

《香港面临难民问题，申请者两年翻三倍》

导读:香港出生的无国籍难民儿童的人数日益增长，在过去两年中寻求庇护的人数翻了超过三倍。



The number of stateless children born to refugees is growing in Hong Kong, where claims from asylum seekers have more than tripled in the last two years, alarming residents and lawmakers.

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While Europe grapples with an influx of people desperate to escape fighting in Syria, asylum seekers from Asian nations such as Bangladesh, India, Pakistan and Vietnam are flocking to Hong Kong, along with a sprinkling from Africa.

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Hong Kong has approved just 52 of more than 8,000 claims since 2009.

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There are more than 11,000 asylum seekers in the Asian financial hub, some still uncertain about their fate after waiting for more than 15 years.

"These stereotypes bring prejudice, and that brings discrimination," he said. "These guys are not criminals. They

just want a better situation."

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Politicians have pushed for tighter curbs after the government adopted a screening mechanism in 2014 to select those meeting the refugee criteria set out in international law.

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However, in a legislative document this year, it acknowledged the need to streamline the lengthy screening process. Over the past five years, it has more than doubled the number of staff handling claims.

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