

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 53rd meeting held on 31 March 2009.

ACTIVITIES HELD SINCE THE LAST MEETING

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

- 7 April 2009 : Mr Pham Cao Phong, Consul General of Vietnam, paid a courtesy call to the WoC Chairperson, and he was met by the Chairperson and AS(Welfare)2A.

The WoC Chairperson and Dr Yeung Ka-ching attended the meeting of Kwun Tong District Council to introduce the various initiatives of WoC and explore opportunities for collaboration. PAS(Welfare)2 and AS(Welfare)2B also attended.

- 17 April 2009 : The Chairperson and a WoC Member Dr Leung Lai-ching attended the seminar on "*Gender Equality and Gender Respect – Media and Societal Culture, Where Do We Go from Here?*" jointly organised by WoC and the Equal Opportunities Commission to officiate and give a closing remark respectively. PAS(Welfare)2, AS(Welfare)2B and RPO(Welfare)2 also attended.
- 25 April 2009 : The WoC Chairperson officiated at the *Family Health Month 2009* organised by the Hong Kong Federation of Women.

The WoC Chairperson officiated and gave a speech at the 24th Anniversary cum Inauguration Ceremony of the 10th Central Executive Committee of Yin Ngai Central Council.

- 26 April 2009 : The WoC Chairperson officiated at the award presentation ceremony of “我的快樂家庭攝影比賽” organised by the Family Affairs Committee of the Democratic Alliance for the Betterment and Progress of Hong Kong, and participated in a panel discussion.
- 27 April 2009 : The WoC Chairperson attended a cocktail reception organised by the Consulate General of the Republic of South Africa to celebrate its National Freedom Day.
- 28 April 2009 : The WoC Chairperson and six WoC Members¹ convened two exchange sessions with a total of 31 women’s groups and related organisations to seek their views on the tentative programme of the WoC Conference and the format of the pre-conference event. PAS(Welfare)2, AS(Welfare)2A, SEO(Welfare)2, PPO(Welfare)2 and RPO(Welfare)2 also attended.
- 29 April 2009 : The WoC Chairperson and two WoC Members² met with 16 representatives of the Hong Kong Women’s Coalition on Equal Opportunities³ to exchange views on women issues. AS(Welfare)2A and AS(Welfare)2B also attended.

¹ Ms Ayesha Macpherson, Ms Ko Po-ling, Dr Miranda Chan, Ms Lau Ka-shi, Dr Leung Lai-ching and Dr Sharmila Gurung.

² Ms Fong Man-ying and Ms Joanna Lau.

³ Ms So Ka-yi from the Hong Kong Young Women Christian Association (Women Affairs Department), Ms Kendy Yim from Action for REACH OUT, Ms Emy Law and Ms Leung Siu-yuk from Association Concerning Sexual Violence Against Women, Ms Mabel Au and Ms Tam Ka-ying from Association for the Advancement of Feminism, Ms Yeung Wai-yin from Association of Women with Disabilities Hong Kong, Ms Liu Ngan-fung from Hong Kong Association for the Survivors of Women Abuse (Kwan Fook), Ms Eva Leung and Ms Gigi Lo from Hong Kong Federation of Women’s Centres, Ms Ming Yeung from Hong Kong Women Christian Council, Ms Wu Mei-lin from Hong Kong Women Workers’ Association and Ms Lam Ying-hing, Ms Tsang Sheung-chun, Ms Cheung Lai-ha and Li Yim-fan from Women Affair Committee, Hong Kong Confederation of Trade Unions

- 9 May 2009 : The WoC Chairperson attended the Annual Gender Role Workshop 2009 organised by Gender Research Centre of the Chinese University of Hong Kong.
- 15 May 2009 : The WoC Chairperson officiated and gave a speech at the ceremony to celebrate the 60th Anniversary of the establishment of People's Republic of China cum the 9th Anniversary of Kowloon Women's Organisations Federation.
- 19 May 2009 : The WoC Chairperson attended a welcome reception for a delegation of Israeli women leaders organised by the Consulate General of Israel.
- 21 May 2009 : The WoC Chairperson hosted a dinner for a delegation from the All-China Women's Federation led by its former Chairperson Madam Gu Xiu-lian to exchange views on women issues. *3 WoC Members⁴ and PAS(Welfare)2 also attended. (to be confirmed)*
- 22 May 2009 : Dr Yeung Ka-ching represented WoC to attend 「家庭友善政策初探」研討會 organised by the Centre for Life and Ethics Studies.

ADVICE SOUGHT

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

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⁴ Ms Chau Cheun-heung, Ms Joanna Lau and Dr Yeung Ka-ching