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Hong Kong Unison

March 21

International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination

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Background

On March 21, 1960, in Sharpeville, South Africa, police opened fire on hundreds of peaceful demonstrators against the apartheid "Pass Laws" and killed 69 of them. In 1966, the United Nations declared March 21 as the Day in memory of this tragedy. In 1989, Canada became the 1st country to promote March 21 Campaign. March 21, therefore, has become a national focalpoint for raising awareness and involving publics in the movement against racism.

Definition

Racial discrimination means any distinction, exclusion, restriction or preference based on race, color, descent, or national or ethnic origin, which has the purpose or effect of impairing human rights and fundamental freedoms in any field of public life. However, it does not refer to any measures taken in the spirit of promoting equal opportunities helping people of different races to overcome their disadvantages.

Unison's March 21 Campaign

**Wear BY Friendship Ribbons
Promote Racial Equality & Harmony**



Unison designed the Brown & Yellow (BY) Friendship Ribbons in 2006 to promote racial equality and harmony. It represents HK residents from different ethnic groups and cultures living together in harmony. The hand-in-hand design symbolizes love and friendship among different ethnic groups. By wearing the BY Friendship Ribbons on March 21, we hope to spread the messages of racial equality and harmony.

ethnic minorities @ HK

Indians & Pakistanis: have been residing in Hong Kong for more than 100 years. They came mainly for business.

Nepalese: have been residing in HK since 1997. Before then, they worked as Gurkhas for the British Army in HK.

Non-Chinese population: 451,183 (6% of whole population) including Filipinos, Indonesians, English, Indians, Thais, Japanese, Nepalese, Pakistanis, etc. (2011 Population Census)



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