

WOMEN'S COMMISSION
Secretary's Report

INTRODUCTION

This paper presents for Members' information:-

- (a) the activities undertaken by the Women's Commission since its eighth meeting;
- (b) progress of organisation of Women's Commission Planning Workshop;
- (c) progress of the Thematic Household Survey commissioned by the Census and Statistics Department; and
- (d) progress of the production of the annual report of the Women's Commission.

ACTIVITIES HELD SINCE THE LAST MEETING

2. Members carried out the following activities since the last meeting:-

- 27 March 2002 : Organised a hands-on workshop for NGOs which will be participating in the Marketplace of the Women's Commission Conference 2002.
- 13 April 2002 : Visited local women groups and district personalities in Wan Chai District.
- 20 April 2002 : Organised a training session for facilitators of the breakout sessions of the Women's Commission Conference 2002.

- 29 April 2002 : Organised a “Meet-the-Session” for organisations participating in the “Community Activities: Women in Focus” of the Women’s Commission Conference 2002.
- 30 April 2002 : Visited the Tin Shui Wai Integrated Family Service Centre and attended the opening ceremony of the Centre cum award presentation ceremony of the Self-Enhancement Scheme of the Tin Shui Wai Neighbourhood Family Services Project.

3. A gender-related training course was organised at the end of April for professional staff of Education Department.

4. Principal Assistant Secretary (Women) also attended an Equal Opportunities Commission Task Force meeting on Equal Pay for Work of Equal Value Project on 26 April 2002. A draft report on job evaluation of selected jobs of civil service and Hospital Authority was being compiled. The report would be submitted to the Equal Opportunities Commission for consideration before the Commission presented it to the Legislative Council.

PROGRESS OF ORGANISATION OF WOMEN’S COMMISSION PLANNING WORKSHOP

5. Having considered the paper WoC 12/02 on annual review of the operation of the Women’s Commission at the last meeting, it was agreed that a whole day Planning Workshop should be held to review the operation of the Women’s Commission, identify improvements and develop a change plan. The Planning Workshop is now scheduled for 1 June 2002 (Saturday) at the Hong Kong Parkview, and Ms Diane Wilcoxson has kindly agreed to be the facilitator of the Workshop. Proposed key issues to be discussed at the Planning Workshop have been set out in an option list, which was circulated to Members for comments. The Secretariat will further work out the structure and related arrangements with the facilitator.

PROGRESS OF THE THEMATIC HOUSEHOLD SURVEY COMMISSIONED BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT

6. The contractor is conducting detailed analysis of the survey data of the thematic household survey. Meanwhile, to better appreciate and assess the implications of findings of the survey, in particular, returns of activity diary, Members have agreed to look into similar studies conducted overseas and how they are used to identify/address women-related issues.

7. In this connection, a meeting is being organised in mid May for Members of the Commission to discuss with academics knowledgeable in this field to identify key issues that should be looked into in the Hong Kong context and consider the scope as well as methodologies to be adopted in any further study on the time-use survey. In the light of the outcome of this meeting, a project brief on the additional study will be compiled for Members' comments before inviting local institutions to submit proposals.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE WOMEN'S COMMISSION

8. The professional conference organiser for the Women's Commission Conference 2002 (the Meeting Planners) is currently preparing a draft of the Commission's first annual report. The Secretariat will further work with the Meeting Planners and aim at releasing the annual report at the Women's Commission Conference 2002.

ADVICE SOUGHT

9. Members are invited to note:-

- (a) the activities undertaken by the Women's Commission and the Women's Division since its eighth meeting (paragraphs 2 to 4);
- (b) progress of organisation of the Planning Workshop of the Women's Commission scheduled for 1 June 2002 (para 5);
- (c) progress of the Thematic Household Survey commissioned by the Census and Statistics Department (paragraphs 6 to 7);

- (d) progress of the annual report of the Women's Commission
(para 8).

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