

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 55th meeting held on 13 August 2009.

ACTIVITIES HELD SINCE THE LAST MEETING

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

- 20 August 2009 : A media briefing on WoC Conference and Safety Report Supplement was held and attended by the WoC Chairperson, Ms Joanna Lau and Ms Ayesha Macpherson.
- 25-26 August 2009 : The WoC Conference "Beyond Limits – Women in the 21st Century" was held on 26 August 2009. The Chief Executive officiated at the event. Other officiating guests included Mr Peng Qinghua, Director, Liaison Office of the Central People's Government in Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR); Ms Chen Xiurong, Vice-President and Member of the Secretariat, All-China Women's Federation (ACWF); Ms Guo Li, Deputy Director, Liaison Office of the Central People's Government in the HKSAR; Mr Matthew Cheung, GBS, JP, Secretary for Labour and Welfare; Ms Sophia Kao, SBS, JP, Chairperson, WoC and Mr Paul Tang, JP, Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare and Vice-Chairperson, WoC. Around 550-600 participants attended the main conference on 26 August and over 700 attended the pre-conference activity on 25 August. 26 organisations coordinated 14 presentations at the pre-conference activity.

- 25 August 2009 : The WoC Chairperson attended the Cocktail Reception hosted by the Consulate General of Belgium for overseas speaker Ambassador Olivier Belle.

The WoC Chairperson and 3 Co-conveners¹ of WoC Working Groups attended the Policy Address Consultation Session chaired by the Chief Secretary for Administration.

- 29 August 2009 : WoC members had a breakfast cum sharing session with ACWF delegation, headed by Chairperson Madam CHEN Zhi-li, on 29 August 2009.
- 1 September 2009 : The WoC Chairperson attended the Cocktail Reception celebrating the 64th National Day of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam.
- 10 September 2009 : The WoC Chairperson and three WoC Members² met with the representatives of the Central and Western District Council to discuss various collaboration initiatives. AS(Welfare)^{2B} also attended the meeting.
- 11 September 2009 : The WoC Chairperson officiated at the Seminar on Good People Management and Family-Friendly Employment Practices organised by the Labour Department.
- 13 September 2009 : The WoC Chairperson officiated at the CBMP Graduation Ceremony organised by the Aberdeen Kai-fong Welfare Association.
- 17 September 2009 : The WoC Chairperson attended the cocktail reception celebrating the 60th National Day organised by 香港工商界同胞慶祝中華人民共和國成立60周年籌備委員會.

- 19 September 2009 : The WoC Chairperson attended the cocktail reception celebrating the 60th National Day organised by the 香港工商界婦女慶祝中華人民共和國成立60 周年籌備委員會.
- 20 September 2009 : The WoC Chairperson attended the charity premiere of “The Founding of a Republic” organised by the Dragon Foundation.
- 22 September 2009 : The WoC Chairperson attended the Jewish New Year Gourmet Festival organized by the Consul General of the State of Israel and Mrs Amikam Levy.
- 25 September 2009 : The WoC Chairperson attended the reception of the film titled “The Founding of a Republic” organised by the Liaison Office of the Central People's Government in the HKSAR.

The WoC Chairperson officiated at the dinner reception celebrating the National Day organised by the 香港社會福利服務機構慶祝國慶60 周年籌備委員會.

- 29 September 2009 : The WoC Chairperson attended the reception celebrating the 60th Anniversary of the Establishment of Diplomatic Relation between Romania and People’s Republic of China.
- 5 October 2009 : The WoC Chairperson attended “慶祝新中國成立60周年「開國大典」新中國成立大型圖片文物回顧展” co-organised by the Central Party Literature Research Center, National Museum of China, Home Affairs Bureau of HKSAR and Wen Wei Po.
- 6 October 2009 : The WoC Chairperson was interviewed by The Standard on the recent initiatives of WoC.
- 10 October 2009 : The WoC Chairperson attended the first of the series of CBMP seminars and delivered an opening speech.

- 15 October 2009 : The WoC Chairperson attended the Women's Foundation Leadership Awards and Gala Fundraiser 2009 organised by the Women's Foundation.
- 17 October 2009 : The WoC Chairperson officiated at the event celebrating the National Day and the upcoming 2009 East Asian Games organised by the Hong Kong Island Women's Association.
- 18 October 2009 : The WoC Chairperson officiated at the Annual Walkathon 2009 organised by the Hong Kong Breast Cancer Foundation.
- 23 October 2009 : The WoC Chairperson and five WoC members³ paid a visit to the Macao Women Advisory Committee where they exchanged ideas on viewing and practices to enhance women's status. WoC also visited one of the service centres operated by a local women non-governmental organisation.
- 27 October 2009 : The WoC Chairperson attended a lunch with the Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare, Ms Teresa Au, Mr Barry Kwong and Ms Sherrie Poon of the Hong Kong Shanghai Banking Corporation Limited.
- 30 October 2009 : The WoC Chairperson and Ms Lau Ka-shi attended a meeting with the Women's Foundation to discuss initiatives of WoC and explore future collaboration opportunities.
- 31 October 2009 : Ms Joanna Lau attended the last of the series of CBMP seminar and delivered a closing speech.
- 18 November 2009 : The WoC Chairperson, joined by Ms Lau Ka-shi, Ms Joanna Lau and Dr Yeung Ka-ching had a meeting with 中國婦女發展基金會 to share the work of WoC and the delegation respectively. P(W)2 and the Secretary also attended.

- 22 November : The WoC Chairperson attended the Racial Harmony Cultural Show organised by the Hong Kong Integrated Nepalese Society.

ADVICE SOUGHT

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

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