## **Mediated Labour:** an interactive public installation, **Central, Hong Kong**

「勞動力的轉型」— 香港中區一個與觀眾互動的 裝置藝術

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Mediated Labour is an interactive installation that mixes documentation of interior workspaces, such as factories, with exterior images of Hong Kong architectural façades. By fusing together two disparate sites, a collage of labour is constructed: while Hong Kong depends on China's workforce, China depends on Hong Kong's knowledge in the tertiary economic sectors. Not only does the installation raise awareness of where things are made and financed, it highlights the interdependent relationship of China and Hong Kong. Additional imagery will explore the change of commerce, work, life and the politics of labour that result in this space of transaction.

The installation is composed of a large video projection and a designed stage where it utilizes real-time video processing software that allows the computer to generate and control matted (masked) images. The software is able to identify the motion of the passer-by, create an outline of their body, and replace their outline with alternate video footage. Supporting drawings will map issues of Hong Kong's dynamic labour to illustrate the inner workings of the interactive installation. As a future sited intervention, the interactive installation will be proposed for a public space in Central, allowing the presence of the public to reveal the globalised and mediated labour condition of Hong Kong's urban fabric and economy. [www.eskyiu.com/mediatedlabour]

「勞動力的轉型」是一個互動裝置,作品中展示中港兩地各行各業的工作環境,包括各類製造業的廠房、服務業、商貿等,顯示中港兩地勞動力的轉型,兩地互補不足,相互依賴的關係。這個裝置作品將加深觀眾對不同廠房的建築和產品製作過程的認知,更可從中領悟中港兩地互相促進經濟發展的緊密關係。

作品結集不同行業的建築物、工作環境和工人的圖片,配以文字説明,投影在展板上,以讓 參觀者觀看時能夠產生互動效應。除這次展出外,作品將於熙來攘往的中環商業區再度展 出,途人會看到投影在大廈幕牆上各行各業的影像,而途人自己的剪影同時也會投射在幕牆 上,以讓他們從剪影中看到各行業的工作環境和付出勞動力的社群。

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