

## **PRAYER MARCH FOR A EFFECTIVE ANTI-RACIAL DISCRIMINATION LAW**

**TREAT US EQUALLY!!! RACE LAW BRINGS HOPE!!** 1,200 supporters shouted these slogans on December 17<sup>th</sup> 2006 at Edinburgh Place to call for a more effective Anti-Racial Discrimination Law. The long awaited Anti-Racial Discrimination Bill was finally put forward by the government on the 13<sup>th</sup> December 2006. However, much to Unison's disappointment, the bill made many exemptions, allowing areas where discrimination would be legitimate.

At 2pm, the march kicked off at Edinburgh Place and continued through Central to the Central Government Offices. Supporters to amend the proposed bill came from NGOs, ethnic minority groups, migrant groups, Chinese and non-Chinese. Legislators Audrey Eu Yuet Mee, Dr. Fernando Cheung Chiu Hung, Lee Cheuk Yan, Tam Hueng Man and "Long Hair" Leung Kwok Hung spoke in support for more positive actions from the government to eliminate racial discrimination in Hong Kong.

Representatives from five religious groups – Christian, Catholic, Sikh, Islam and Hindu-led marchers in prayer for social justice and racial harmony. Yellow-Brown ribbons, symbolizing the racial harmony and friendship of Ethnic Minorities and Chinese in Hong Kong were tied to the gates of the Central Government Offices.

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Home Affairs Bureau: Race Discrimination Bill

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