

Kidnapping the Pillar of Shame

Correspondence w. University of Hong Kong and Lawyers

On December 24th, 2021, University of Hong Kong's legal representatives sent us [this letter](#).

The Statue has been removed from campus and is now in storage. Our client will agree to reasonable arrangement for collection of the Statue by its owner. If your client maintains his claim to be the rightful owner of the Statue, please liaise with us for the arrangement to collect it from our client's storage as soon as practicable.

Yours faithfully,



P.C. Woo & Co.

Since then, numerous letters, calls and personal visits has led to two replies and the notion that the Universities legal representatives do not have any instructions from HKU in respect of our proposal to inspect and remove the Pillar.

Attempts to contact University of Hong Kong and their replies

Date	Category	Description
7 October 2021	Letter	Letter from Messrs. Mayer Brown
12 October 2021	Letter	Letter to Messrs. Mayer Brown
13 October 2021		Confirmation of Galschiots ownership
12 November 2021	Letter	Open letter to HKU offering to collect the Pillar of Shame – reprinted in Hong Kong's medias.
24 December 2021	Letter	Letter from Messrs. PC Woo & Co.
22 March 2022	Call	Call to Messrs. PC Woo & Co. reaching the handling solicitor, informed him about difficulty of engaging shipment company
1 April 2022	Call	Call to Messrs. PC Woo & Co. reaching the handling solicitor, informed him about difficulty of engaging shipment company
13 April 2022	Call	Call to Messrs. PC Woo & Co., no answer
14 April 2022	Call	Call to Messrs. PC Woo & Co. reaching the handling solicitor, informed him about the difficulty of engaging shipment company
22 July 2022	Letter	Letter to Messrs. PC Woo & Co.
2 August 2022	Call	Call to Messrs. PC Woo & Co., left message for case handling solicitor's secretary
17 August 2022	Call	Call to Messrs. PC Woo & Co., left message for case handling solicitor's secretary
23 August 2022	Letter	Letter to Messrs. PC Woo & Co, indicating that we will contact the University directly if they stay unresponsive.
26 August 2022	Call	Call to Messrs. PC Woo & Co., case handling solicitor confirmed still have instructions to act for HKU
29 August 2022	Call from P.C. Woo.	Phone call from P.C. Woo. They say they will get back to us in two days. This does not happen.
1 September 2022	Call	Call to Messrs. PC Woo & Co., left message for case handling solicitor's secretary
8 September 2022	Call	Call to Messrs. PC Woo & Co., case handling solicitor said letter to us not ready
8 September 2022	Letter	Letter to Messrs. PC Woo & Co.

23 September 2022	Call	Call to Messrs. PC Woo & Co., left message for case handling solicitor's secretary, particularly highlighting that the case is urgent and urge them to get back to us as soon as possible.
26 September 2022	Call	Call to Messrs. PC Woo & Co., secretary informed us that the case handling solicitor not in Hong Kong
30 September 2022	Letter	Letter to Messrs. PC Woo & Co.
18 October 2022	Call	Call to Messrs. PC Woo & Co. Finally manage to reach their handling solicitor. The Solicitor said that they still have instructions to act for HKU, but he still, hasn't got any instructions from HKU in respect of our proposal to inspect and remove the Pillar and he will follow up on the matter. We urged him to revert as soon as possible as the matter has been dragged for quite a while.
16 December 2022	Call	Call to Messrs. PC Woo & Co., left message for case handling solicitor's secretary
11 January 2023	Letter	To Chinas Ambassador in Denmark – asking for help to solve the issue. No reply received.
11 January 2023	Visit + letter	The Representative of Jens Galchiot (Ms. Loretta Lau) visit the Kadoorie Center where the Pillar of Shame is stored since 23 Dec. 2021. She is told they “have no authority to let her check the Pillar”. She hand-delivers a request letter to see the statue to the Kadoorie Center.
17 January 2023	Calls	To HKU Kadoorie Center, Estate Office, and also to the Hotline.
18 January 2023	Visit + letter	Ms. Loretta Lau visit and hand-deliver request letters to both the HKU Estate office and to the President's Office.
7 February 2023	Letter	Ms. Loretta Lau receive an email from the President's Office of The University of Hong Kong, writing “Thank you for your message. The matter is receiving attention.” - Since then nothing has happened.

Essential information and contacts

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University of Hong Kong

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Background information:

- www.Galschiot.com: [Background, copyright free photos and more.](#)

Where is the Pillar of Shame now?

The Pillar of Shame is locked inside a steel container which is stored on the University's Kadoorie Center. The container is under 24 hours surveillance.



The Pillar of Shame is being stored outdoors in a shipping container at the University of Hong Kong's Kadoorie Centre. Photo: HKIBC screenshot.