

Korean retail company E-Land workers' struggle on behalf of irregular workers continues

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Korean retail company E-Land workers' struggle on behalf of irregular workers continues – see info on the nearly one-year struggle, below, which has been racking Korea after the new Irregular Worker Act last July 2007.

The struggle is very high profile in the Korean media.

Korean union members and supporters will come to Hong Kong May 1-7, prior to E-land HKSE listing. They will also join the Hong Kong Labour Day Rally.

E-land has been facing industrial disputes every year due to exploitative labour abuse and suppression of trade unions. E-Land laid-off more than 1000 workers last year. The angry workers had to take up a struggle including occupation of E-LAND's retail stores three times. The strike campaign of E-land workers has gone on over 300 days.

Upon taking over Carrefour, E-land took on over 1,500 billion won, and last year recorded a deficit of 200 billion won. Now, E-land wants to raise US\$300 million on the HK stock exchange.

The listing was originally planned for May 8 but now will be on May 18 to raise US\$300 million in shares. E-land deceives customers about its products hires thugs to bust its union—HK people should not invest in such a company

OPPOSE E-land's HK stock market listing and fund-raising!

HK and international groups, please show our Asian and international labour solidarity. SUPPORT E-land's strike and boycott! Support E-land actions in HK!