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Title: Tian Chaoming papers
Dates: 1981-2001
Collection Number: 2012C48
Creator: Tian, Chaoming, 1918-2010.
Collection Size: 5 manuscript boxes (2.0 linear feet)
Repository: Hoover Institution Archives
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Abstract: Writings, correspondence, and photographs, relating to political dissent and advocacy of democracy and human rights in Taiwan. Includes correspondence with political prisoners and photographs of political demonstrations.
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Biographical Note
Tian was a Japanese-educated physician known for his efforts in promoting Taiwan's democracy, human rights, and political independence. An eyewitness to the bloody incident of February 1947, when the Chinese Nationalist government violently suppressed an antigovernment uprising in Taiwan, as well as to the ensuing martial law of Taiwan under the Chinese Nationalist Party (KMT), Tian never was at ease with authority. A lone dissident in the face of Kuomintang authoritarian rule in Taiwan, he became one of the pioneers in the Democratic Progressive Party, the ruling party of Taiwan between 2000 and 2008.

Scope and Content of Collection
Included in the collection are Tian's manuscripts, his correspondence with political prisoners, and more than three hundred photographs documenting anti-Kuomintang political movements in the 1980s and the 1990s.
Indexing Terms
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Taiwan--Politics and government.
Civil rights--Taiwan.
Dissenters--Taiwan.
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