Transsexuals - the myths / - the facts

* Are they just men who like dressing in women's clothes? No! Transsexuals are about who you feel you are, not how you dress up in the way. There are just as many transsexual men, people married females at birth who live males.

* Are they just mentally ill? No! Nowadays, more and more experts, including psychiatrists, argue that many sex changes are caused by a genuine physiological disorder, often even, depressed, even suicidal.

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* Are they just homosexuals? Do they live as they do so they can have homosexual relationships more easily? Many! Transsexuals first experience their feelings long before they develop any sexual inclination whatsoever. In the process, they have to determine their sexual identity. The change is often emotional, depressed, even suicidal. But those feelings often arise out of the unwritten or instability of family, friends and society to accept their identity.

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* Some males display 'feminine' behaviour. Some females act in a 'masculine' way. Where a person displays this sort of behaviour regularly, and in lots of situations, we often talk about transgendered behaviour.

* Some people go further. They grow up feeling, often from a very early age, deeply unhappy being members of the sex they were assigned at birth. They feel a deep need to live as members of the other sex.

They question their gender identity. We often call them transsexuals. They are a special group of transgendered people. A lot of recent work suggests that biology may play an important part in their development.

* Many transsexuals live in their chosen gender. Sadly, others don't feel able to do so. They just try to get on with their lives, perhaps never to come out.

* Transsexuals can contribute to society as fully as any other people. In Hong Kong there are transsexuals working in fields as diverse as business, government and education.

* Nobody knows how many transsexuals there are in Hong Kong. Many keep their feelings to themselves. Elsewhere, it has been estimated that 1600 of us may be unhappy living in our birth gender.

* We all experience both masculine and feminine traits in our lives. Sometimes we experience more 'masculine' traits than others, sometimes more 'feminine' traits than others. We all have both traits.

* People say we have the same traits as people of the other sex. We have both traits, but in different degrees. We have traits of both sexes.

* People say we look like other people. We do, but we have both traits in different degrees. We have traits of both sexes.

* People say we are confused. We are, but we have both traits in different degrees. We have traits of both sexes.

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