

**WOMEN'S COMMISSION**  
**Secretary's Report**

**INTRODUCTION**

This paper informs Members of the activities undertaken by the Women's Commission (WoC) and Welfare Team 2 of the Labour and Welfare Bureau since the 47<sup>th</sup> meeting held on 26 March 2008.

**ACTIVITIES HELD SINCE THE LAST MEETING**

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

- 7 April 2008 : The WoC Chairperson and two WoC Members<sup>1</sup> met with a delegation from Tianjin Women's Federation to exchange views on women issues. AS(Welfare)2A and AS(Welfare)2B also attended.
- 10 April 2008 : The WoC Chairperson was interviewed by Dr Robert Au, Principal of YMCA College of Careers, on the Capacity Building Mileage Programme (CBMP) and lifelong learning.
- 17 April 2008 : The WoC Chairperson and three WoC Members<sup>2</sup> attended the Home Affairs Department monthly meeting with Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen of District Councils to share with them WoC's initiatives and the proposal to establish gender focal points in the District Councils. Ms Jacqueline Cheng, PAS(Welfare)2 and AS(Welfare)2A were also in attendance.

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<sup>1</sup> Mrs Stella Lau and Ms Joanna Lau.

<sup>2</sup> Ms Chau Chuen-heung, Ms Lau Ka-shi and Dr Yeung Ka-ching.

- 19 April 2008 PAS(Welfare)2 attended the “Women’s Political Participation Summit - Challenging Appearances & Statistics” organised by the Women Political Participation Network and National Democratic Institute.
- 26 April 2008 : The WoC Chairperson officiated at the “Family Health Month 2008” event organised by Hong Kong Federation of Women.  
  
PAS(Welfare)2 made a presentation on the efforts in promoting gender mainstreaming at the Seminar on Gender Mainstreaming organised by the Association for the Advancement of Feminism. Two Members<sup>3</sup> and CEO(Welfare)2 also attended.
- 27 April 2008 : The WoC Chairperson joined the Committee for Welcoming the Torch in meeting the media and encouraged women in Hong Kong to show support to the torch relay and participate in the community campaign.
- 30 April 2008 : The WoC Chairperson met with the Chairperson of Guangdong Women’s Federation to exchange views on women’s issues.
- 7 May 2008 : The WoC Chairperson and four WoC Members<sup>4</sup> met with representatives of Eastern District Council and women’s organisations in the District to exchange views on women issues. PAS(Welfare)2, AS(Welfare)2B and RPO(Welfare)2 also attended.
- 8 May 2008 : The WoC Chairperson attended the Reception Celebrating the 60th Independence Day of the State of Israel organised by Consulate General of Israel in Hong Kong SAR.

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<sup>3</sup> Ms Fong Man-ying and Ms Ko Po-ling

<sup>4</sup> Dr Sharmila Gurung, Mrs Stella Lau, Ms Lau Ka-shi and Dr Yeung Ka-ching.

- 9 May 2008 : The WoC Chairperson and two Members<sup>5</sup> officiated at the Prize Presentation Ceremony of the Essay Competition of the Exhibition on *Women of Hong Kong – A Century of Contribution and Development*.
- 10 May 2008 : The WoC Chairperson officiated and gave a speech at the opening ceremony of the Family Wellness Centre organised by Hong Kong Young Women's Christian Association.
- 13 May 2008 : WoC Chairperson attended the meeting of the Consular Corps Spouses' Group and delivered a talk on the work of the WoC.
- 16 May 2008 : The WoC Chairperson officiated at the Fourth Graduation Ceremony of the CBMP. Secretary for Labour and Welfare attended as an officiating guest and gave a speech. A total of 521 students were awarded certificates of various levels. For the first time Level 6 Certificates were awarded.
- 18-21 May 2008 : The WoC Chairperson, 10 WoC Members<sup>6</sup>, PAS(Welfare)2 and AS(Welfare)2B visited the All-China Women's Federation in Beijing. Ms He Hong, Division Chief of the Coordination Department of the Liaison Office of the Central People's Government in the HKSAR, was also invited to join the delegation. The delegation also paid a courtesy call on the United Front Work Department of CPC Central Committee.

### **ADVICE SOUGHT**

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

### **Women's Commission Secretariat May 2008**

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<sup>5</sup> Mr Lee Luen-fai and Dr Ronnie Hui

<sup>6</sup> Ms Ko Po-ling, Ms Chau Chuen-heung, Dr Yeung Ka-ching, Prof Maria Tam, Mrs Stella Lau, Ms Lau Ka-shi, Ms Fong Man-ying, Dr Sharmila Gurung, Ms Jacqueline Cheng and Ms Ayesha Macpherson