

Protest Letter -Hong Kong Dockers' Strike, the company violate workers' right to collective bargaining

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Dear Friends,

Hundred members of the Union of Hong Kong Dockers (UHKD) are striking to demand pay rise while their wages have not risen in the past fifteen years. Moreover they are also fighting for the collective bargaining right to negotiate with the management. **We ask you to send protest letters to the Hong Kong International Terminals (HIT) as well as its parent companies Hutchison Port Holdings Trust (HPHT), Hutchison Whampoa Ltd (HWL) and the Hong Kong SAR government to support the dockers. For this purpose we attach a template which you can adapt and send, with a copy to the HKCTU (hkctu hkctu.org.hk).**

On March 28, 2013, the Union of Hong Kong Dockers (UHKD), an affiliate of HKCTU staged a strike at Hong Kong Container Terminal No. 6 in Kwai Chung to demand an overdue pay raise and an end to their over-exploitation. More than 400 are still on strike now demanding for hourly pay rise by HK\$12.5 (USD1.61).

The wages of the dock workers, who are mostly hired by the sub-contractors, have not risen in the past fifteen years. They have been facing health and safety risks daily, working extremely long shifts, and not being given meals and toilet breaks. The terminal is owned by HIT, and it is subsidiary of HPHT and HWL. We urge HIT, HPHT and HWL to respect their demands and their right to strike, association and collective bargaining.

We thank you for your solidarity,

General Secretary

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Please send the protest letter to the following correspondences

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See also on ESSF (article 28322): [Stop Exploitation NOW - Dignity to Our Workers! In support of Hongkong International Terminals Workers' Strike](#)