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Yin Kong Village Asbestos Issue in Aug2013

Asbestos sheets were found in village again! In Jan 2013, we, No More Asbestos in Hong Kong Alliance (NMAHKA) found that asbestos sheets were disposed illegally in Ma Tong Village, after half year, Yin Kong Village was found a huge size asbestos sheets in the fields. The asbestos sheets are used as hoardings to separate the fields. Some are used as the house roof or cover; however, some asbestos had been serious damaged.



asbestos are serious damaged

asbestos sheets were used as hoardings





Asbestos sheet were used as roof

Asbestos sheet
were used as
cover

We talked to the villagers and farmers, they worry that the asbestos will influent their health. The famers also worry the plants will be impacted by the asbestos. Because of the huge cost of dismantling, villagers and famers choose to let the asbestos stay.





We had a demonstration action to disclose this serious situation to the public. The followings are our request

1. to assist villagers and farmers to dismantling the asbestos sheets, especially the broken sheets.
2. to make a general survey and list out all of asbestos buildings.
3. to start the legislation process of banning all kinds of asbestos as soon as possible
4. to enhance the public's awareness, especially the workers who need to dismantle asbestos buildings





We also communicate with the Environmental Protection Department, they said that they will make an investigation and assist famers to clear up the broken asbestos sheets as soon as possible. For long term, the Environmental Protection Department said that they will study the ways of dealing with the intact asbestos sheets.



Newspaper report

The media describe the serious situation in Yin Kong Village, villagers and farmers worried about the asbestos' image. they hope government can assist them to dismantle the asbestos sheets.



The reports recorded our action and request (the four requests of the above)

