

## Beggars Barred from Temple Fair in Nanchang

9月15日,南昌市新建县西山镇举办庙会,吸引了四面八方的香客前来进香。庙会工作人员为了避免外来香客被一些不法行乞者欺骗,在庙会门口建了铁栏,将行乞者围在里面,并有专门的工作人员送水送饭。行乞者蹲坐在一排“铁笼”内,各色盆碗摆放在铁栏外,等候过往游人施舍。不少香客表示能够理解这种做法,并换置了大量的零钱给每位行乞者的碗里都放置了零钱。但也有不少香客驻足观望,表示这种做法有失妥当。



Temple Fair organizers have no choice but to do this to prevent disorder.

Organizers built a fence barring the beggars from the temple fair, but this does not mean that beggars are arrested. Though the iron railing started from the entrance, staff members from the temple fair distributed water and food to the beggars.

Nowadays, when there's a crowded fair, there's a group of beggars all around begging for money, which is quite disturbing for many people. It is common to find out these beggars have certain kind of organization giving them strategies. Sometimes people are forced to give them money.

Therefore, it is acceptable for the temple fair organizer to take the move to avoid tourists being deceived by some immoral beggars.



Beggars, who are also the citizens of this country, are treated like animals behind the bars. This is humiliating(羞辱的) to the vulnerable(弱小的) people.

On the one hand, people should be nicer to those older and disabled beggars. It is their physical or mental imperfections that force them to have their current social positions. Rather than barring them from social events or kicking them out of the metro train, the public could be more merciful when treating them.

On the other hand, though beggars can be pushed aside, deceptive actions like stealing or swindling cannot be swept away. The most important thing is that we cannot judge people merely on the fact that they are extremely poor. It is unfair for beggars to be regarded as evil. On the contrary, they have equal right to join the fair.

In conclusion, more efforts should be put in maintaining the order of the fair, such as organizing a team of well trained guards.

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