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# Hong Kong dockworkers call for solidarity

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**The Hong Kong dockworkers' strike enters its thirteen days today (April 9), and public donation reached 3.5 million HK\$. Meanwhile according to the CTU, the strike now is supported by 65 dockworkers' unions around the world. The management continues to refuse talking to the union.**

Dear Friends,

Hundreds of 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](mailto: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

Lee Chuek-yan

**Hong Kong Confederation of Trade Unions**

*Please send the protest letter to the following correspondences:*

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