

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 27th meeting held on 14 April 2005.

ACTIVITIES HELD SINCE THE LAST MEETING

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

- 14 April 2005 : Ms Ophelia Cheung, Co-Convenor of Working Group on Gender Awareness, briefed a group of Master's students in media and communication from Baptist University on the strategies adopted by the Women's Commission in arousing gender awareness of the public.
- 19 April 2005 : Chairperson and six Members met with representatives of the Society for Community Organization and a group of newly arrived women from the Mainland. Members listened to the newly arrived women on their experience and challenges, and shared with the latter on the works and vision of the Commission in promoting the well-being of newly arrived women.
- 24-27 April 2005 : The Mainland and Hong Kong Joint Events in Celebration of the "Beijing + 10", co-organized by the All-China Women's Federation (ACWF), the Women's Commission, and the

Health, Welfare and Food Bureau, were held in Beijing. The events included a conference, visits to women-related projects and tour programmes. Officiating guests at the opening ceremony of the conference included President Gu Xiulian, Vice-President Huang Qingyi Vice-President Zhao Shaohua and Secretary-General Zhang Xiping of ACWF, Deputy Director Guo Li of the Liaison Office of the Central People's Government in the HKSAR, Deputy Director-General Xie Weimin of the Hong Kong and Macao Office of the State Council, as well as Chaireperson of the Women's Commission Mrs Sophie Leung and Permanent Secretary for Health, Welfare and Food Mrs Carrie Yau. Over 200 delegates from the Mainland and Hong Kong participated in the one-and-a-half day conference, during which participants had an overview on the implementation of the Beijing Platform for Action at the international level and they also had vivid exchanges on six key areas of mutual interests and concerns of both places.

- 6 May 2005 : Miss Dora Fu, Principal Assistant Secretary (Women), responded to a radio programme on Commercial Radio to explain the Commission's views on the proposed review of Comprehensive Social Security Assistance Scheme for single parents by the Social Welfare Department.
- 12 May 2005 : The first graduation ceremony of the Capacity Building Mileage Programme (CBMP) was held at the AC Hall of Baptist University. A total of 127 students were presented with Level 1 CBMP certificates, 20 students with Level 2 certificates and 4 students with Level 3 certificates. Over 250 guests and relatives of the graduating students attended the ceremony

to share the joy of the students.

- 14 May 2005 : Chairperson gave a keynote speech at the workshop organised by the Gender Research Centre of the Chinese University of Hong Kong to review the “Beijing Platform for Action” at its 10th anniversary. Miss Dora Fu, Principle Assistant Secretary (Women), was also one of the speakers.
- 20 May 2005 : Women’s Division had a meeting with representatives of the Hong Kong Ladies Dynamics Association to exchange views on issues relating to women and work.
- 22 May 2005 : Miss Dora Fu, Principle Assistant Secretary (Women), attended the opening ceremony of a health promotion campaign organised by the Hong Kong Ladies Dynamic Association on behalf of the Chairperson.
- 1 June 2005 : Ms Linda Lai, Deputy Secretary for Health, Welfare and Food (Family and Women), and staff of the Women’s Division visited the Action for REACHOUT.

ADVICE SOUGHT

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

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