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Dear Sisters and Brothers,

we learnt with great pleasure about your inauguration ceremony on 21 Nov. 2010 in Hong Kong to build a Federation of local and migrant domestic workers of different nationalities – **the Hong Kong Federation of Asian Domestic Workers Unions (FADWU)**.

This is a strong signal not only for all domestic workers organizations but also for the rest of the world that domestic workers are united in their struggle to fight for equal rights, recognition and respect.

The International Domestic Workers Network (IDWN) welcomes and supports this development, which also strengthens our common work towards uniting domestic workers globally. We are proud of our sisters and brothers in Hong Kong and we will spread the news around the globe.

The clear message that you give to us is: Despite all the obstacles and difficulties - domestic workers can and they DO organize!

We are convinced that your example of building a Domestic Workers' Federation in Hong Kong will inspire other domestic workers and domestic workers organizations to do the same.

This is the spirit we will all take to the ILO next year. United we will not only achieve an ILO Convention for domestic workers but also its ratification in many countries to truly achieve "Decent Work for Domestic Workers" everywhere.

Our thoughts are with you when you celebrate this important step forward not only for Hong Kong but also for the movement of domestic workers internationally to organize and fight for equal rights.

In Solidarity

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