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## Personal Details



<b>CECC Record Number</b>	2009-00182	<b>Ethnic Group</b>	
<b>Detention Status</b>	DET	<b>Sex</b>	M
<b>Issue Category</b>	spch/assoc/enviro	<b>Age At Detention</b>	
<b>Main Name</b>	Tan Zuoren	<b>Religion</b>	
<b>Chinese Characters (Main Name)</b>	谭作人	<b>Occupation</b>	
<b>Alternate Name (Lay or Pen)</b>		<b>Affiliation</b>	
<b>Additional Name(s)</b>		<b>Residence Province</b>	Sichuan Province
<b>Pinyin Name</b>		<b>Residence Prefecture</b>	Chengdu Shi (pref.)
		<b>Residence County</b>	(na)

## Imprisonment or Detention Details

<b>Date of Detention</b>	2009/03/28
<b>Current Prison</b>	Wenjiang PSB Det. Ctr.
<b>Sentence Length (Years)</b>	5
<b>Sentence Length (Months)</b>	
<b>Sentence Length (Weeks)</b>	
<b>Sentence Length (Days)</b>	
<b>Province Where Imprisoned (or Detained)</b>	Sichuan Province
<b>Prefecture Where Imprisoned (or Detained)</b>	Chengdu Shi (pref.)
<b>County Where Imprisoned (or Detained)</b>	Wenjiang Dist.

## Legal Process

<b>Legal Process</b>	chg/tri/sent	<b>Formal Arrest Date</b>	2009/04/24
<b>Trial Court</b>	Chengdu Intermediate People's Court	<b>Trial Date</b>	2009/08/12
<b>Sentence Court</b>	Chengdu Intermediate People's Court	<b>Sentence Date</b>	2010/02/09
<b>Appeal Court</b>		<b>Appeal Date</b>	
<b>Appeal Ruling Court</b>	Sichuan High People's Court	<b>Appeal Ruling Date</b>	2010/06/09
<b>Sent. Ends Per PRC</b>		<b>Actual Date Released</b>	
<b>Charge (Statute)</b>			

## Short Summary

The Chengdu Intermediate People's Court in Sichuan province sentenced writer and environmental activist Tan Zuoren to five years in prison and an additional three years' deprivation of political rights on February 9, 2010, for "inciting subversion of state power." The court reportedly convicted Tan for attempting to organize activities to commemorate the 20th anniversary of the June 1989 Tiananmen protests. The court said Tan posted articles on the Internet about the 20th anniversary and had contact with "hostile foreign forces" such as Tiananmen exile and student leader Wang Dan. Tan had been active in calling for the government to investigate the cause of the large number of school collapses in the May 2008 Sichuan earthquake. He began his own investigation and had published preliminary results before his detention in March 2009. The conduct of his trial on August 12, 2009, reportedly was marred by official abuses and procedural violations.