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The COVID-19 Pandemic in Hong Kong and its Impacts on Foreign Domestic Workers

Date Saturday, 9 October 2021
Time 9:30 am to 12:30 pm
Workshop link <https://qrgo.page.link/tJRRa>

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Event Rundown

9:30 am - 9:40 am

Welcome address by Professor Mark R. Thompson
SEARC Director and Head of Department of Asian and International Studies, City University of Hong Kong

9:40 am - 9:45 am

Photo time

9:45 am - 11:00 am

Panel 1: Taking care of HK families in times of crisis

This panel will discuss:

- How has the pandemic resulted in increased pressure and difficulties in the work of migrant domestic helpers in HK
- How has the pandemic changed the nature of domestic workers' work and duties
- What measures should be taken to provide better protection of domestic workers so that they can serve well HK families at this difficult time
- What roles have FDW organizations played in helping the workers to cope with the difficulties

Facilitator: Dr Ju-chen Chen, Department of Anthropology, The Chinese University of Hong Kong

Panelists

- Eni Lestari Andayani, International Migrants Alliance
- Dolores Balladares, United Filipinos in Hong Kong
- Danilo Reyes, HELP for Domestic Workers
- Sringatin, Indonesian Migrant Workers Union
- Bungon Tamasorn, Thai Regional Alliance
- Sim Marestia Tania, Christian Action for Migrant Domestic Workers
- Johannie Tong, Mission for Migrant Workers
- Eman C. Villanueva, Asian Migrants Coordinating Body

11:00 am - 11:15 am

Break

11:15 am - 12:15 pm

Panel 2: Pandemic, crossborder care work, and sustainability

This panel will discuss:

- What impacts have the extra requirements regarding entry measures of FDW had on incoming workers and their employers
- What roles will NGOs, unions and governments play in helping FDW to handle extra difficulties in the fight of the pandemic
- How will HK contribute towards the betterment of FDW's work experiences in spite of the difficulties brought by the pandemic
- How will HK's labour immigration policies and practices regarding the domestic care sector work towards sustainable development goals in the global risk society

Facilitator: Professor Eric Fong, Department of Sociology, The University of Hong Kong

Panelists

- Marsianti, Consul of Protocol and Consular Affairs, Consulate General of the Republic of Indonesia in Hong Kong
- Wendi Budi Raharjo, Consul of Protocol and Consular Affairs, Consulate General of the Republic of Indonesia in Hong Kong
- Robert Quintin, Consul, Philippine Consulate General in Hong Kong
- Ratchaneegorn Pinkaew, Director of the Office of Labour Affairs and Consul (Labour), Royal Thai Consulate-General, Hong Kong
- Sorayod Kumbunlue, Deputy Consul-General, Royal Thai Consulate-General, Hong Kong
- Aaron Cerado, Asia Pacific Mission for Migrants
- Thomas Chan, HK Union of Employment Agencies
- Myriam Mwizerwa, Head of Office, International Organization for Migration, HK

12:15 pm - 12:20 pm

Concluding remarks

Dr Yuk Wah Chan, Department of Asian and International Studies, City University of Hong Kong

12:20 pm - 12:30 pm

Presentation of souvenirs

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