

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 36th meeting held on 1 June 2006.

ACTIVITIES HELD SINCE THE LAST MEETING

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

- 2 June 2006 : The Chairperson and two Members of the WoC, Ms Ophelia Cheung and Ms. Ruth Gee had a lunch meeting with the chairperson and members of the Women's Foundation to have a general exchange of issues of common concern.
- 3 June 2006 : The WoC Chairperson attended the radio programme, Ming's Tea House (明茶館), of Metro Radio to introduce WoC's works and the general situation of women in Hong Kong.
- 5 June 2006 : The Women's Commission issued a press statement expressing deep regret that a radio programme of the Commercial Radio had launched a survey which encouraged violence against women. The WoC Chairperson had also written to the Vice-chairperson of the Board of the Commercial Radio to follow up on the matter.
- 9 June 2006 : The WoC Chairperson and the Convenor of the WoC Conference Task Force, Ms Ophelia Cheung, were interviewed by a number of

reporters to introduce WoC Conference to be held on 18-19 June 2006.

The WoC Chairperson attended the Home Affairs Panel of the Legislative Council in relation to Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women.

- 14 June 2006 : The WoC and the Equal Opportunities Commission (EOC) held a joint media conference to announce the research findings on Family-friendly Employment Policies and Practices. The media conference was hosted by the WoC Chairperson and the Co-Convener of WoC's Working Group on Enabling Environment, Ms Ophelia Cheung, as well as the Chairperson and a Member of the EOC, and the lead researchers from Lingnan University. Ms Ruth Gee, Member of the WoC, also attended the media conference.
- 18 June 2006 : A Pre-conference Event on "Together We Build a Harmonious Community" was held at the Hong Kong Convention & Exhibition Centre. Mr Paul Tang, Director of Social Welfare, Dr Yeung Ka-ching, a Member of WoC and Mr Jerry Lamb, a famous radio programme host were invited to share their views on "men's participation in family". About 100 guests attended. The event attracted good media coverage.
- 19 June 2006 : The WoC Conference on "Together We Build a Harmonious Community" was held at the Hong Kong Convention & Exhibition Centre. Mr Donald Tsang, the Chief Executive, Ms Gu Xiulan, Vice-chairperson, Standing Committee of the National People's Congress of China and President, All-China Women's Federation, Mr Li Guikang, Deputy Director of the Liaison

Office of the Central People's Government in the HKSAR, Dr York Chow, Secretary for Health, Welfare and Food, Ms Sophia Kao, WoC Chairperson and Ms Ophelia Cheung, the Convener of the WoC Conference Task Force, officiated at the Opening Ceremony. Around 400 representatives of women's groups and participants who are concerned about women issues attended. They also had good and vivid exchanges on a wide range of issues of concern to women.

- 21 June 2006 : The Convenor of the WoC Conference Task Force, Ms Ophelia Cheung conducted a phone interview with RTHK in relation to the WoC Conference and the joint research on Family-friendly Employment Policies and Practices commissioned by WoC and the Equal Opportunities Commission.
- 23 June 2006 : The WoC Chairperson attended the Annual Consultation with the Welfare Sector which was organized by the Health, Welfare and Food Bureau.
- 26 June 2006 : The Chairperson of the Women's Commission officiated at the 30th anniversary of Tuen Mun District Women's Association.
- 30 June 2006 : The Chairperson of the Women's Commission officiated at the Joint Graduation Ceremony of Tung Wah Nursery Schools.

ADVICE SOUGHT

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

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