

Don't be a prey of human traffickers

- Hong Kong is one of the safest and most stable societies in the world. With the untiring efforts of the law enforcement departments, the crime rate of Hong Kong has been kept at a low level and law and order has been maintained in an effective manner.
- Human trafficking is regarded as a serious crime in Hong Kong. It is a crime in Hong Kong to participate in such illegal activity, e.g. to bring a person into or take a person out of Hong Kong for the purpose of prostitution, with or without that person's consent.
- Although human trafficking is not rampant in Hong Kong, you should stay alert and avoid falling into a prey of human traffickers.
- To **protect** yourself, when you are **making plans** to work in Hong Kong, you should:
 - Know the address and telephone number of your country's embassy or consulate.
 - Learn the name, address and telephone number of your future employer. If possible, contact your future employer before leaving for Hong Kong to verify your offer and ask about your work, pay and living conditions.
 - Ensure you have obtained the necessary employment visa from the Hong Kong Immigration Department. Visitors are not allowed to work in Hong Kong.
 - Verify the legitimacy or trustworthiness of the person or company that offers you the job opportunity if possible.
 - Read carefully the contract before signing; if in doubt, consult a lawyer, non-governmental organisation or someone you trust.
 - Keep a copy of the signed contract.
 - Tell your family and friends when you are leaving and give the address and phone number where you will be staying.
 - Leave your friend's contact address and telephone number to your family if you have any friends in Hong Kong.

- When **arriving** at Hong Kong, you should:
 - Not give your passport to anyone to keep it for you.
 - Keep your passport and a copy of your passport information separately in safe places.
 - Learn basic survival phrases in Cantonese or English.
 - Contact your family members or friends at home and keep in contact with them.
 - Stay alert to avoid being kept in isolation with no contact with friends or social or religious groups.

- Persons in Hong Kong are protected and subject to Hong Kong Laws. Call the Police by dialling **999** if you are in danger or are being hurt, an emergency number that will get **immediate help** for you.

- If you are afraid to go to the Police, you can get help from:
 - Your home country's consulate
 - Hospitals
 - Religious organisations
 - Refuge Centres for Women (Social Welfare Department Hotline: 2343 2255)

- We would appeal to you to call the Hong Kong Police Force at (852) 2860 8366 (Organized Crime and Triad Bureau) if you suspect yourself will or have become a victim of human traffickers to help us to combat such activities and prevent more people from falling into their traps.

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