

**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 (LWB) since the 48<sup>th</sup> meeting held on 26 May 2008.

**ACTIVITIES HELD SINCE THE LAST MEETING**

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

- 27 May 2008 : The WoC Chairperson and three WoC Members<sup>1</sup> convened two Exchange Sessions with a total of 37 women's groups. PAS(Welfare)2, AS(Welfare)2B, CEO(Welfare)2 and RPO(Welfare)2 also attended.
- 29 May 2008 : PAS(Welfare)2 held a meeting with five representatives from the Association for Advancement of Feminism (AAF) and two representatives from the Census and Statistics Department (C&SD) to discuss possible improvements to C&SD's 2008 edition of "Women and Men in Hong Kong Key Statistics"., CEO(Welfare)2 and RPO(Welfare)2 also attended.
- 28 June 2008 : The WoC Chairperson attended the launching ceremony of Territory-wide Campaign Against Youth Drug Abuse organised by the Government and the Action Committee Against Narcotics.
- 3 July 2008 : The WoC Chairperson attended the 35th anniversary reception of the Hong Kong Economic Journal.

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<sup>1</sup> Dr Sharmila Gurung, Ms Lau Ka-shi (first session) and Ms Fong Man-ying (second session).

- 5 July 2008                      WoC Chairperson officiated and gave a speech at the Graduation Ceremony of Holy Family Canossian School (嘉諾撒聖家書院)
  
- 7 July 2008                      Ms Chau Chuen-heung and Dr Yeung Ka-ching attended the meeting of Island District Council Community Affairs, Cultural and Recreation Committee (離島區議會社區事務及文化康樂委員會) to introduce the various initiatives of the WoC to enhance collaboration with District Councils. PAS(Welfare)2 and AS(Welfare)2B also attended.
  
- 9 July 2008                      : The WoC Chairperson officiated at the afternoon tea gathering to celebrate the 11<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the establishment of Hong Kong SAR (“千歲同歡賀回歸”下午茶叙) organised by the Hong Kong Women Health Ambassador Association.
  
- 11 July 2008                      : The Working Group on Enabling Environment had a meeting with the Founder and CEO of the Community Business to exchange views on promoting work-life balance in Hong Kong.
  
- 12 July 2008                      : The WoC Chairperson officiated at the Ripples Action (漣漪行動) event in Shamshuipo jointly organised by Association of Women Accountants (Hong Kong) Limited, Hong Kong Federation of Women Lawyers, Hong Kong Women Doctors' Association, International Social Service Hong Kong Branch, Hong Kong Federation of Women, Narcotics Division of Security Bureau, HKSAR, Hong Kong Island Women's Association, Kowloon Women's Organisations Federation, Hong Kong Women Development Association Limited and Hong Kong Nurses General Union.

- 14 July 2008      WoC Chairperson attended a lunch hosted by the Deputy Secretary for Labour and Welfare (Welfare) 1 for Ms Sun A'qing and Ms He Hong of the Liaison Office of the CPG in the HKSAR. PAS(Welfare)2 was also present.

On invitation by the Home Affairs Bureau, the WoC Chairperson and Ms Joanna Lau attended a meeting with representatives of various bureaux to discuss and explore ways to enhance women's participation in advisory and statutory bodies.

- 15 July 2008      The WoC Chairperson and Dr Yeung Ka-ching attended the meeting of Tuen Mun District Council Social Service Committee (屯門區議會社會服務委員會) to introduce the various initiatives of WoC to enhance collaboration with District Councils. PAS(Welfare)2 and AS(Welfare)2B also attended.
- 16 July 2008      : The WoC Chairperson attended an exchange session on development of women affairs (婦女事務交流會) organised by Hong Kong Women's Coalition on Equal Opportunities. PAS(Welfare)2 representing LWB also attended the meeting.
- 18 July 2008      : The WoC Chairperson and three Members<sup>2</sup> attended the Seminar on "Social Policy Across the Life Course" organised by the Central Policy Unit. PAS(Welfare)2 and CEO(Welfare)2 also attended.

### **ADVICE SOUGHT**

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

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<sup>2</sup> Ms Jacqueline Cheng, Dr Sharmila Gurung and Ms Lau Ka-shi.