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# Hong Kong Art Removals Cap Push to Halt Tiananmen Memorials

- Three universities take away works commemorating 1989 incident
- High-profile efforts to remember event increasingly off limits



The Goddess of Democracy statue at the Chinese University of Hong Kong (CUHK) on Sept. 26, 2020. Photographer: Billy H.C. Kwok/Bloomberg

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Hong Kong has removed more works of art memorializing the 1989 Tiananmen Square crackdown overnight, as the city completes a purge of high-profile commemorations of a traumatic event long erased from the public record on mainland China.

A relief depicting Tiananmen Square was taken away from Lingnan University and a mural of the Goddess of Democracy was painted over, according to the school's student union. Separately, the Chinese University of Hong Kong said it relocated a Goddess of Democracy statue from campus because the school "never authorized" its display and "no organization has claimed responsibility for its maintenance and management."