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Who we are

Founded in 2007, **Justice Centre Hong Kong**:

- Provide **legal** & **psychosocial** services to refugees
- Engage in **strategic litigation** to create systemic change
- Produce authoritative **research** & engage in evidence-based dialogue to **advocate** for legislative & policy reform
- Engage in **clinical legal education** to develop the next generation of human rights advocates

**Our vision**

We envision Hong Kong as a fair and inclusive society where even the most marginalised enjoy fundamental rights and access to justice.

**Our mission**

We enable our clients to access their rights through legal and psychosocial support, policy, advocacy and research. We strive to strengthen the rule of law in Hong Kong.
Refugees in Hong Kong

10,709* refugees and asylum seekers from 5 continents fleeing war, torture, persecution and other serious human rights violations. *awaiting processing as at Q1. 2018

- Must be out of status to apply for asylum
- Required to address complex legal grounds to file a claim
- Lack of legal support at critical stages
- (Extremely) high refusal rate
- No specialist mental health services
- No right to work
- Minimal social welfare support
- May wait years for a decision
- No durable solution
# Direct Client Services

## Legal Services
- Emergency airport support
- Legal Information
- Individualised Legal Assistance
- Judicial Review Applications
- Appeal Rep
- Unlawful Detention Claims

## Psychosocial Services
- Emergency fund
- Community Groups
- Psychological Counselling
- Permission to Work Applications
- Social Welfare Assistance
- Resettlement Facilitation

## And:
- Training & capacity building Hong Kong’s legal & medical community
We identify and prioritize the most vulnerable & unassisted refugees.

- Human Trafficking Victims
- Children
- Persons with severe medical/psych needs
- Stateless Persons
- Torture Survivors
- SGBV Survivors
Justice Centre operates a pioneering legal pro bono partnership model
Strengthening Protection

Research
Identifying trends & using data from client services

Strategic Litigation
Cases of strategic impact from client services and research

Advocacy
Our research a primary evidence base

Coalition Building
Regional and local coalitions to share resources & advocate together

Public Engagement
Diverse events to promote cohesion