

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 37th meeting held on 13 July 2006.

ACTIVITIES HELD SINCE THE LAST MEETING

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

- 17-21 July 2006 : The WoC Chairperson and four of the Co-conveners of the Working Groups, of WoC, viz. Ms Chau Chuen-heung, Ms Ophelia Cheung, Ms Ko Po-ling and Dr Yeung Ka-ching, as well as a staff from the Secretariat represented WoC to attend the 6th East Asian Women's Forum (EAWF) in Beijing. Ms Fong Man-ying, Member of WoC, represented the Hong Kong Federation of Women's Centres to attend the Forum. About 300 delegates from the Mainland, Hong Kong, Macau, Japan, Mongolia, South Korea and Taiwan participated the Forum.
- 22 July 2006 : The WoC Chairperson attended the Second Regional Forum on Population Policy organised by Council for Sustainable Development and gave a speech entitled "Gender Equality – the Cornerstone for a Sustainable Population Policy".

The WoC Chairperson officiated at the 31st Anniversary of Hong Kong Southern District Women's Association.

- 27 July 2006 : The WoC Chairperson contributed a press article to Ming Pao on sustainable population policy, which

was an abstract of her speech delivered in the abovementioned Forum held on 22 July 2006.

- 28 July 2006 : Dr Yeung Ka-ching, Member of the WoC, had a live interview with NOW broadband TV on the issues related to cross boundary marriage.
- 2 August 2006 : Mrs Stella Lau, Member of the WoC, attended the Focus Group Discussion of “Family Education for Economically Disadvantaged and Hard-to-Reach Families” organised by the Chinese University of Hong Kong.
- 7 to 10 August 2006 : The WoC Chairperson joined the HKSAR Team and attended, as part of the Chinese Delegation, the CEDAW hearing on the second report on HKSAR under CEDAW held in New York. The HKSAR Team was led by Ms Sandra Lee, Permanent Secretary for Health and Welfare, and comprised representatives of the relevant Government bureaux and departments.

Ms Ophelia Cheung, Co-convenor of the Working Group on Enabling Environment, also attended the hearing as observer.

- 12 August 2006 : Professor Maria Tam, Member of the WoC, delivered a talk on “Gender, Language, and Social Space” in the workshop organised by the Hong Kong Commercial Broadcasting Company Ltd. for their in-house staff.

Dr. Yeung Ka-ching, Member of the WoC wrote a press article for Sing Tao Daily on 【善用第六天】.

- 26 August 2006 : Ms Jacqueline Cheng, Member of the WoC, attended the Women Forum organised by the Family Planning Association as a guest speaker to talk about the sustainable population policy.

- 1 September 2006 : The WoC Chairperson and six of the Co-conveners of the Working Groups of WoC, viz. Ms Chau Chuen-heung, Ms Ophelia Cheung, Ms Ko Po-ling, Mrs Stella Lau, Mr Lee Luen-fai and Dr Yeung Ka-ching, attended a consultation session hosted by the Chief Executive to express views on the upcoming Policy Address.
- 4 September 2006 : The Women's Commission held a press conference to announce the research findings on the core values to be instilled in the younger generation. The press conference was hosted by the WoC Chairperson, Dr Yeung Ka-ching, Co-Convener of WoC's Working Group on Empowerment, Member of the WoC, Mr Ng Sui-kou and Mr Yip Hak-kwong of the Policy 21 Limited of the Hong Kong University.
- 5 September 2006 : The Conference on "Strengthening Hong Kong's Families – Awareness, Commitment and Action" was held at the Hong Kong Convention & Exhibition Centre. The Conference was co-organised by the WoC, the Central Policy Unit of the Government and the Family Institute of the Hong Kong University. Mr. Donald Tsang, the Chief Executive, officiated at the Opening Ceremony and gave a speech. Around 300 non-government organisations and participants attended and had good and vivid exchanges on a wide range of issues of concern to family.

ADVICE SOUGHT

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

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