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### Article in Brief

#### **The first Liaison Officers' Meeting for the anti-trafficking inter-Ministerial Joint Conference System (IMCS) was held in Beijing**

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China Government Web, 29 October: the first Liaison Officers' Meeting for the anti-trafficking inter-Ministerial Joint Conference System (IMCS) was held in Beijing on 28 October. The meeting announced the current situation of trafficking in women and children in China and the initial work achieved by the Office for the IMCS, as well as discussed the arrangements for future work. Mr Zhang Xinfeng, Deputy Minister for Public Security attended and spoke at the meeting.

In his speech, Mr Zhang Xinfeng stressed the need for members of the IMCS to have a united and heightened understanding of anti-trafficking work so as to include it in all their major plans. The Office for the IMCS should fully carry out its responsibilities of the advocacy, organisation, liaison, coordination and promotion of anti-trafficking work to gather support from and collaboration with each of the IMCS members in order to form a united front. Each of the members should follow the requests from the IMCS to ensure proper division of tasks, research into and formulate their own ministerial-level implementation plans, ensure clear objectives, improve implementation and carry out responsibilities to ensure each of the objectives and measures of China's National Plan of Action would be fully realised.

### **Xiamen relief centres' participation in comprehensive management of public security has gained notable achievements**

At the request of the city's Committee for Comprehensive Management of Public Security, Xiamen relief centres have been strengthening their assistance to and management of the homeless and beggars and playing an important role in cleaning up and stabilising society. First, the leaders have paid great attention to the work. Secondly, there is innovation in improving the structure. The centres have established leading groups to carry out comprehensive management work, and have also set up Protection Centres for Homeless Minors, Anti-Domestic Violence Shelters and Disaster Response Units to provide more extensive services to the society. Thirdly, there are improved measures. The centres have also set up mechanisms to team up with comprehensive management units on the district and street levels to provide guidance to the homeless and beggars and form prevention networks.

Fourthly, clear results have been achieved. Many people who encountered difficulties as a result of not finding work or relatives in Xiamen or because they were robbed had received timely assistance. Many homeless people who were ill or suffering from mental illnesses had also received treatment, while some of the beggars had been given guidance and advice. Since 2004, the city has provided guidance and advice to the homeless and beggars 25058 person-times, received people who were seeking help 17056 person-times, sent people to hospitals for treatment 625 person-times, accompanied minors to return to their home 372 person-times and provided settlement for people with intellectual disabilities 86 person-times. (Extracted from: Relief and Administrative Central Station of Department of Civil Affairs of Fujian province, "News Brief Issue 14")

### **Huizhou city of Guangdong province held a review meeting of its anti-trafficking project**

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Huizhou Daily, 24 October: At the review meeting of its anti-trafficking project, Huizhou city's Working Committee for Children and Women (WCCW) expressed the spirit contained within Guangdong province's plans for the development of woman and children, announced the city's progress of implementing its plans for the development of women and children and reviewed the outcomes of its anti-trafficking project. Ms Xie Duan, Deputy Mayor and Director for the city's WCCW, attended the meeting.

Ms Xie Duan requested the continuation of providing assistance to women and child migrants on the basis of the experiences and outcomes already achieved through the anti-trafficking project; at the same time to gradually build up a sustainable anti-trafficking mechanism that combines prevention, combating, rescue and recovery. Secondly, it is necessary to set up and improve monitoring and evaluation mechanisms in order to ensure the smooth implementation of the plans for the development of women and children.

### **The Philippines: NGO sees rise in prostitution and trafficking**

<http://news.tourthailand.org/asia-news/philippine-news/ngo-sees-rise-in-prostitution-trafficking.html>

Business Mirror (the Philippines), 19 October 2008 -- THE global financial crisis will have a correlative impact in the lives of people—from the lack of credit to lack of business to

lack of jobs, a feared offshoot of which is the compounding of the problem of human trafficking.

“Our fear is that many jobs [here and abroad] will be displaced,” said Maria Cecilia Flores-Oebanda, president of the Visayan Forum Foundation, indicating that these jobless people, especially women, would end up in the “oldest profession.” “Out of desperation, people will cling to false opportunities presented by traffickers for hope of a better life. I worry that many people will be facing harder times and will just go for anything.”

The foundation, one of the largest nongovernment organizations (NGOs) dedicated to fighting human trafficking usually for sexual slavery and servitude, estimates victims sent to Asia, the Middle East and Europe at nearly half a million.

### **反拐行动工作部际联席会议第一次联络员会议举行**

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中国政府网，2008年10月29日：10月28日，反拐行动工作部际联席会议第一次联络员会议在京举行。会议通报了当前全国拐卖妇女儿童犯罪形势、反拐行动工作部际联席会议办公室前期工作情况，研究部署了下一步反拐工作。公安部党委委员、副部长张新枫出席会议并讲话。

张新枫在讲话中强调，反拐部际联席会议各成员单位要统一思想，提高认识，切实把反拐工作列入重要日程。反拐行动工作部际联席会议办公室要充分发挥职能作用，认真承担宣传、组织、联络、协调和推动的职责，促进各成员单位之间协作配合，形成反拐工作的合力。各成员单位要按照部际联席会议的统一要求，对照反拐行动计划确定工作分工，认真研究制定本部门的实施计划，明确目标，完善措施，落实责任，狠抓落实，确保反拐行动计划各项任务目标的落实。

### **厦门市救助站参与社会治安综合治理工作成绩斐然**

厦门市救助站按照市综治委的要求，从加强流浪乞讨人员救助管理入手，在净化环境、稳定社会中发挥重要作用。一是领导重视，组织得力。二是健全机构，勇于创新。站成立综治工作领导小组，并根据社会需求，还成立了“流浪未成年人救助保护中心”、“反家庭暴力庇护中心”、“灾害应急分队”等，为社会提供多功能救助服务。三是措施完善，落实到位。救助站还与区、街综治部门建立协作劝导机制，落实综治措施，形成防范网络。

四是工作落实，成效明显。许多来厦务工不着、寻亲不遇或被偷被抢被骗而陷入困境的群众得到及时救助，许多生活无着、流落街头的危重病人和精神病人得到及时救治，一些长期从事职业乞讨人员得到劝导教育。自2004年以来，该市共劝导流浪乞讨人员25058人次，接待求助人员17056人次，其中救助14264人次，送医救治625人次，护送未成年人返乡372人，安置痴呆傻人员86人。

(摘自：福建省民政厅救助管理总站 救助管理工作要讯第十四期)

### **惠州市“防拐”项目工作总结会召开**

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惠州日报，2008年10月24日：昨日上午，市妇女儿童工作委员会暨“防拐”项目工作总结会召开，传达全省实施妇女儿童发展规划示范工作现场会精神，通报我市妇女儿童发展规划实施情况，总结了我市“防拐”项目实施情况。副市长、市妇女儿童工作委员会主任谢端出席会议。

谢端要求，一要充分利用好“防拐”项目工作经验成果，继续为流动妇女儿童提供帮助，同时要逐步建立集预防、打击、救助和康复为一体的“反拐”工作长效机制；二要建立和完善监测评估预警机制，确保妇女儿童发展规划顺利实施。

### **菲律宾：非政府组织关注日趋严重的卖淫和拐卖问题**

<http://news.tourthailand.org/asia-news/philippine-news/ngo-sees-rise-in-prostitution-trafficking.html>

商务镜报（菲律宾），2008年10月19日：全球金融危机将对人民的生活产生影响---从缺乏贷款、缺少经营到压缩就业，以及伴随而加剧的人口拐卖问题。

“我们担心许多（国内和国外的）工作岗位将被削减，”米沙鄢论坛基金会主席 Maria Cecilia Flores 指出：这将导致失业人员，尤其是妇女，重操“最古老的行业”，“由于绝望，人们将轻信人贩子的虚假承诺，幻想能过上较好的日子。我担心许多人将面临更艰难的时光，从而投身去干不论任何事情。”

米沙鄢论坛基金会是最大的非政府组织之一，致力于反对拐卖人口，通常以性奴役和雇佣奴役为重点。据该基金会估计约有 50 万拐卖受害人被运往亚洲、中东和欧洲。

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