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## 10,000 march in memory of massacre

ABOUT 10,000 people yesterday marched through Central to a wreath-laying ceremony in Victoria Park to mourn those killed in the June 4 military massacre in Beijing.

The parade, organised by the Hongkong Alliance in Support of Patriotic Democratic Movements in China, was led by alliance chairman Szeto Wah, pictured right, and deputy chairman Martin Lee.

It began with a rally in Chater Garden, after which the crowd marched along Queen's Road Central, Queensway and Hennessy Road.

Mr Szeto said the alliance would be holding a series of activities to mark last year's crackdown on the pro-democracy movement.

Highlight of these activities will be an "All Chinese In The World" parade on June 3, to be followed by a candle-lit rally on the anniversary of the massacre.

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# Massacre victims mourned by 10,000

By CAITLIN WONG

ABOUT 10,000 citizens joined a peaceful procession during yesterday's Ching Ming festival to mourn the victims of the bloody suppression of the Chinese pro-democracy movement in Tiananmen Square last June.

Radical demonstrators chanted against the Beijing leadership while scores of youngsters chanted provocative slogans such as "Down with Deng Xiaoping, Li Peng and Yang Shangkun".

It took the protesters about two hours to march from Chater Garden in Central to Victoria Park in Causeway Bay.

Only about 2,000 people turned up for the start of the procession at 3.30 pm. However, the size of the crowd had swelled when it reached Victoria Park as thousands joined the procession along the route.

Beijing residents had been encouraged to take a "stroll" to Tiananmen Square during their Ching Ming activities yesterday.

However, the Government closed the square and the festival passed without incident, under heavy surveillance by police and military personnel (see Page 12).

According to a source a poster went up on a wall at the People's University which appeared to suggest the memory of last year's events should be kept alive.

"I don't want to forget, my diary is my history," the poster said.

"I am now writing a thesis about the Kuomintang period," it said, presumably comparing the current Chinese leadership and the cor-

## 10,000 turn up to mourn massacre victims

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rupt pre-liberation Nationalist regime.

A crowd gathered round the poster which appeared late in the evening.

It was not clear how long the poster stayed up.

The Hongkong rally was organised by the Hongkong Alliance in Support of the Patriotic Democratic Movement in China, which has been branded by Beijing as subversive.

Alliance chairman, Mr Szeto Wah, said he was satisfied with the turnout.

claiming as many as 30,000 had joined the action at different stages.

A police spokesman said they did not have an official estimate on the number of participants.

Leading the march were Alliance leaders including legislator Mr Martin Lee Chu-ming, university lecturer Mr Yeung Sum, unionist Mr Lau Chin-shek, and film director John Shum Kin-fun.

Many wore yellow headbands and carried banners hailing freedom and democracy.

The protesters vowed not to forget the incident and to fight for a democratic China. They also denounced what they described as the Chinese Government's continued persecution of pro-democracy activists on the mainland.

They pledged support to the Alliance and demanded the immediate release of all prisoners of conscience in China.

At Victoria Park, the Alliance erected a two-metre replica of the Monument of the People's Heroes in Tian-

anmen Square for residents to lay their wreaths in memory of the Beijing dead.

A makeshift counter was set up for people to sign a condolence book, which the organisers said would be burned in a mass rally on June 4 as a tribute to the Tiananmen Square victims.

Mr Szeto said the protest action yesterday was meant to coincide with both the Ching Ming festival, when Chinese mourn their ancestors, and the 14th anniversary of the April 5 incident in Tiananmen Square.

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