



Ma Tong Village Asbestos Issue in Jan 2013

On Jan 28 2013, The main media exposed that asbestos were disposed illegally in Ma Tong Village. The photos show that asbestos were broken and expose to the air. The Environmental Protection Department started to clean the asbestos after reporting, and the media said that some parties had complained it to The Environmental Department in the past nine years, but she always ignore their concern.



Newspaper report

Mr. Chan Kam Hong made an investigation in the site, he found that some asbestos had been cleaned; however, some were covered by canvas. Under the canvas, we could see the asbestos fragment was put in some bags, but the bags were broken. Workers seemed to collect asbestos with a white bag without any PPE, and the asbestos fragment was disposed everywhere.



Broken asbestos was just covered by canvas



Workers seemed to collect asbestos without any PPE



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Asbestos fragment was disposed everywhere

The next day when asbestos was exposed in Ma Tong Village, we petitioned to the Environmental Protection Department and met with the officers. We requested the department to dismantle the asbestos in a special process. In order to enhance public's awareness, especially the workers who need to dismantle asbestos buildings, we also requested them to make a general survey and list out all of asbestos buildings. We urged them to start the legislation process of banning all kinds of asbestos as soon as possible.



Petitioned to the Environmental Protection Department



Meeting with the Environmental Protection Department





Shek Mun Hong Kong Bank Building Construction Site Issue

On Feb 4 2013, The media reported that a constructor used asbestos fireproof carpets in Hong Kong Bank Building Construction site in Shek Mum; and after used, the asbestos fireproof carpets were disposed everywhere. We felt shock that why the asbestos fireproof carpets appear in Hong Kong while constructor had never applied for the environmental Protection Department's permit.



Newspaper report

In the afternoon, we criticized the building's owner (because we thought that the owner has responsibility to monitor the working process safety) and the contractor outside of the construction site, and promoted asbestos' impact to the workers as well.

Some workers complained that they didn't know the fireproof carpets include asbestos, and when the managers instructed them to clean the broken carpets, they didn't provide any PPE. The workers worried about their health. Now we are striving to help the victims.



Protested to the building's owner and contractor

