WOMEN'S COMMISSION Secretary's Report

INTRODUCTION

This paper presents for members' information two events that will be organised by the Women's Commission in February and March 2001.

INTRODUCTORY SEMINAR ON GENDER AND WOMEN'S ISSUES (24 February 2001)

- 2. The Secretariat is organizing for Members an introductory seminar to be held in the morning of 24 February 2001 (Saturday). The seminar is scheduled for 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. to be held at the function room of the Hong Kong Academy of Medicine in Aberdeen. The following aspects will be covered:
 - major gender concepts and theories;
 - prevalent women's issues in Hong Kong;
 - major international instruments on women; and
 - implications of gender perspectives to public policies and services.

Officials from government departments and bureaux and representatives from the Hospital Authority will also be invited to attend the seminar. Members will be informed of the detailed programme of the seminar together with the logistical arrangements nearer the time.

COCKTAIL RECEPTION FOR CELEBRATING INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY AND SETTING UP OF WOMMEN'S COMMISSION

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(1 March 2001)

3. To celebrate the International Women's Day and the setting up of the Commission, the Secretariat is organising a cocktail reception to be held in the evening of 1 March 2001 at the Ballroom of the Government House. The reception will be hosted by the Commission and the Chief Secretary for Administration has kindly agreed to attend. About 600 personalities from a broad spectrum of the community, who have been working for the well-being of women will be invited to attend. This will present an excellent opportunity for members of the Commission to meet prominent women's leaders in Hong Kong and for the Commission to start to develop its relationship with local women's groups.

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