

JOG TO SNAKE ALLEY AND STOP CHILD PROSTITUTION

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Don't let young girls become disposable objects!

Join the November 14

"Jog to Snake Alley and stop child prostitution"

It will take all the forces of our society to stop child prostitution. Taiwan now has over 60,000 young girls in this US\$400 million-dollar business — that's CHILD prostitutes alone. Simply preaching morality is not going to stop this evil force that is strangling our children.

It will take every person, every agency of government — all the people united in a powerful force to see the death of this child slavery. This fight is not just about the human rights of these 60,000 girls only — it is about the destruction of future generations. The sooner we start this war on prostitution, the greater the possibility of winning it. If we don't stop child prostitution today, it will be unstoppable tomorrow! Come! Join with us in a joint show of concern! Let us exercise our united power to insist on government actions to STOP CHILD PROSTITUTION!

We will gather at the Chiang Kai-shek Memorial Hall and jog through the city, straight to the heart of this slave market — Snake Alley, or more appropriately called "Prostitute Alley." The event will conclude with a mass rally in a nearby park, praying for the youth of today and tomorrow.

DATE: Sunday, November 14, 6:30--9:30 am

STARTING POINT: Chiang Kai-shek Memorial Hall

FEE: NT\$150 at the door. You will be given a T-shirt when you participate.

Annotations of Words and Expressions

1. disposable adj.being used once and then thrown away 用完就丟

* Today the convenient and disposable containers create a serious garbage problem.

2. object n. a thing 物體
* UFO stands for "Unidentified Flying Object."
3. Snake Alley n. Huashi Street 華西街
* Snake Alley is the most colorful night market in Taipei, where you can find a number of snake shops.
4. prostitution n. the trade of being a prostitute 賣淫
prostitute n. a woman who earns money by sex 娼妓
* Prostitution is described as the oldest profession on earth.
* It's said Friday's (Restaurant) offers male prostitutes.
5. force n. natural or bodily power 力量
* She was a powerful force in the women's movement.
6. preach v. to make known by speaking in public 傳教; 宣揚; 鼓吹
* Dr. Chen is devoted to preaching the value of cold baths.
7. morality n. rightness of behavior, etc. 道德
* I sometimes wonder if there is any morality in politics.
8. strangle v. to kill by pressing on the throat 扼殺; 勒死
* The government's policy is slowly strangling the economy.
9. agency n. the governmental organization (政府的)機關; 廳; 公署
10. fight n. a battle 作戰; 戰爭
* The fight against drug abuse goes on.
11. human rights n. the non-political rights of freedom 人權
* US continues to push human rights issues in Red China.
12. destruction n. the act of destroying 毀壞(滅); 致命傷
* Pride is her destruction and she loses all her friends.
13. generation n. a period of time, perhaps 25-30 years 代
* How can we bridge the generation gap between teachers and their teenage students?

14. The 比較級 (S V), the 比較級 (S V)
The sooner ... the greater
The earlier ...the larger 越(愈)[早]...越(愈)[大]..
* The richer our material life becomes, the poorer our spiritual life is.
15. possibility n. likelihood 可能(性); 希望
* Is there any possibility that the fire could be arson?
16. joint adj. united; shared by 2 or more people 共同的; 聯合的
* In Taiwan, those who pass the Joint College Entrance Exam are able to get into a college or a university.
17. exercise v. to use a power or right 運用
* You should exercise your judgment.
18. government n. the people who rule 政府; 內閣
* The Government is/are planning welfare pension.
19. gather v. to come together 聚集; 集合
* Hundreds of people gathered in the open to watch the film.
20. straight adv. directly 直接地; 立即地
* He went straight to the point.
21. slave n. a servant without personal freedom 奴隸; 聽命支配的人
* We're all the slaves of habit.
22. appropriately adv. correctly or suitably 正確地; 適當(合)地
23. event n. a happening 事件
* The school festival and the athletic meet are the two big events of the academic year.
24. conclude v. to come to an end 結束; 終止
* We concluded the meeting at 8 o'clock with a prayer.
25. mass adj. large 群眾的; 大規模的
* A mass protest was held outside the Legislative Yuan.

26. rally n. public gathering 集會
* The foreign laborers staged a peace rally yesterday.
27. pray v. to speak often silently 祈禱 (求); 禱告
* We pray to God for guidance.
28. fee n. charge for services; expenses 費用
* The membership fee at this MTV video center is NT\$500.
29. participate v. to take part in 參與

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