Ms. Li Ching-Yu is the wife of detained Taiwan community college worker Li Ming-Che. Ms. Lee graduated from the Department of Labor Relations at the Chinese Culture University in Taiwan, where her and her husband met and began to participate in social movements.

Before 2014, Mr. Li began discussing Taiwan's historical experiences and issues of transitional justice with a group of Chinese friends through the instant-messaging app WeChat. In 2015, Mr. Li's WeChat account was blocked from using the group chat feature, and Mr. Li began proactively sending books as gifts to his Chinese contacts who were interested in human rights or modern history.

Around February 2016, Mr. Li called on friends through WeChat to raise funds for the family of a Chinese civil rights activist. Later that year in August 2016, books he sent as gifts to friends in China were confiscated.

On March 19, 2017, Mr. Li went missing after entering into China from the city of Macau.

On March 29, 2017, 10 days after his forced abduction, China's Taiwan Affairs Office finally admitted that he was in custody, and said that Mr. Li had "accepted the relevant department's investigation due to suspected activities that endanger national security."

So far, Chinese authorities have not yet contacted his family, nor have they stated the grounds for his detention.