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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 51st meeting held on 27 November 2008.

ACTIVITIES HELD SINCE THE LAST MEETING

- 2. The activities held since the last meeting are as follows -
 - 28 November 2008

The Final of "Debate Competition on Gender Issues for Secondary and Tertiary Students" was held. The adjudicators of the Final included the WoC Chairperson, Miss Eliza Lee, Deputy Secretary for Labour and Welfare, Hon Starry Lee, Legislative Council Member, Prof Lui Yu-hon, Director of LiPACE, Open University of Hong Kong and Mr Mak Yun-sau, an experienced Radio Programme Host. Mr Matthew Cheung, Secretary for Labour and Welfare, also attended and presented awards to the winners and first runner-up. WoC Members Mr Lee Luen-fai and Dr Sharmila Gurung were also present.

• 2 December 2008

The WoC Chairperson attended the 50th Anniversary Reception and Dinner of International Social Service Hong Kong Branch.

• 3 December 2008

The WoC Chairperson attended the Conference on "Strengthening Hong Kong's Families: Embracing A Holistic Family Approach in Formulating Social Policy and Providing Social Services" organised by the Central Policy Unit as panel speaker. WoC Members Dr Miranda Chan, Ms Fong Man-ying and PAS(Welfare)2 also attended.

• 5 December 2008

WoC hosted a lunch for the ACWF delegation led by Vice-President, Mdm Huang Qing-yi. Eight WoC Members¹ and five LWB officers² also attended.

The WoC Chairperson attended a forum cum dinner organised by the Preparation Committee for the Celebration of the 50th Anniversary of Ladies Committee of The Chinese General Chamber of Commerce.

• 10 December 2008

Dr Yeung Ka-Ching represented WoC to officiate at the kick-off ceremony of Quality Parenting activities organised Tung Chung by the Island District Council in Tung Chung.

• 14 December 2008

Dr Miranda Chan represented WoC to officiate at the event "閃爍天城迎聖誕" organised by the Ripples Action.

• 2 January 2009

The WoC Chairperson attended the New Year Cocktail Reception organised by the Social Work Department of Liaison Office of The Central People's Government in the Hong Kong SAR.

• 12 January 2009

The WoC Chairperson made a presentation on the WoC to a delegation from ACWF at "第 153 期香港工商業研討班" organised by the Chinese General Chamber of Commerce. AS(Welfare)2B also attended.

• 19 January 2009

The WoC Chairperson and seven WoC Members³ convened an exchange session with 31 women's groups. PAS(Welfare)2, AS(Welfare)2B, CEO(Welfare)2 and RPO(Welfare)2 also attended.

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

² PSLW, DS(Welfare)1, PAS(Welfare)2, AS(Welfare)2A and CEO(Welfare)2.

³ Ms Lau Ka-shi, Ms Ayesha Macpherson, Ms Fong Man-ying, Dr Miranda Chan, Ms Jacqueline Cheng, Dr Leung Lai-ching and Dr Sharmila Gurung.

ADVICE SOUGHT

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

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