

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 30th meeting held on 13 October 2005.

ACTIVITIES HELD SINCE THE LAST MEETING

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

- 19 October 2005 : Chairperson of the Women's Commission was interviewed by the YTN news channel of Korea to share experience on women's advancement in Hong Kong.
- 17 November 2005 : Chairperson and five Members of the Women's Commission met with a group of employers of foreign domestic helpers to exchange views on how to better protect the interests of employers as well as to facilitate adaptation of the foreign domestic helpers in the new environment.
- 21 November 2005 : Chairperson of the Women's Commission officiated at the opening ceremony of the rehabilitation programme for female problem gamblers (曙光女性問題賭徒復康計劃) organised by the Industrial Evangelistic Fellowship (工業福音團契).
- 25 November 2005 : Chairperson of the Women's Commission was a keynote speaker at a conference on the prevention and tackling of domestic violence

organised by the Hong Kong Council of Social Service. Also present at the conference as a keynote speaker was the Commission of Police.

- 26 November 2005 : Chairperson and the Convenor of the Working Group on Gender Mainstreaming of the Women's Commission and Prof. Fanny Cheung, Director, Gender Research Centre of the Chinese University of Hong Kong cum Member of the Women's Commission delivered talks at a seminar on gender mainstreaming organised by the Health, Welfare and Food Bureau for Members of the Legislative Council (LegCo). Two Members of the Commission also attended. Two LegCo Members and representatives of three LegCo Members participated.
- 26 November 2005 : Four Members of the Women's Commission together with staff members of the Women's Division visited the Yuen Long District and met local women personalities and representatives of local women's groups to exchange views on a wide range of women issues.
- 26 November 2005 : Chairperson of the Women's Commission officiated at the inauguration ceremony of the Thirteenth Council of the Tsuen Wan and Kwai Tsing Women Association (荃灣葵青區婦女會).
- 26 November 2005 : Ms Joanna Lau, Member of the Working Group on Safety of the Women's Commission, attended the opening ceremony of Social Welfare Department's community-based awareness raising courses on domestic violence (「社區同心，齊抗暴力」認識家庭暴力訓練課程) as one of the guests of honour.

- 3 December 2005 Chairperson of the Women's Commission officiated at the opening ceremony of the Chinese Women Forum (華人婦女論壇) organised by the Hong Kong Young Women Christian Association.

ADVICE SOUGHT

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

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