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To Whom It May Concern:

RE: Sex worker safety in Hong Kong

Scarlet Alliance, The Australian Sex Workers Association, writes in solidarity with Zi Teng and JJJ on this important day for sex worker rights in Hong Kong.

In Australia, sex worker rights have been recognised in Tasmanian legislation to allow more than one sex worker to work legally and privately from a residential premises. This is a major breakthrough for sex worker safety. It is overdue for similar reform to be welcomed in Hong Kong.

We sincerely hope that the full decriminalisation of sex work be an eventual reality in Hong Kong. In the meantime, 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.

In conclusion, police and legislature in Hong Kong must recognise that the sex industry is substantially effected by the policies of police and legislation of Government. The industry is never going to go away, and the rights of both workers and clients must be protected. Unchecked crime and corruption against sex workers and clients is neither good for the general public or those enforcing the laws. If crimes against sex workers and clients cannot be allowed to go unchallenged.

Scarlet Alliance strongly endorses the work of Zi Teng and JJJ. For further information or comment please contact our office.

Sincerely,



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