

MEDIA ADVISORY

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Press launch to present the findings of forthcoming Justice Centre Hong Kong report "Coming Clean: The prevalence of forced labour and human trafficking for the purpose of forced labour amongst migrant domestic workers in Hong Kong"

When:

Tuesday, 15 March 2016, 10:30 - 11:45 am

Latham & Watkins

19th Floor, One Exchange Square

8 Connaught Place, Central

Hong Kong

Report embargoed until 11:00 am

What:

The Hong Kong Government often denies that the HKSAR territory is a source, destination or transit area for human trafficking and forced labour. There is no comprehensive legislation to prohibit human trafficking in all its forms, including for the purpose of forced labour. This report provides evidence that proves otherwise.

Justice Centre Hong Kong will release a ground-breaking, year-long study that will reveal for the first time the extent of forced labour and trafficking for the purpose of forced labour amongst migrant domestic workers (MDWs) in Hong Kong.

The report is based on a quantitative survey with over 1,000 MDWs from eight countries of origin, including Indonesia and the Philippines, currently working across Hong Kong, examining their experiences in relation to recruitment, debt, salary, working hours, food, working and living conditions, treatment by their employer and other relevant issues.

Justice Centre will use the evidence from the research to advocate for policy and law reform to improve the human rights situation of MDWs and combat forced labour and human trafficking in Hong Kong.

Who:

Moderated by Peter Rolston, Managing Director, B:Spoke Communications with opening remarks from Piya Muqit, Executive Director of Justice Centre Hong Kong

Presentation of findings by report co-authors, Jade Anderson, Researcher, and Victoria Wisniewski Otero, Advocacy and Campaigns Manager, Justice Centre Hong Kong

Followed by panel discussion with remarks from Emily Lau, Legislative Councillor and Chairperson of Democratic Party; Eni Lestari, Chairperson, Asian Migrants' Coordinating Body (AMCB-IMA), Doris Lee, Co-Founder of Open Door and Leo Tang Kin Wa, Organizing Secretary of Hong Kong Confederation of Trade Unions (HKCTU)

Notes to Editor

Justice Centre Hong Kong is a non-profit human rights organisation working fearlessly to protect the rights of Hong Kong's most vulnerable people: refugees, other people seeking protection, survivors of torture, human trafficking and forced labour.

Launched in 2014, Justice Centre Hong Kong was formerly Hong Kong Refugee Advice Centre (HKRAC), which over seven years has helped over 2,000 refugee men, women and children on the road to a new life.

We advocate with and for forced migrants, bringing their voices into the public debate. We campaign for legislative and policy change, conduct research and work with the media and civil society to fight root causes and change systems and minds.

At our centre, people seeking protection in Hong Kong receive free and independent legal information, and specialised legal and psychosocial assistance.

For more information about the report, please see: www.justicecentre.org.hk/comingclean

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