

OBSERVATION

GIRLS WILL BE GIRLS, AND BOYS WILL BE BOYS

Boys like girls. Many girls like girls.

Pimps like girls, especially. And gigolos like girls, especially.

But guests, staying in 5-star hotels, do not, normally, like to be pestered, or embarrassed, by girls who ply their wares for cash, coming up and wandering round certain floors, looking for unsuspecting customers.

Such antics are best enjoyed in places, specially designed to accommodate this important trade, recognised as being among the oldest of all professions.

TARGET's reference to the term, *'ply their wares'*, refers to only one thing: Prostitution.

There is, probably, nothing wrong with prostitution.

In many countries, it is legal and, as such, it is controlled; and, the spread of venereal diseases -- AIDS, gonorrhea, herpes, etc. -- are, also, controlled, thanks to governmental actions.

In the Hongkong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) of the People's Republic of China (PRC), there are hundreds of thousands of prostitutes, working the streets, the bars, the dancing halls ... and the hotels.

It is said that the economies of Wanchai and Mongkok would collapse without the trade in feminine flesh.

It can be said that prostitutes have a place in modern society, but one wonders whether or not that place is in 5-star hotels where room rates start at about \$HK2,000 per day and where the cost of a cup of coffee is \$HK45.

One may suggest that security be imperiled if management of 5-star hotels permits prostitutes and pimps to indulge in their trades, openly.

Perhaps, a more pertinent consideration is to ascertain which member(s) of the 5-star hotels are in league with the pimps and prostitutes who charge upwards of \$HK1,000 for a *'quickie'*.

Surely, this must be the case because, otherwise, how could the pimps know in which rooms resided the latest (and best-heeled) *'john'*.

When bell-boys push aside paying guests of 5-star hotels in order to rush the prostitutes to the rooms where a raunchy Antipodean or Yank is waiting, then, it would appear that things have gone a little too far.

Of course, in the HKSAR, where entrepreneurialism is considered on a par with religion, perhaps one should not be such a stick-in-the-mud?

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