Self-help Practices and Network Building: Hong Kong’s Foreign Domestic Workers Under the COVID-19 Pandemic

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Foreign domestic workers’ hair styling classes and graduation ceremony in Victoria Park, Hong Kong, 2020. Left photo by Arie Sanjaya. Right photo by authors.
- Suppression of day off. 116,000 domestic workers (29%) had their days off reduced during the Pandemic.*

- Exclusion from government measures. Excluded from the 287.5 billion relief fund

- Not given masks or sanitizer at work. 43,000-55,000 workers (11-14%) did not receive masks or sanitizers from their employers. *

* Data from the Asian Migrants Coordinating Body (AMCB), Mission for Migrant Workers (MFMW) and the Asia Pacific Mission for Migrants (APMM).