

Lucrative job too good to be true for former technician

KUALA LUMPUR: M. Athilakshimi suspected something amiss when her son was offered a RM6,000 a month job with overseas working trips thrown in.

True enough, her son Vijendran Iyamuthu, 30, never came back after he was sent on a supposed business trip to Shanghai, China, in September last year.

Athilakshimi said Vijendran was offered the lucrative job by an African national who was introduced to him by an acquaintance.

This was after he lost his technician job in a department store.

Athilakshimi lodged a police report four days after his departure as she had not heard from him and was suspicious of his employer, who is in Malaysia.

At a press conference yesterday organised by MCA Public Services and Complaints Department head [Datuk Seri Michael Chong](#), she said she was also shocked when informed by the Foreign Ministry that her son was being detained in Hangzhou for drug smuggling.

The drugs were believed to be 3kg of methamphetamine.

She also claimed she was threatened by the employer as the employer alleged Vijendran had run away with the goods.

Chong said this was not an isolated incident.

A senior officer of the Malaysian Consulate in Shanghai had informed him that 16 Malaysians were being detained in Shanghai for smuggling drugs.

Three were awaiting the death sentence.