

# The Eternal Flame

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## Candlelight from Victoria Park Reappears in Vancouver 3000 at David Lam Park to Memorialize June 4th

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The Vancouver Society in Support of Democratic Movement (VSSDM) relocated to downtown's David Lam Park to memorialize the 34th Anniversary of June 4th, attracting 3000-plus enthusiastic Vancouverites as participants. The vanished candlelight of Victoria Park now reappears in Vancouver. After 9 p.m., participants lit their candles as offerings, two lines of more than a hundred metres long, creating a magnificent sight.

Bordering False Creek, the lovely David Lam Park boasts beautiful surroundings, wide open lawns, plus beautiful weather on the day of the event. Beginning at about 4 p.m., people already started arriving at the locale for the commemorative activities.

The official programme commenced at 7:00 p.m. VSSDM president Mabel Tung pointed out in her remarks that in previous years, June 4th commemorative activities took part outside Vancouver's Chinese consulate; this was the first time the event took place at David Lam Park, a move that carries great symbolic meaning. David Lam was a Hong Kong immigrant, and had contributed significantly to our province's economy and prosperity. She pointed out that the evening's candlelight vigil aimed not only to memorialize the events that transpired on June 4th, 1989, where countless democracy advocates were brutally murdered by the Chinese communists, but also to stand in solidarity with those who were cruelly suppressed for speaking out against the 2019 Extradition Bill, as well as those who had been unfairly arrested and incarcerated since the forced imposition of the National Security Law.

Mabel Tung also accused the Chinese communists for interfering with Canada's internal affairs. She urged our government to expel all those who crassly interfered with our electoral process, as well as those agents who sought to interfere with our Canadian way of life.

Hong Kong internet channel host Wan Yiu-sing

(aka "Giggs") had been incarcerated for more than two years for his words cursing the family of the Chief Executive. He appeared at the vigil, and described his life during the two years in jail. He added that he was overjoyed to see more than 3000 people taking part in the candlelight vigil, and that "credit" should go to Hong Kong's Chief Executive John Lee Ka-Chiu and his policies, and he hoped that even more people would turn out for next year's commemorative event.

In addition, former director of the Hong Kong Alliance in Support of Patriotic Democratic Movement in China, Hoi-Wah Mak, China Democracy Party's David Hao, Amnesty International's Don Wright, Professor Emeritus of the University of British Columbia Diana Lary, immigrant from Shanghai Frank Shen, and former president of the University of Hong Kong's Student Union, Billy Fung Jing-en, all addressed the participants.

At 9:00 p.m., participants began offering their lit candles, forming two long lines of a hundred metres each, patiently waiting their turn to offer their candles in front of the stage, bringing the event to a climax.

As well, Vancouver City Councillor Lenny Zhou, Burnaby City Councillor Richard Lee, former Member of Parliament Kenny Chiu also took part in the vigil. Even former political commentator Hui Hang, who is 100-year-old, also participated in the event this year.