

# ECPAT Taiwan

## 2003 Annual report



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# I . Stop child sexual exploitation

## Ban the Magazine “This Month in Taiwan”

The magazine “This month in Taiwan” is charged for free by foreigners in Taiwan, which provides some service guides in Taiwan. This is a magazine present the image of Taiwan, because foreigners can get more information about Taiwan through this book. But we find recently this book is filled with porn advertisements, which induces foreigners to call for porn massage girls. The advertisements use some porn words like 「Hot & Spicy Girls」 or 「Paradise for man」, just like another magazine “Paradise in Taiwan”(a Japanese-language tourist guidebook), seriously destroyed our images. Though it's just part of iceberg, there are still many other porn publications overflow in the hotels. We hold a press conference to appeal government and the society to concern on this problem. Not only ruin our social costumes but also involved in child sexual exploitation, which will results harmful effects to Taiwan.



## World Day for Prevention of Child Abuse - 19 November Press Conference -

ECPAT-Taiwan collaborates with three local NGO groups in Taiwan to hold a press conference to announce the World Day for Prevention of Child Abuse-19 November. These groups are The Garden of Hope、Mennonite Good Shepherd Center and Taiwan Children Rights Association. We hold the press conference in Legislator Yuan and invited the media reporters to report this day and raise the public awareness to pay attention on child abuse

problems. There are about 20 reporters come to the press conference and also three legislators to give their comments and respond to our activity.

At first, we introduced the origins of the World Day and then invited the Children's Bureau Secretary General to release a report on child abuse focusing on children under the age of 12. According to the report, 7.4 children out of every 10,000 suffer abuse. The Bureau had been alerted to 2,666 cases of child abuse between January and June this year. It said that 80.2 percent of abusers were the children's parents or foster parents, followed by careers (6.5 percent) and live-in partners of single parents (4.3 percent). The types of abuse suffered were physical harm (47.2 percent), neglect (35.1 percent), psychological harm (12.2 percent), and sexual abuse (5.5 percent). Of the sexual abuse cases, 107 victims were female, compared with 16 male victims.



According to the report, we bring up our declare “Education of parents, alert mechanisms and rapid intervention by social workers are the three keys to preventing child abuse, but due to lack of funding and personnel, these processes remain uncoordinated”. We also urged the public to report suspected abuse more actively, and to make use of the special telephone number 113 for help with domestic violence and other welfare issues.

In the end of the press conference, we invite the NGO representatives and legislators to do the job of piecing up the smile face from sad face to symbolize that we'll protect these children live in happy environment.

## **Build a family for those unfortunate girls**

The Ministry of Interior had authorized us and Professor MingYu Lee to do the research of 「The Transition of Children and Juveniles' Sexual Transactions Pattern and Related Social Policies」 in 2003. According to the report, we find that none of the 40 girls and 2 boys who accepted our research will choose the 「sexual transaction」 as their future career , and over 90% of them express their desire to continue their education. But when come back into earth, there are only 7 girls who can get their families' support, the other 33 girls have to earn their own livings. Hence, during the research, some of them express that if they can't find the suitable jobs, they might have to resume their old profession.

Thus we decide to build a family for those girls who have economic problems to have a warm house. In the first stage, we'll offer free accommodation 、 employment counsel. In the second stage, we'll assist these girls to find jobs and learn to live independently; in the third stage, we'll encourage them to save part of their salaries in every month. This project can help them to form the savings habit and live independently; through this way they can also think about their future plan. We estimate that we can help at least 8 girls in the first year. There will be a social worker 、 an counselors to assist and accompany them. We wish this family will be a junction for them to back to society. In this place, they can also get more capability and power to face the Society's cruel challenges, to manage the better lives.

The project of “Build a family for those unfortunate girls” is our vital project in 2004, but we need more people



attention on the news of these girls who are smuggled from Mainland China to Taiwan for prostitution. These Chinese girls who are waiting to be repatriated are detained in JinLu detention centre.

2003 March, it's our first time to meet C region girls who are new to JingLu... This day we asked everyone to paint her impressive clothes, and share the story of it; this idea comes from Ms. Shuimai Lui. Each clothes represents a memory: a girl shares the feeling of desiring a dressing but still can't get it; another girl shares the experience that she bought a clothes which costs half of her first time's salary; and some of the girls share the dancing dress their parents bought to them with the hard-earned money that they'll never forget; two or three girls share that their first clothes in Taiwan are bought by their agents to let them wear for their job.

Some of the girls talked about their life experiences in Taiwan actively, which also causes the police's attention. When they talk about their agents, we can feel that they have good relationship with their agents. Their relationship builds on the money, the girls feel gratitude for their agents' consideration and care, and their agents get money by these girls. As a result, we can image that the law enforcement agency's difficulty to investigate these girls; the girls might defend the police and protect their agents. If we can help the girls have more understanding of sexual exploitation, let them trust the police, it must be able to help them investigate the smuggling groups.



### **JingLu Detention Center Report ~ The girls' story!**

~ My parents abandoned me when I was a little kid, but my foster parents treat me very well. I already knew this fact when I was very young, but I still can't believe it. Therefore I often run away from home and it made my foster parents heartbroken. When I was 15 years old, I returned to my own mother's home, I love her, but the life with her isn't as happy as what I imagined. My mother didn't understand me, and even didn't believe me that she doubted me to steal her money. At that time, I was so sad, I even want to end my life but I have no courage ; then I found I don't love my mother anymore, because she didn't love and care me as what I thought. I want to escape from her, to make money by myself. I want to cut off my relationship with her, and never see her again. ~

~ I don't talk to my family often, because they are too busy to listen our secrets and opinions. If I want to go out to play with my friends, they often disallowed and asked a lot of questions that made me feel sick about them. When I saw my friends take the part time job, but I have to stay at home, which makes me unhappy. My dream is to make a lot of money, make my family member live in happiness, don't let other people look down upon. That's the reason why I run away from home and make the big mistake. ~

~ I was sold out by my one of my friend to Taiwan, I want to forgive her but I am



develop a network, and help these two governments to take their roles in combating trafficking crimes in Asia.

### 2. To protect victims

Taiwan and China need to develop a comprehensive procedure that allows the trafficked victims to go home safely. This process must be based on the principle of human rights. Taiwan and China must work routinely to send the victims back to their families; to decrease the possibility of long detention especially the teenaged girls; to provide rehabilitation programs and to keep their lives in a safe situation. We hope that the governments will give special concern to the rights of teenaged victims.

### 3. To promote human rights

Some believe that the Chinese women involved in prostitution are unworthy of being protected. This idea ignores that they are exploited by criminal organizations. ECPAT Taiwan expects that the part of protecting foreign teenaged girls in the “Law to Suppress Sexual Transactions Involving Children and Juveniles” will be put into implementation soon. And the personnel of jurisdiction can understand that they are victims in sexual market, not criminals, and respect their basic rights. We hope that the welfare system can soon protect the victims instead of detaining them.

## The Trafficking Problem and Policy Conference



ECPAT-Taiwan hold 「The Trafficking Problem and Policy Conference」 on September 5, 2003 in the Chinese Culture University Arts and Performing Arts centre. Because the increase of the trafficking cases, and the drowning deaths of six Chinese women by Taiwanese smugglers; thus we want to discuss and analysis the trafficking problem and examine our law for preventing trafficking crimes and projects for rehabilitation in Taiwan. The conference can also let more people in Taiwan understand that the

trans-national trafficking crimes pattern and tricks are not only through smuggling, even fake marriage and immigration workers are the hiding problems.

In virtue of the drowning deaths event that everybody begin to pay attention on the seriousness and frequency of smuggling cases. In fact, the Chinese girls' detention centre 「JinLu」 had even reached the saturated population, and it also becomes the big burden to police and government resource.. We have the social worker go to JinLu to give the underage girls proper counselling and communicate with them, and also initially obtained their approval. We believe that if we had good rehabilitation projects and complete measures, we can get more information about smuggling groups from the girls. Also we can invent more preventing promotional projects to avoid more victimized girls.

The conference has four subject to discuss; each of them is 「the law area」、 「the system area」、 「the practice area」 and 「preventing strategy」, hope the audience can have deeper understanding of the problem. We have invited the Public Prosecutor Chen Zheng-Fan、 Dr, Xie LiGong、 Social worker Ms. Chen Shu-Juan、 ECPAT-Taiwan Ms. Yuan Chihchun、 Priest Mr. Duan Guang-Zhang、 Sister Wei-wei and Ziteng Ms. Yan Yue-Lian to be our guest speakers. And we'll have the 2<sup>nd</sup> CSEC

Conference in December, we hope there are more people to concern about this problem, and attend our conference.

## III. Educational Promotion For Children

### The Family Carnival In Front of the Presidential Palace



ECPAT-Taiwan and Ministry of Interior、Ministry of Education and Department of Health hold the family carnival in front of the Presidential Palace on July 19 and 20. It's just like a big party, which contains many large-sized Installation Art、stage shows、games and exhibitions. The Presidential

Palace soon becomes a Children's Play ground that children's hand in hand with their parents to play games and also understand more information about children's right、children's self-protection、children's health and education.

At July 19 morning, the Minister of the Interior Yu Cheng-hsien、the officials of Ministry of Education、Department of Health、Children's Bureau Ministry and our Director General Ms. Ruth Kao present at the opening ceremony to bring their blessings to the children around the world. They also help the children finish the big jigsaw puzzle, which bring the occasion of celebratory atmosphere and also declare the beginning of the family carnival.

Among this happy children's heaven, there are big jigsaw puzzle games for children and parents to compete；magician performance；doll drama to promote correct concept to parents and children；and games for parents and children to combat devil in the north square.

In the south square, there are Children's Stage for elementary and junior high school students to perform；large-scale balloon was designed to become the "physical labyrinth" which has heart-like pumping air-cushion、bubbled lungs、crooked small intestines...etc, to teach children understand their physical organs. In the margin of the square, there are also many exhibitions promote the children's right and child protection.

Then the Evening Party we have invited the famous singers to perform their hot songs；and ILan-Yang dancing schools children perform the folk dance. Also the Ministry of interior Yu Cheng-hsien lead the children to do the 「healthy exercise」

and the YOYO family's staff raise the atmosphere to the high point. Suddenly, the door behind the stage opened, a grandfather (President Chen shui-bian) who makes the children surprise sit on the mushroom, telling the stories and communicating with them, which also left the impressive memory to all the children.

## **Young People Participation**

### **2003 Youth Human Rights Camp**

August 20 -22 we hold the Youth Human Rights Camp in Chien-Tan Overseas Youth Activity Centre ; it's also the first time ECPAT-Taiwan holds the conference camp for young people. We want to give the young people the idea of their basic rights and the concept of human rights. As a result, we designed a series of units for them to learn the International human rights concept and laws through the interesting ways. The opening session, our Director General Ms. Ruth Kao share her experience to gain the rights and encourage the young people to participate the human rights activities in these three days, and feed back to our society in the future.

The first class 「Human rights ABC」 tells the basic concept to the students, they also ask a lot of questions which were related to the human rights, such as 「Is the death penalty expropriate the criminal's human rights? 」 、 「the problem of euthanasia ? 」 ...etc. The next class, we invited Professor Amy Shi to give them the lively speech about 「International Human Rights Convention and Organization」 and 「The Children and Juveniles Welfare Law」. Then the next unit is 「Human Rights Soapbox」, it's open time for the student to give their speech about their human rights ideas. We can find that they were diligent in preparing it; they collect lots of information to support their issues and perform well before the audiences. They care most about their rights in the school, and human rights education ; so we should put the human rights education into practice in daily life to let everyone knows their rights and respect others.



The second day, we invited ECPAT-Taiwan、Eden social welfare foundation、Peacetime Foundation of Taiwan and Taiwan Labour Front to share their work and youth problems in the world. The subjects are：World CSEC、Child labour problem、Children in War and Foreign wives' children. We also designed a body language class for the students to show their originality and role-playing.

On the last day, we invite the guest speaker to give the speech about the「diplomacy situation in the world」and「Young people's challenge in globalization」, we hope the young people can contact more International affairs and concern more on the world issues. In the closing ceremony, we awarded them the certification and take the pictures to end this three-day summer camping.

## IV. Child Safety Online

### 「Website Safety Start in Year 2003」Press Conference

ECPAT-Taiwan and Taiwan Internet Association hold a series of activities for the「Website Safety Start in Year 2003」from March 29 to April 2, which includes press conference、website content rating system workshop、Internet broadcast workshop、「website rating system server、client interface and rating support system」seminar、「We truly care」celebrity chat room...etc, we hope to appeal the public to care about child and juveniles' online safety.

In the「Website Safety Start in Year 2003」press conference, the online safety promotion video was first time broadcasted, we also invited the Spirit opera troupe to perform e-baby to teach the children to be careful on the Internet. And a student represent also hand in the「My Internet Child Paradise petition」to the official, in order to have a designed websites for the children. In the conference, the Internet industrialists also signed the Internet code of conduct, they are SEEDNET、HINET、SONET、GIGIGAGA、SPARQ、TFN、APOL、YAHOO、PCHOME、YAM、SINA、TISNET, about twelve industrialists.

We are pleased that our government starts to draw up the Internet rating system, we hope the Internet content can be rated into four ranks to let us choose the appropriate Internet content. On the other hand, the Internet industrialists also start to set Internet code of conduct into action. ECPAT-Taiwan also continues to promote the child online safety problem, we hope the children can have the abilities to protect themselves when they surf on net, and reduce the Internet improper information and Internet pornography into minimum.

## Internet Safety public service advertisements---

### Goalkeeper Shooting titbits Report



In virtue of many Internet users received the porn emails everyday and many students also have seen the porn information on the Internet, among them naked photos account for 21.4% and sex related subjects account for 23.3%. However, there are only 16% parents who are familiar with the Internet, but most parents do not absolutely understand it. Therefore, we especially invited President Chen Shui-Bian 、 Children's Bureau Ministry of Interior's Director Huang Bi-Xia 、 Ministry of Education's director Liu

Jin-He 、 Taiwan Electrical and Electronic Manufacturers' Association's Chairman Xu Sheng-Xiong and Leo Corp. CEO Wu Zhi-Da ,etc together to shoot the 「Internet Content Safety」 public advertisement.

And the content of the advertisement used the 「football net」 as the metaphor of the Internet Infinite. President Chen Shui-Bian leads the guardians of Internet to block the footballs which mean 「pornography 、 gamble 、 drugs 、 violence」 on the Internet. It also reminds the parents to care for their children's Internet actions, hope them to be the trustiest goalkeepers to protect children's Internet safety. The original purpose of the advertisement is to appeal the parents to concerned with children's Internet safety, because the Internet pornography and violence and other harmful materials has begun to harm the children's body and mind health. Many children and juveniles therefore become the victims, so we expect to arouse the public to pay attention on Internet Safety by means of broadcasting 「Internet Safety」 public advertisement. We hope that parents can 「accompany children on the Internet 、 make use of filter software and operate in coordination of rating systems」 !

If you want to see the advertisement, please link to our websites. <http://www.ecpat.org.tw>

### Volunteers Introduction

ECPAT-Taiwan' volunteers are a group of guardian angels who make efforts in monitoring Internet pornography, in order to sweep the Internet pornography to let the children surf on net with happy and carefree minds. They play important rules in our work, they let our report hotline (<http://www.web547.org.tw>) and online database can work successfully. We receive about 10 report cases everyday, the volunteers would enter the online database to classify these cases, and then the C.I.B. (Criminal Investigation Bureau) will start to collect the evidence online. They are the key person, who makes the process workable. Therefore, we hold a thanksgiving tea party to thank their efforts and commend them for serving achievements.

In the thanksgiving tea party, we also invited the police officers to talk about their investigating experience. The Internet anonymity and convenience makes their investigation become more difficult. For example, when they get the news of the resource of the porn VCD, the police have to get the master VCD to be the evidence; but the offenders can easily delete the master data which are saved in the hard disc. Otherwise, the enjoukousai cases can contact through online chat room and MSN to have a

deal. But these messages are not easy to reserve, which also make the investigation become more difficult. They also have positive appreciation to the volunteers' effort, which also make them work harder.

## Internet Safety Monitoring Report

### **Pornography Exist in Online Albums and Families**

In April, ECPAT-Taiwan gets the report that lots of Pchome's online albums and families are found to contain porn photos and articles. In order to deal with these illegal and improper information more quickly, we decided to contact the Pchome to delete these ill information, and prevent these ill information being received by the children. We are glad that their legal coordinator responded us quickly and take into action for the ill information, and the achievements are as follows:

	Report cases	Improved cases
<b>April 23</b>	12	46 cases
<b>April 28</b>	11	
<b>April 30</b>	17	
<b>May 7</b>	23	
<b>May 21</b>	18	
<b>Total</b>	81	

During the contacting process, Pchome deal with the problem very quickly, as long as the reported cases are open catalogue (everyone can browse it) albums, they will delete them soon, but if these are closed catalogue (only family members can browse it) albums or families, the actions are much slower. In our 81 reported cases, Pchome had processed 46 cases, the improved percentage is about 56.7% . According to the data, we think there are still much room to improve; we hope Pchome can strengthen their responsibilities to protect children from the ill information in the online albums and families.

### **Online Groups--- Pornographic Secret Garden**

“The Children and Juveniles Welfare Law” was enacted June 1,2002 ; according to the Article 30 that the harmful information is forbad to spread on the Internet. And refers to the survey by Taiwan Internet Association in 2002 March, the most popular webs that the teenagers like to surf are the four portal sites : Yahoo · Yam · Sina · and Pchome. So the content and function they provide should consider if there are any negative influence to the children ; we thought the examination should aimed at their group functions, and see if the portal sites take their responsibility to manage it, and if the empowered group moderators take over the group affairs.

The following data is the first three portal sites' 100 popular groups, and the proportion of the porn groups and the number of the porn information messages :

	Yahoo	Pchome	Yam
Proportion of the porn groups	13% ( 13/100 )	14% ( 14/100 )	2.2% ( 2/90 )
Porn information messages	555	244	68

The following data is the our classification with the groups' porn information :

Porn Information classification	Yahoo	Pchome	Yam	Total
Hyperlink to porn websites	439 ( 90.7% )	37 ( 7.6% )	8 ( 1.7% )	484
Porn pictures 、 messages Post	41 ( 46.1% )	19 ( 21.3% )	29 ( 32.6% )	89
Porn Videos Downloads	22 ( 26.2% )	40 ( 47.6% )	22 ( 26.2% )	84
Hyperlink to Porn Groups	19 ( 19.6% )	75 ( 77.3% )	3 ( 3.1% )	97
Enjokosai Message Post	28 ( 51.9% )	23 ( 42.6% )	3 ( 5.5% )	54
Hyperlink to Porn e-paper	0	17 ( 100% )	0	17
Other improper information	6 ( 14.3% )	33 ( 78.6% )	3 ( 7.1% )	42
Total	555 ( 64% )	244 ( 28.2% )	68 ( 7.8% )	867

## The Sexual Trade Content On the Internet Report

In 2003, we invited the social groups like Garden of Hope Foundation , Taipei Women's Rescue Foundation and Mennonite Good Shepard Center together to make a survey, to do the research of the " Internet Sexual Trade information" questionnaire on the Yam. COM. The research time stared from October 15 to October 24 in 2003, and the valid questionnaires are 436, 72.7% are male which have 317 people, and 27.3% are female which have 119 people.

The survey showed that:

1. The Internet Porn materials are over overabundant: 37% of Internet users would receive the porn information everyday, 41% receive it every three days; and 78% of the visitors are at the status of easy- receiving porn information.
2. Half of people will choose the sexual trade contents: Over 50% of the visitors will choose the sexual trade messages or reply for it. No matter they do it out of curiosity or not, it can reflect that their attitude toward dealing the sexual trade messages are not refuge it quickly, but will check it again. there are 86% of them won't reply the messages, 13% of them have

replied it. And also half of them will search for the porn information actively, and the ages between 15-39 are higher than other ages.

3. Half of the porn messages emphasize the minors and students: Half of the Internet users who answer that they've seen the sex messages emphasize the minors and students, it expresses that they are the mainstreams of the sexual markets.

4. The way they get the sexual trade messages are: photo websites, search key words, chat rooms, Internet matchmaker, emails and mobile messages. And 85.12 percent of users said they had received sex messages via the Chunghwa Telecom , Taiwan Cellular Corp or FarEasTone Telecommunications Co networks.

To address the issue the groups urged the government to improve its education program in shelters for teenagers, sex education in schools and its online detective work. They also demanded telecom service providers prevent sex short messages from spreading across their networks.