### 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**