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Three representatives of the Wanderers' Association yesterday described their "appeal" trip to Britain as "successful."

The three-member group left for Britain on January 16 to appeal for international help to resettle illegal immigrants from China.

The association's chairman, Mr Chow Hing-chuen, told reporters at Kai Tak that the trip was worthwhile.

"We at least achieved the goal of letting people know about the plight of illegal immigrants from China as a result of the scrapping of the touch-base policy," he said.

If their tourist visas had not expired, Mr Chow said, they would have met a Member of Parliament today.

The group also had to give up their earlier plan to go to the United States because the American Embassy in Britain refused to grant them visas.

During their stay in London, the group sent protest letters to 38 newspapers and several major magazines in the UK, and also met representatives of some overseas Chinese associations in London.

Letters were also sent to the Prime Minister, Mrs Margaret Thatcher, the House of Commons and Buckingham Palace.