

Chinese gov't targets obscene strip shows in rural areas

China's Ministry of Culture said Tuesday it has launched a campaign against strip shows in rural areas to better regulate and rectify the rural performance market.

Following recent media exposure of several strip shows in east China's Anhui Province, local law enforcement agencies have initiated investigations, said a ministry statement, without giving further details on the punishment.

Strip show is illegal in China. The ministry vowed to step up supervision and severely punish violators, adding that those involved will face criminal charges.

It also invited the public to offer clues of violations in the performance market. To report to the ministry, individuals and organizations can call 12318, or visit www.12318.gov.cn.