

**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 25<sup>th</sup> meeting held on 11 November 2004.

**ACTIVITIES HELD SINCE THE LAST MEETING**

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

- 18 November 2004 : Four Members and staff of the Secretariat had a meeting with Hong Kong Women Coalition on Equal Opportunities to exchange views on a number of women issues.
- 27 November 2004 : A Planning Forum was organised where WoC exchanged views with women's groups and non-governmental organisations (NGOs) on the future direction of the work of WoC. Twelve Members and 44 representatives of women's groups and NGOs attended the event.
- 1 December 2004 : Chairperson attended a seminar on "Cross-disciplinary Collaboration in Handling Domestic Violence from Legislative, Judiciary and Law Enforcement perspectives" organised by the Harmony House.
- 3 December 2004 : The Social Welfare Department, together with two Members of the Review Panel on Family Services in Tin Shui Wai, conducted a briefing

for seven Members and staff of the Secretariat on the Report of the Review Panel.

- 4 December 2004 : Three Members together with the staff of the Secretariat visited the Tai Po District and met local women personalities and representatives of local women's groups.
- 6 December 2004 : Six Members and staff of the Secretariat had a meeting with Hong Kong Council of Social Service to discuss issues relating to the prevention and handling of domestic violence.
- 10 December 2004 : Chairperson met with Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs and Director of Home Affairs to exchange views on WoC's cooperation with District Officers in promoting social cohesiveness, building community network and empowerment of women generally, as well as to explore the feasibility of introducing a mechanism to facilitate local small women's groups to seek funding from District Council for organising community activities or activities related to promoting the well-being of women.

Two Members joined a meeting with the Rt Hon the Baroness Scotland, Minister of State for the Criminal Justice System and Law Reform of the United Kingdom (UK) to exchange views on handling domestic violence. The meeting was organised by the Hong Kong Council of Social Services and attended by around 30 representatives from government departments and local NGOs.

- 15 December 2004 : Chairperson and eight Members had a meeting with the Chief Executive regarding the Policy Address 2005. The Chief Executive expressed high regard on the performance of

the WoC in promoting the interest and well-being of women in Hong Kong.

- 4 January 2005 : Chairperson and two Members had a lunch meeting with Ms Winnie Yu, Deputy Chairman, Commercial Radio to discuss long term collaboration on Capacity Building Mileage Programme (CBMP).
- 7 January 2005 : Ms Sophia Kao attended a seminar on “Education Needs of Women” organised by Sai Kung District Council and presented WoC’s work on CBMP.
- 12 January 2005 : Ms Ophelia Cheung and Dr Agnes Yeung had a meeting with Rt Hon the Baroness Williams of Crosby, Member of Liberal Democrats in the House of Lords, UK, to share experience on the promotion of parenting education and gender awareness in schools.
- 15 January 2005 : Chairperson attended the “Eliminating Family Violence Signing Ceremony” jointly organised by the Shatin District Council and the Hong Kong Single Parents Association as an officiating guest.
- 20 January 2005 : Chairperson and two Member / Co-op Member of the Steering Committee on CBMP had a lunch meeting with Prof John Leong, President, OUHK, to exchange views on the longer term development plan and strategies, as well as possible improvements of CBMP.
- 22 January 2005 : Chairperson and four Members together with staff of the Secretariat met local women personalities and representatives of local women’s groups in Wong Tai Sin District.

### **ADVICE SOUGHT**

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

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