

## Anti-trafficking projects receive S\$80,000 in grants

**SINGAPORE** – A non-profit organisation that will collect data from victims of sex trafficking to aid in the formulation of awareness-raising strategies and measures to prevent trafficking in persons (TIP) has been awarded a grant from the Government to carry out its project.

EmancipAsia, which was registered last year, also plans to hold a photography exhibition and film screening to engage Singaporeans

and shape attitudes towards human trafficking, as well as a walk-or-jog event to raise funds for non-profit organisations that work on TIP issues.

Two other submissions also received co-funding from the Singapore Inter-Agency Taskforce on Trafficking in Persons, which is awarding S\$80,000 in grants to the three proposals.

UN Women and the Humanitarian Organization for Migration Eco-

nomics (HOME) made a joint submission proposing talks for industry associations, chambers of commerce and business owners, especially employers of migrant workers, on how they can help prevent TIP as part of their corporate social responsibility efforts.

They also plan to organise a TIP conference involving participants from multiple sectors such as non-profit organisations, Government agen-

● The Singapore Inter-Agency Taskforce on Trafficking in Persons, co-chaired by the Ministry of Home Affairs and the Ministry of Manpower, launched the grant in January to raise public awareness on TIP issues.

cies, businesses, academia, potential victims and youth networks to share their views on TIP-related topics.

The third submission is from the National University of Singapore (NUS) and the Singapore Management University (SMU), which plan to jointly organise two public seminars on labour and sex trafficking.

In a statement, the task force said it would be working closely with the grant recipients to “ensure that key deliverables are delivered and will show our utmost support for all the initiatives”.