

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 40th meeting held on 9 January 2007.

ACTIVITIES HELD SINCE THE LAST MEETING

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

- 13 January 2007 : Ms Joanna Lau of the WoC officiated at the dinner of the 25th Anniversary of the Hong Kong Federation of Women's Centre and delivered a speech. PAS(Women) of the Women's Division also attended.
- 19 January 2007 : WoC Chairperson attended the forum "Advancement in Gender Equality – The Sweden and Hong Kong Stories" jointly organised by the Equal Opportunities Commission and the Consulate General of Sweden. Four officers of the Women's Division also attended.
- 20 January 2007 : WoC Chairperson attended the 12th Anniversary Reception organised by the Democratic Party.
- 27 January 2007 : WoC Chairperson officiated and delivered a speech at the 2nd Helena May Children's Art Exhibition organised by the Helena May.
- 3 February 2007 : WoC Chairperson attended the "Children's Forum on Happy Family" (兒童論壇系列(三)-怎樣才是幸福家庭?) organised by the Boys' & Girls' Clubs Association of Hong Kong as a guest speaker.

- 6 February 2007 : WoC Chairperson attended the Business Meeting of the Zonta Club (New Territories) as a guest speaker and delivered a talk on the work of the WoC and women issues in Hong Kong.
- 7 February 2007 : The Women's Commission hosted a lunch meeting with Madam Guo Li, Deputy Director, and representatives of Liaison Office of Central's People Government of the HKSAR to foster closer liaison. WoC Chairperson and 8 WoC Members¹ attended the lunch.
- 9 February 2007 : WoC Chairperson attended the meeting of the Legislative Council Panel on Home Affairs with the Administration for the agenda item on "Concluding comments adopted by the United Nations Committee on the second report of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) under the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW)"
- 26 February – 1 March 2007 : WoC Chairperson and AS(Women)³ of the Women's Division attended the 51st Session of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) held in New York. They took the opportunity to meet with the Chairperson and two Commissioners of the New York City (NYC) Commission on Women's Issues and a few other women leaders in New York to exchange views on common issues of concern. They also attended the Spring Reception organised by the Economic and Trade Office in New York to meet the local personalities.

WoC Chairperson also attended the opening reception of the New York "Women's History Month" organised by the NYC Commission on Women's Issues.

¹ Ms Chau Chuen-heung, Ms Jacqueline Cheng, Dr Sharmila Gurung, Mrs Stella Lau, Ms Lau Ka-shi, Ms Joanna Lau, Ms Ayesha Macpherson and Dr Yeung Ka-ching.

- 28 February 2007 Ms Ruth Gee and Ms Lau Ka-shi of the WoC, and PAS (Women) of the Women's Division attended the forum on "The Power and Potential of Women's Leadership in Hong Kong" organised by the Women's Foundation.
- 1 March 2007 : Four WoC Members² and two officers of the Women's Division attended the cocktail reception organised by Liaison Office of Central's People Government of the HKSAR in celebration of International Women's Day.
- 3 March 2007 : WoC Chairperson hosted a private lunch for a delegation of 7 representatives³ from All China Women's Federation (ACWF) led by Ms Wang Naikun to foster connection and to discuss collaboration in respect of ACWF's project of establishing a museum of women and children in Beijing. Ms Chau Chuen-heung also joined the lunch.
- 4 March 2007 : Ms Ayesha Macpherson of WoC and PAS(Women) of the Women's Division officiated at a fundraising event entitled "HER Strengths in Motion" organised by HER Fund.
- 5 March 2007 : WoC Chairperson was interviewed by Commercial Radio for its programme "有誰共鳴" and the programme was broadcasted on 8 March 2007.
- 6 March 2007 : Dr Yeung Ka-ching, Co-convener of the Working Group of Empowerment, and AS(Women)³ of the Women's Division attended the North District Council Social Service Committee Meeting to introduce the Quality Parenting Pilot Project.

² Dr Miranda Chan, Ms Lau Ka-shi, Mrs Stella Lau and Ms Ko Po-ling.

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- 7 March 2007 : AS(Women)3 of the Women's Division attended the stakeholder dialogue "From Poverty to Empowerment: Building Economic Self Reliance for Women and Girls in Hong Kong" organised by the Women's Foundation.
- 8 March 2007 : The WoC held a cocktail reception-cum-exhibition on empowerment of women and women in art in celebration of the International Women's Day. Over 300 guests attended. WoC Chairperson; Dr York Chow, Secretary for Health, Welfare and Food; Madam Guo Li, Deputy Director of the Liaison Office of the Central People's Government in the HKSAR; Ms Zhang Jingya, Spouse of Mr Lu Xinhua, Commissioner of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the People's Republic of China in the HKSAR; Ms Sandra Lee, Permanent Secretary for Health and Welfare; Mr Paul Tang, Director of Social Welfare; and Ms Amy Wong, Director of External Affairs of the Hong Kong Commercial Broadcasting Co. Ltd and Mr Lee Luen-fai, Co-convener of Working Group on Public Education of WoC, officiated at the ceremony to kick-start the "Colourful Lives of Women" series of activities.

WoC Chairperson attended the International Women's Day Luncheon organised by Helena May.

- 10 March 2007 : WoC Chairperson was interviewed by Radio Television of Hong Kong for its programme "政壇新秀訓練班".

WoC Chairperson officiated at the Inauguration Ceremony of the 2nd Executive Committee of the Hong Kong Ladies Dynamic Association (香港婦女動力協會) cum Celebration of International Women's Day.

- 18 March 2007 : WoC Chairperson attended the Gala Dinner to Celebrate the International Women's Day (慶祝三八國際婦女節暨慶祝香港回歸十周年舞會)

organised by Hong Kong Federation of Fujian Association.

- 22 March 2007 : WoC Chairperson officiated at the 13th anniversary celebration of the Hong Kong Women Health Ambassador Association.
- 26 March 2007 : WoC Chairperson was interviewed by ATV for its documentary “解密百年香港” on the history of women’s development in Hong Kong to be broadcasted in June 2007.

ADVICE SOUGHT

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

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