Across the road from the Miu Fat Buddhist Monastery is a less impressive and exclusive structure – a refugee slum financed by tax dollars through the endeavours of ISS Hong Kong.

For over three years 9 refugees from India, Pakistan and Sri Lanka have struggled against social and economic isolation. The replacement of power meters was a turn for the worse.

This is the kind of dark, dirty and dehumanizing environment that ISS claims refugees refuse to abandon. Who wants such dreadful homes unless denied access to something better?
Miu Fat Buddhist Monastery
Enter the mouth of the dungeon
The Sherwood is a mirage outside the cavern.
Daylight is blocked by a heavy-duty tarpaulin
A single light shines inside day and night
At the back a ventilation opening
A tree is incased inside attracting snakes
Holes in the metal sheets assist visibility
Large numbers are more visible in the dark.
A flash reveals brick partitions topped with wood
The tarpaulin fails to keep out the rain
A bare kitchen bench
A kitchen space on the dirt floor
Refugees constructed this shower. A pit toilet without flushing.
The broken door to a pit toilet
One day the meters were replaced
The landlord closed the door and the power meters were changed …

Then refugees were charged 700$ a month
The police radio crackled back: “Not wanted!”
Homeless, he spends the night here.
Our visit was welcome but changes are needed.