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Subject: enforce more effective measures to protect sex workers

Midnight Blue is a male sex workers concern organization.

In regards to the recent serial killings of sex workers, Midnight Blue feel very sorry to the deceased and their family. We urge the police to arrest the murderer as soon as possible. We also hope that the concerned parties and the public pay more concern on sex workers. We particularly hope that the Government can repeal the unfair laws related to sex workers, reduce their vulnerability to violence and dangers.

Presently, sex workers working at one-woman brothel can only work alone in the flat according to the law. Anyone developing business relationship with sex workers, even they are only washing towels for sex workers, may easily be charged with 'living off the earnings of prostitutes'. Sex workers cannot even hire someone to protect them. If they co-work at the same flat, they will be charged with 'permitting premises or vessel to be kept as a vice establishment'. They cannot take care and support each other effectively. Sex workers eventually have to face the dangers and risks alone, that robbers and killers can freely take advantage of them.

In addition, since sex workers are excluded and discriminated by the society, they are further pushed to helplessness. Even they are in trouble or danger, they not only cannot receive the concern from the neighbours, the police also ignore them. Some police officers even verbally assault sex workers who seek for the police help. Sex workers are scared and no longer seek help from the police.

We strongly urge:

1. The police to improve their enforcement, carry out effective measures to protect sex workers but not eradicating sex workers from the community. The police should also better the present 999 system, allow sex workers to provide information in a secure and comfortable way without any discrimination or humiliation.
2. Sex workers working at one-woman brothel to join our 'Sisters Network', where we can further foster our linkage and protect ourselves. If you were robbed or so on, or you would like to provide relevant information, please contact the police and us as soon as possible. We can then stop the robbers and murders immediately.
3. The society to eliminate the discrimination against sex workers. When sex workers are in troubles or dangers, the community can offer help to sex workers, who mainly work in the industry for the sake of family and children.
4. The family of the victims to contact us. We are always ready to provide help for you.
5. The Government to reform current sex work law, so that sex workers can work or share the same flat with a third party.

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