year. Some of these twelve students consulted me, and as a result I had five interviews with the College authorities. In the course of these interviews my position was as follows: if a student is requested not to register it is equivalently expelling him from the College. To expel student specific evidence must be produced to prove, clearly and convincingly that he has been guilty of some crime, or serious violation of College regulations. Such evidence has not yet been produced. If it is produced I am prepared to state publicly that the College has acted reasonably and justly. If not, I shall continue to believe in the innocence of these students.

During these interviews with the authorities of Chu Hai College, I worked for a peaceful and honorable settlement of the problem. At one stage such a settlement seemed imminent, but then negotiations mysteriously broke down.

More recently demonstrations took place on the steps of Chu Hai College. On the first day of these demonstrations I issued a statement saying that although I deeply sympathized with these demonstrators I could not see my way, just then, to giving a full and unqualified approval to this method of solving the problem.

On Saturday, September 13th, a student commission was set up to study this question. It is composed of the three major student organizations of Hong Kong; The Hong Kong Federation of Students, The College Student Association of Hong Kong, and the Hong Kong Federation of Catholic Students. This commission, I said in my statement of September 15th, will encounter difficulties, but at the same time I firmly believe it will ultimately bring us a solution.