

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 42nd meeting held on 29 May 2007.

ACTIVITIES HELD SINCE THE LAST MEETING

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

- 29 May 2007 : An exchange session with women's groups was held by WoC to gather views from women's groups on the publication project and museum project. The two Co-convenors¹ and two Members² of the Task Force on All-China Women's Federation Projects attended the session. About 36 representatives of women's groups also attended.
- 30 May 2007 : Dr Yeung Ka-Ching attended the round-up session with organisations participated in the Kwun Tong District Quality Parenting Pilot Project jointly organised by WoC with the Kwun Tong District Council.
- 31 May 2007 : The WoC Chairperson and four WoC Members³ attended a press briefing to share information on Family-friendly Employment Policies and Practices and WoC initiatives.

¹ The WoC Chairperson and Prof. Maria Tam.

² Ms Chau Chuen-heung and Ms Ko Po-ling.

³ Ms Chau Chuen-heung, Ms Lau Ka-shi, Ms Ayesha Macpherson and Mr Yeung Ka-ching.

- 1 June 2007 : The Chairperson, the Financial Secretary and the Secretary for Health, Welfare and Food officiated at the Third Graduation Ceremony of Capacity Building Mileage Programme. For the first time Level 5 Certificates were awarded to students. A total of 532 students were awarded certificates of various levels. Dr Yeung Ka-ching also attended the graduation ceremony.

The WoC Chairperson officiated at the Seminar on Family-friendly Employment Practices (FEPPs) co-organised by the WoC with the Labour Department, Hong Kong Institute of Human Resources Management, Hong Kong People Management Association and the Hong Kong Council on Social Service. Ms Lau Ka-shi, Co-convenor of the Working Group on Enabling Environment, represented the WoC to deliver a talk on FEPPs at the seminar. The seminar attracted some 350 participants from the business sector and human resources professionals. Ms Ayesha Macpherson and a representative of the WoC Secretariat also attended the seminar.

- 3 June 2007 : The Chairperson officiated at the Wushu Competition Prize Presentation Ceremony 2007 (2007 年第二屆優秀太極養生及武術家大獎賽比賽) organised by the Li Fai Centre of Wushu.
- 8 June 2007 : 3 WoC Members⁴ met with representatives of Hong Kong Women Doctors Association to exchange views on women issues and to explore possible areas of collaboration.
- 14 June 2007 : Dr Yeung Ka-Ching attended a briefing session for organisations in Kwun Tong District on the continuous implementation of the Quality Parenting Pilot Project in Kwun Tong District.

⁴ Ms Chau Chuen-heung, Mrs Stella Lau and Dr Sharmila Gurung

- 17 June 2007 : PAS(Women) officiated and delivered a speech at the prize giving ceremony of the creative speech competition to commemorate the 10th Anniversary of Hong Kong SAR (「昨天、今天、明天」特區成立我成長創意演講擂台賽頒獎禮) cum the 7th anniversary celebration of the Kowloon Women's Organisations Federation (九龍婦女聯會七周年會慶).
- 21 June 2007 : Dr Yeung Ka-Ching made a presentation on the Quality Parenting Project at the Sai Kung District Council Community Affairs Committee Meeting.
- 23 June 2007 : The Chairperson attended the Hong Kong Women Celebrating the 10th Anniversary of the Establishment of the HKSAR Cultural Show & Hong Kong Harmonious Family Drive Award Presentation Ceremony (香港各界婦女慶祝回歸十周年文藝晚會暨“香港和諧家庭選拔”頒獎禮) jointly organised by the Hong Kong Federation of Women, the Hong Kong Island Women's Association, the Kowloon Women's Organisations Federation, and the Hong Kong Women Development Association.
- 25 June 2007 : The Chairperson and 3 WoC Members⁵ met with representatives from All China Women's Federation⁶ (ACWF) to foster connection and to discuss issues of mutual concern, including the collection of exhibition materials to the China Women and Children's Museum and contribution to ACWF's publication on “Women's Development in China in the 20th century” (20 世紀中國婦女運動史).

⁵ Ms Chau Chuen-heung, Ms Ko Po-ling, and Ms Ayesha Macpherson

⁶ Ms Zhen Yan, Ms Cheung Li-ming, Ms Li Hai-rong, Ms Chan Tie-ying

- 24 – 29 June 2007 : Ms Lau Ka-shi, Co-convenor of the Working Group on Enabling Environment, represented the WoC to attend the 12th APEC Women Leaders' Network (WLN) Meeting and the lead-in "Women in Export" trade event held in Port Douglas, Australia from 24 to 27 June and spoke on FEPP at one of the panel sessions. CEO(Women) also attended the meeting, and represented the Government at the 5th APEC Gender Focal Point Network Meeting in Cairns, Australia from 28 to 29 June 2007.
- 2 July 2007 : The Chairperson officiated at the celebration of 10th anniversary of HKSAR by the social service sector (社會福利界慶祝香港回歸祖國十周年).
- 4 July 2007 : The Chairperson and 2 WoC Members⁷ attended a lunch meeting with the Chairperson and Chief Executive Officer of Po Leung Kuk to explore possible areas of collaboration.
- 6 July 2007 : The Chairperson and 8 WoC Members⁸ as well as representatives from Labour and Welfare Bureau had a meeting with the Macao Women Advisory Committee to exchange views on women's issues and possible areas of collaboration.
- 7 July 2007 : WoC Chairperson attended a half day evaluation session as an adjudicator for the "Outstanding Projects Award" of the 16th Employees Award Scheme of the Hong Kong Christian Service.
- 14 July 2007 : WoC Chairperson attended the graduation ceremony of the Young Women Leaders Development Programme of the YWCA and presented certificates to the graduates

⁷ Ms Chau Chuen-heung and Dr Yeung Ka-ching.

⁸ Dr Miranda Chan, Ms Chau Chuen-heung, Ms Jacqueline Cheng, Ms Ruth Gee, Ms Ko Po-ling, Ms Lau Ka-shi, Ms Ayesha Macpherson and Dr Yeung Ka-ching.

- 17 July 2007 : WoC Chairperson attended an Information Sharing Session organised by the CPU with Prof Amartya Sen, Lamont University Professor of Harvard University
- 19 July 2007 : The Chairperson and 2 Members⁹ of the Task Force on All-China Women's Federation Projects attended a press briefing to invite donation of exhibition materials for the China Women and Children's Museum.

ADVICE SOUGHT

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

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⁹ Mrs Peggy Lam and Ms Chau Chuen-heung