

FIXTURE OF OCCUPY PROTESTS IN 2014, THE ‘LENNON WALL’ IS BACK



A young woman leaves a message on the so-called Lennon Wall along the side of the central government office in Admiralty during the anti-extradition law protest on June 12. Photo: Vicky Wong

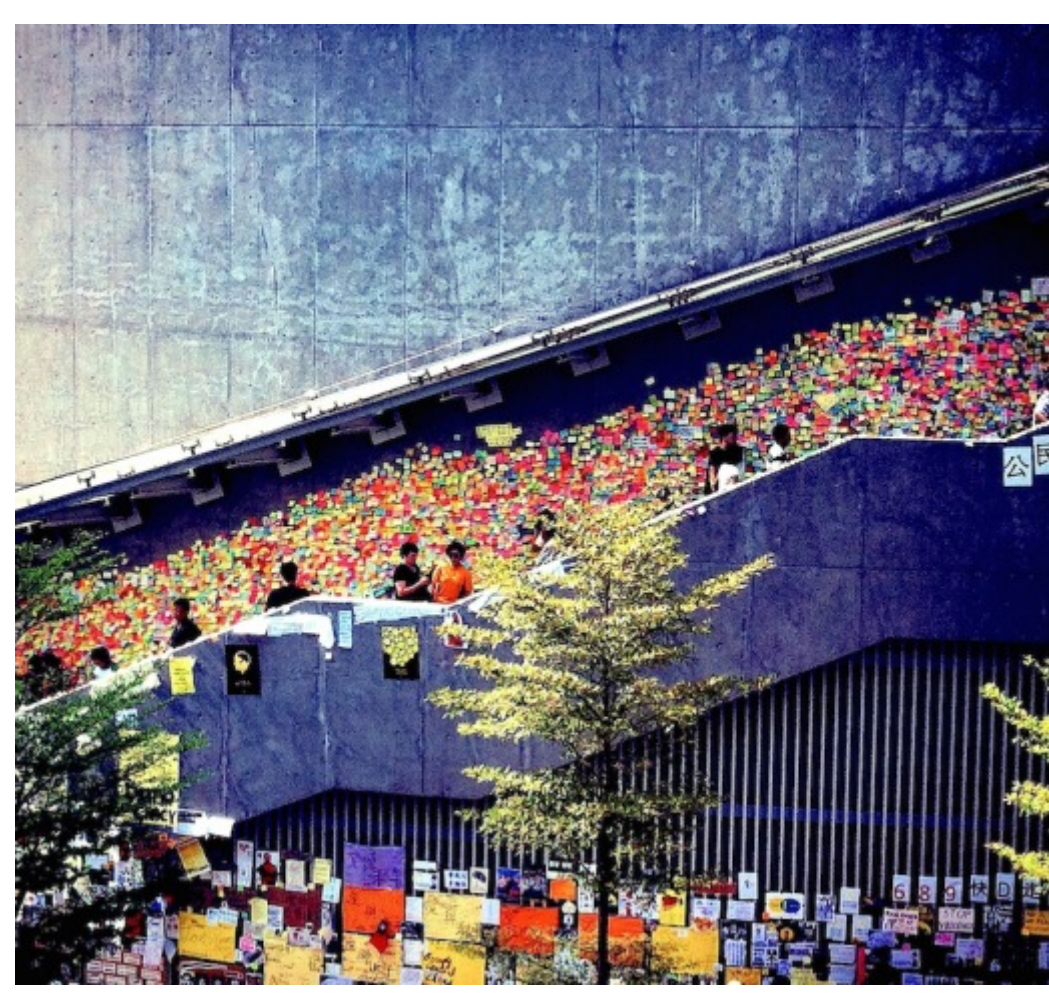


By Coconuts Hong Kong

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Those in search of parallels between the 2014 Occupy Central protests and those taking place today around LegCo, need look no further than the side of a government building in Admiralty — the “Lennon Wall” is back.

Launched at the height of the 2014 protests, the wall along a stairwell of the central government building, quickly became a focal point for Hongkongers who were looking to leave messages of hope and solidarity.



The Lennon Wall as it was during the 2014 Occupy Central protests. Coconuts file photo

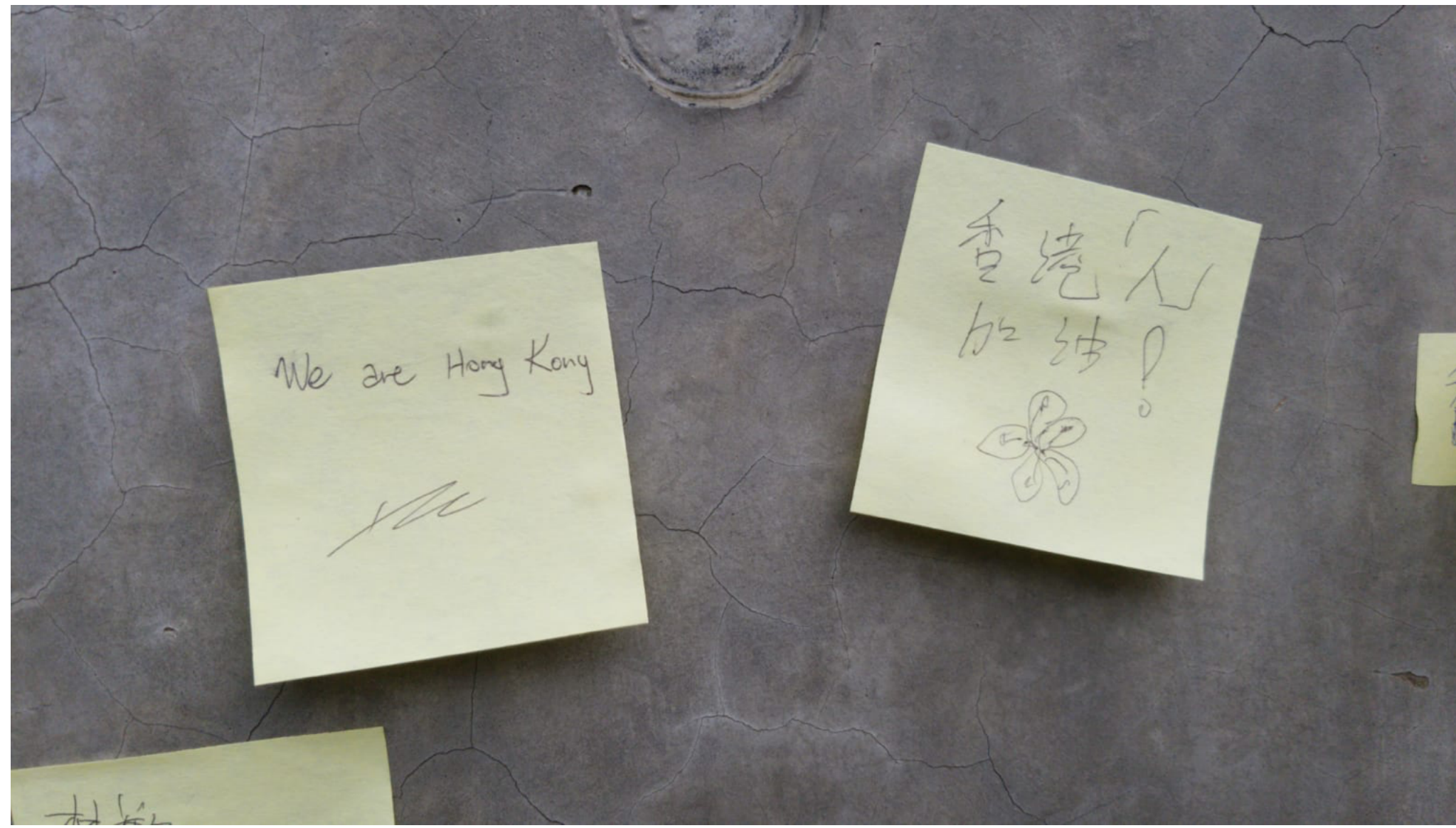
History is repeating itself this afternoon, with countless residents, mostly the young, approaching the wall and leaving their own handwritten notes encouraging each other in the push against legislation that would open the door for Hongkongers to be tried in mainland Chinese courts.



The Lennon Wall today. Young protesters take turns adding messages to the wall that became a rallying point during the 2014 Occupy Central protests. Photo by Vicky Wong

“I wanted to give some words of encouragement to Hongkongers here. I know it’s been really tough for everyone and everyone is feeling quite tired. So I hope they’ll come here, read my message and feel empowered and keep going, and know that there are a lot of people supporting them,” a 19-year-old student who declined to give her name told us after posting her own message.

“I didn’t take part in the Umbrella Movement because I was quite young at the time. But now that I’m a lot older, I feel like it’s my responsibility to show up”



A pair of notes are seen stuck to the side of the Lennon Wall on June 12. The one on the right reads “HK Add Oil!” a traditional rallying cry of encouragement among Hongkongers. Photo by Vicky Wong

While frowned on by authorities in 2014 — one young teen [was reportedly arrested at the time](#) — the Lennon Wall quickly blossomed into a colorful centerpiece of the Occupy protest.

While long painted over, the wall was part of a legacy of art produced amid that turmoil that the Coconuts Hong Kong team covered extensively at the time. You can read our 2014 story on the phenomenon [here](#).

Reporting by Vicky Wong.

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HONG KONG OBSERVATORY ISSUES NO. 8 TYPHOON WARNING

Tropical cyclone track of Nalgae. Photo: Hong Kong Observatory

By Coconuts Hong Kong

Nov 2, 2022 | 2:52pm Hong Kong time

The Hong Kong Observatory issued the No. 8 typhoon warning this afternoon with tropical cyclone Nalgae approaching the city.

The No. 8 northwest gale or storm signal was issued at 1:40pm.

This means that winds with mean speeds of 63 kilometers per hour or more are expected from the northwest quarter.

“At 6pm, tropical storm Nalgae was centered about 120 kilometers south-southeast of Hong Kong and is forecast to move northwest at about 10 kilometers per hour edging closer to the vicinity of the Pearl River Estuary,” said the city’s meteorological agency.

“According to the latest forecast, Nalgae will edge closer to Hong Kong tonight as compared with the previous forecast and will skirt within 100 kilometers of Hong Kong.”

Under the influence of the rainbands associated with Nalgae, showers over the territory are expected to become more frequent gradually tonight.

The No. 8 gale or storm signal will remain in force before 10pm tonight.

Nalgae will weaken further. Whether the No. 8 gale or storm signal is maintained thereafter depends on the degree of weakening of Nalgae. If Nalgae weakens further into a tropical depression, the observatory will issue a lower tropical cyclone warning signal.

Seas are very rough with swells. Members of the public are advised to stay away from the shoreline and not to engage in water sports.

Earlier in the day, the Education Bureau announced that classes at all schools are suspended today.

The Labour Department reminded employers to make work arrangements for staff during and after tropical cyclone and rainstorm warnings, including arrangements on reporting for duty, release from work, resumption of work and work from home (if applicable).

There are changes to public transport routes. Check out these links for the latest updates: [MTR](#) | [KMB](#) | [Citybus and NWEB](#) | [Star Ferry](#).

However, the Global Financial Leaders’ Investment Summit organized by the Hong Kong Monetary Authority, which has been hyped by the government as proof that Hong Kong is “back”, is continuing at the Four Seasons Hotel. The summit features around 200 financiers from around the world.

Editor’s note: The story has been updated with weather information by the Hong Kong Observatory at 6pm.

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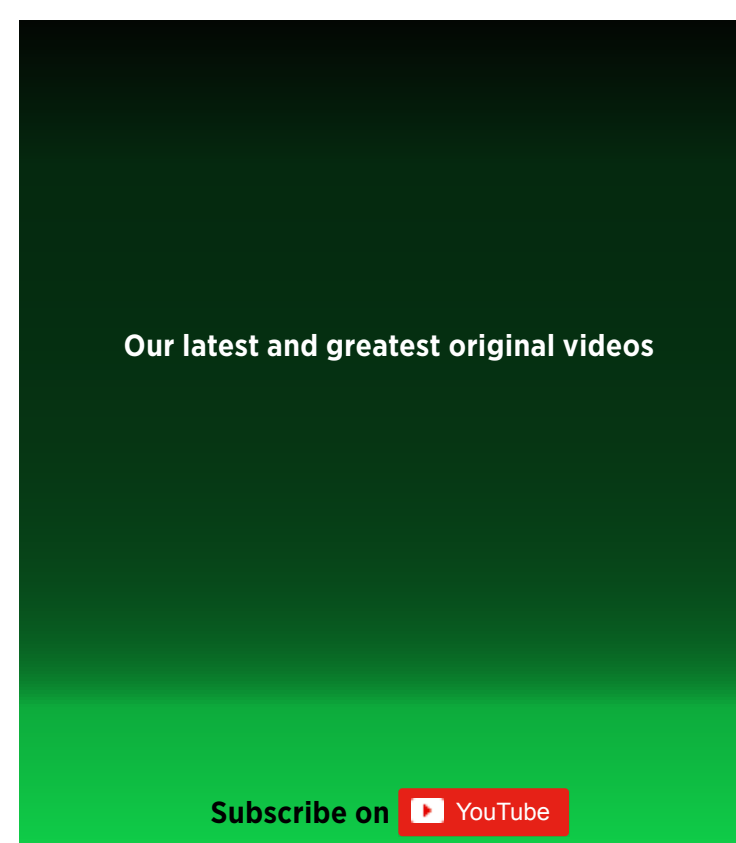
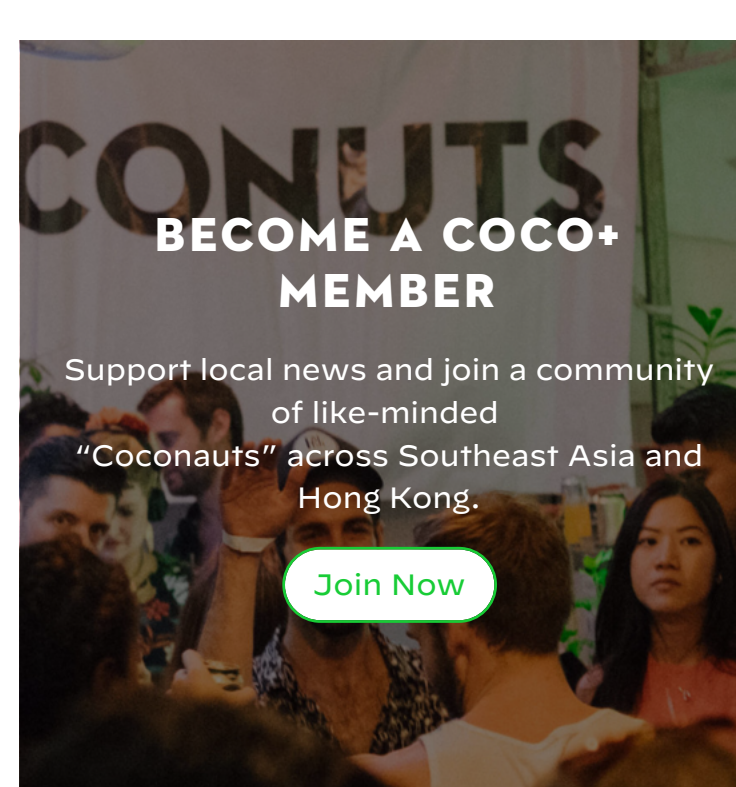
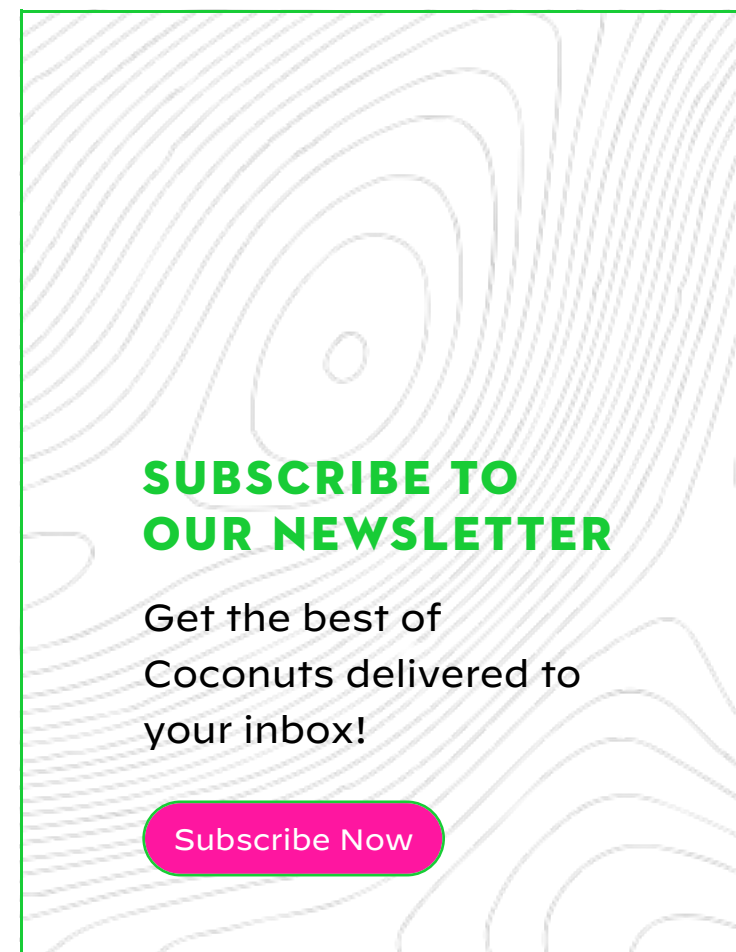
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