

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 24th meeting held on 22 September 2004.

ACTIVITIES HELD SINCE THE LAST MEETING

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

- 25 September 2004 : Two staff of the Secretariat attended a workshop on CEDAW organised by the Hong Kong Council of Social Service.
- 12 October 2004 : Four Members and two staff of the Secretariat attended the second Annual Forum of the Community Investment and Inclusion Fund.
- 15 October 2004 : The Working Group on Gender Awareness met the representatives of the Association Concerning Sexual Violence Against Women to discuss the latter's Non-government White Paper on Gender Equity Education.

A Member had a meeting with a visiting study tour of Mainland officials and executives organised by the Chinese General Chamber of Commerce, and introduced to them the work of the Women's Commission.

- 16 October 2004 : Three Members together with the Secretariat visited the Shamshuipo District and met local women personalities and representatives of local women's groups.

The Chairperson attended a public function organised by the Hong Kong Single Parents Association to raise awareness on domestic violence issues.

- 30 October 2004 : Chairperson attended a Quality Parenting Seminar organised by the Hong Kong Family Welfare Society. The Commission also assisted in the organisation of the event.
- 1 November 2004 : Director of Social Welfare held a special briefing session for WoC on the proposal to set up a \$200 million matching fund to promote tripartite partnership. WoC Chairperson was present. Comments from three Members were also discussed during the meeting.
- 6 November 2004 : The Chairperson officiated at a closing ceremony of self-empowerment workshops organised by the Sai Kung District Council.
- 8 November 2004 : Members participated in the Brainstorming Session of the Commission.

ADVICE SOUGHT

3. Members are invited to note the activities as outlined in paragraph 2 above.

Women's Commission Secretariat
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