

WOMEN'S COMMISSION
Secretary's Report

INTRODUCTION

This paper informs Members of the activities undertaken by the Women's Commission (WoC) and the Women's Division since the 23rd meeting held on 8 July 2004.

ACTIVITIES HELD SINCE THE LAST MEETING

2. The activities held since the last meeting are as follows-

- 14 July 2004 : Chairperson and a Member, together with Women's Division, met representatives of the Women's Foundation of Hong Kong where the latter introduced its work and a plan to fund research projects on the status of women in Hong Kong.
- 24 July 2004 : Chairperson, two Members and Women's Division visited the Southern District to meet local women personalities and representatives of local women's groups.
- 17 August 2004 : Chairperson, four Members and Women's Division attended the Forum on Preventing Sexual Harassment in Universities jointly organised by the Equal Opportunities Commission and WoC.
- 24 August 2004 : Chairperson attended the Neighbourhood Watch Kick-off Ceremony organised by the Harmony House.

- 30 August 2004 : Chairperson and Members hosted a farewell lunch for Dr E K Yeoh, Secretary for Health, Welfare and Food.
- 31 August 2004 : Members had a meeting with the Review Panel on Tin Shui Wai Incident to exchange views on domestic violence issues.

Chairperson and a Member met with the Commissioner of Police to exchange views on the possibility of adopting zero tolerance in families of police officers. Women's Division was in attendance at both meetings.

- 1 September 2004 : Members held a meeting with Ms Pru Goward, Federal Sex Discrimination Commissioner of the Australian Human Rights and Equal Opportunities Commission, to share Australian experience in tackling domestic violence and promoting gender equality. Women's Division was also present at the meeting.
- 7-10 September 2004 : Principal Assistant Secretary and Assistant Secretary of Women's Division attended the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP) High-level Intergovernmental Meeting held in Bangkok. The objective of the meeting is to review the implementation of the Beijing Platform for Action and its regional and global outcomes in the Asia and Pacific Region.

ADVICE SOUGHT

3. Members are invited to note the activities as outlined above.

Women's Commission Secretariat
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