



Campaign against human trafficking greets visitors to the 2012 Olympics in London

Visitors thronging London for the Olympics might come across huge, brightly coloured gift boxes that promise passers-by a better life, only to reveal the harsh realities of human trafficking on the inside. The art installations are part of the Gift Box campaign that aims to raise awareness about human trafficking, a crime which affects every country in the world in one way or another.

On the outside, the boxes are brightly coloured and full of promises such as “Earn more money and support your family.” The inside is black and white and displays the faces of victims and their stories, as well as information about human trafficking. For more information about this action, click [here](#). To follow the campaign and learn more about the Gift Boxes, visit www.stophetraffik.org.

Firefighters must have the right to organise and bargain collectively



Daisuke Sako, ZENSYOKYO President, spoke in a recent TV interview about the health, safety and performance of every working firefighter at all operations in Japan, and the need for firefighters to have the right to organise and bargain collectively. Sako pointed out that firefighters work under very challenging conditions. During the Great East Japan earthquake, some of them lost their lives while working to protect others. To watch the interview, click [here](#) (Japanese)

Obituary – former PSI Deputy General Secretary Harry Batchelor



Harry Batchelor (May 1926 - July 2012) was a familiar figure at PSI for many years. A committed trade unionist, Harry was a former PSI deputy general secretary who retired in 1991. He was very involved in PSI's international activities. He was responsible for relations with the ILO when conventions on the public services were going through ILO procedures, and made many friends in the process. He initiated PSI education activities in developing countries and conducted many seminars in Asia and Africa. Harry affiliated many new unions to PSI and travelled often to Asia, a region that he knew well, and where he also had many acquaintances and friends. When PSI relocated to the Geneva area from London in August 1983, Harry and his wife, Dorothy, moved to the area where they bought a house and enjoyed many years of life in France.

He retired from PSI in May 1991. Harry passed away on 23 July 2012. He is survived by his wife, two children and three grandchildren to whom we at PSI extend our sincere condolences.

PSI World Congress updates



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An estimated 1,000 union leaders from around the world will gather at the 29th World Congress of Public Services International in Durban, South Africa from 27-30 November 2012. Under the banner “Working in the people’s interest,” PSI members will set policy and develop action plans on key issues such as promoting trade union rights and advancing public services for the common good. For registration (non-sponsored participants), please click [here](#). Registration will close on 1st September. Please visit the [congress website](#) for the details of [Congress events](#) and [side events](#). Affiliates are invited to reserve space (table and wall space) in the exhibition hall of the Durban Conference Centre to display leaflets, publications and other union campaign materials. If you have already registered, you can send a request for display space by email to congress@world-psi.org