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Presentation Abstract

1. Your name: Mr. Kenny Wai-Yan TSO	2. Workshop Title: Countering corruption to combat trafficking in human beings
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3. Title of case-study or paper:
Trafficking in human beings in Hong Kong- success and failure

Success

Background

- Allegations that employees of airlines in Hong Kong had corruptly assisted human smuggling syndicate to smuggle illegal immigrants from Hong Kong to overseas countries.

Modus Operandi

- A syndicate based in Taiwan arranged citizens from the People's Republic of China (PRC) to travel to Hong Kong.
- Photo substituted passports with valid visa to overseas countries were used.
- Switching of passports after checking in at the airline counters.

Overt Enforcement Action

Difficulties Encountered

Subsequent Criminal Prosecutions

Failure

Background

- An officer of the Hong Kong Immigration Department had corruptly assisted a human smuggling syndicate to smuggle PRC citizens to a South American country via Hong Kong by using false passports.

Modus Operandi

- The would be smuggled human being was made to travel extensively on the strength of a forged passport with a view to creating a false impression of a genuine one.
- The syndicate obtained the false passports, which carried a genuine exit stamp, from another criminal syndicate.
- The Immigration officer assisted "clients" to stay in Hong Kong by using the false passports.

Overt Enforcement Action

Difficulties Encountered

Subsequent Criminal Prosecutions

Conclusion

Lessons to Learn