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"I think we can hold on for a long time until we get what we want, otherwise we won't stop" explained crane worker Adrian.

The strike by around 450 dockworkers at Hong Kong International Terminals (HIT) to demand for higher wages, which began almost one month ago, continues into its fourth week as management still refuse to offer the workers the pay that they demand. The workers, who earn less today than they did in 1995, are asking for a pay rise of 23% an amount which does not even bring their wages back in line with what they were paid 18 years ago if inflation is also taken into account. The dockworkers wages have fallen since outsourcing was introduced. Their employers have only so far offered a wage rise of just 5% plus 2% rise in fringe benefits however.

See <u>Hong Kong Dockworkers strike continues into 4th week despite management attacks</u> on *China Labour Net* for the full article.