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It has now been a little more than one month since the announcement of Liu Xiaobo’s Nobel Peace Prize win, with the December 10 award ceremony a bit less than a month away. Here are a few links we’ve come across recently in our search for updates on the story:

• Hat tip to China Digital Times for pointing us to Dai Qing’s November 5 statement concerning her feelings about being one of the 140 individuals named on “Liu Xia’s Grand List,” an invitation to Liu Xiaobo’s friends to attend the award ceremony in his absence:

... there is still more than a month before the awards ceremony. The closest friends and comrades of the Laureate, who have been with him through all of the hardship, should be allowed to go to Oslo. But if the authorities ignore all these calls and no one on Liu Xia’s list is permitted to go abroad through the proper procedures, it happens that I am in Canada now for an academic conference.

To comfort Xiaoobo in prison and Liu Xia under house arrest, and for all who are on Liu Xia’s list – those who are either under police surveillance or in custody or warned to behave during a forced “tea conversation with the police,” or worse, those “wearing a wig” (a term to describe those hooded and taken away by the security police) – then I shall tell the world that it is not true that no Chinese citizen who fights against authoritarianism will be able to attend the grand ceremony in Oslo. If necessary, I will go there to fulfill my duty to my friend.

I have just received mail from my home, where I learned that the authorities have sent someone to show me their warm regards. I asked a family member to hand this article to the authorities, and I sincerely expect them to report it to their supervisors – as they reported on my activities over the past 20 years. Then at last, perhaps, we will hear good news saying the government has made a gracious decision to allow the most deserving on Liu Xia’s list to travel to Oslo, and leave me, the least deserving person on her list, free to return home to China.

• At East Asia Forum, Julia Lovell writes of “China’s quest for a suitable Nobel,”and David Kelly comments on “Liu Xiaobo and universal values.”

• The Institute of Asian Research’s Asia Pacific Memo site features a series of short video commentaries by Professor Timothy Cheek speaking about Liu Xiaobo’s Nobel Peace Prize (part 1 embedded below).

• Hear both David Kelly and Timothy Cheek speak about Liu on Wisconsin Public Radio’s “Here on Earth” show.

• At his Letter from China blog on the New Yorker website, Evan Osnos has been covering the fallout from Liu’s prize in posts such as “Liu Xiaobo: The Official Portrait” and “Paying a Visit.”

• Also at the New Yorker, but only available in full to subscribers, is “Servant of the State” by Jianying Zha, which looks at Liu Xiaobo and the writer Wang Meng.

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