

## **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 59<sup>th</sup> meeting held on 27 May 2010.

#### **ACTIVITIES HELD SINCE THE LAST MEETING**

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

- 27 May 2010 : The WoC Chairperson and six WoC Members<sup>1</sup> attended the Premiere cum Prize Presentation Ceremony of "Gender Story" – Short Video Filming Competition on Gender Awareness for Secondary Students.
- 29 May 2010 : The Chairperson officiated at a seminar ("訪台交流成果報告會") organised by Kowloon Women's Organisations Federation.
- 5 June 2010 : The Chairperson attended the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary dinner organised by Zonta Club of Hong Kong East.
- 8 June 2010 : A focus group meeting under the Task Force on Women's Development Goals was held with women's groups to brainstorm key issues relating to women's health and safety. Mr Ivan YIU, Community Services Secretary of Tung Wah Group of Hospitals and Dr LEUNG Tung-yeung,

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<sup>1</sup> Ms AU YEUNG Po-chun, Ms Jacqueline CHENG, Mrs Judith ELLIS, Dr Sharmila GURUNG, Mr LEE Luen-fai and Dr YEUNG Ka-ching.

Director of Well Women Clinics, Tung Wah Group of Hospitals, were invited to speak on the topics. The WoC Chairperson, 6 Task Force members<sup>2</sup>, PAS(Welfare)<sup>2</sup>, the Secretary, AS(W)<sup>2</sup>B and RPO(Welfare)<sup>2</sup> joined the meeting.

- 9 June 2010 : The Chairperson delivered a speech on “Measures in Support of Obligations and Care Across the Generations in Hong Kong” at the “Strengthening Hong Kong’s Families Conference” organised by Central Policy Unit. The conference was also attended by Dr YEUNG Ka-ching.
- 13 June 2010 : The Chairperson attended the Inauguration Ceremony of Joint Forum on Social Work and Social Development cum Launching of Local Agenda for Social Work and Social Development of the 2010 Joint World Conference.
- 14 June 2010 : The Chairperson met with Ms YU Wenchi, the Policy Advisor of the Secretary’s Office of Global Women’s Issues of the U.S. Department of State, to exchange views on women issues in Hong Kong and the U.S..
- 30 June 2010 : The WoC Chairperson hosted a consultation session with women’s groups and non-governmental organisations on the third report of the HKSAR under the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women. Three WoC members<sup>3</sup> and a total of 46 representatives from 26 women groups attended the event. PAS(Welfare)<sup>2</sup>, AS(Welfare)<sup>2</sup>C and RPO(Welfare)<sup>2</sup> also attended.
- 3 July 2010 : The WoC Chairperson attended a Ripples Action event hosted by the Hong Kong Federation of Women.

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<sup>2</sup> Dr Miranda CHAN, Ms CHAU Chuen-heung, Ms Jacqueline CHENG, Ms KO Po-ling, Ms Joanna LAU, Dr LEUNG Lai-ching.

<sup>3</sup> Ms AU YEUNG Po-chun, Ms FONG Man-ying and Ms LAU Ka-shi.

- 5 July 2010 : A focus group meeting under the Task Force on Women's Development Goals was held with women's groups to brainstorm key issues relating to women's economics and education. Dr NG Chun-hung, Associate Professor of the Department of Sociology of the University of Hong Kong and Dr Patricia CHIU, Visiting Past-time Lecturer, Department of History of University of Hong Kong, were invited to speak on the topics. The WoC Chairperson, 7 Task Force members<sup>4</sup>, PAS(Welfare)2, the Secretary and RPO (Welfare)2 joined the meeting.
- 6 July 2010 : Two WoC Members<sup>5</sup> visited the Northern District Council to introduce the Commission and seek collaboration opportunities with the District Council. PAS(Welfare)2 and AS(Welfare)2B also joined the visit.
- 14 July 2010 : A focus group meeting on Participation in Decision Making and System for Women's Development under the Task Force on Women's Development Goals was held with women's groups to brainstorm key relevant issues. Ms Elsie LEUNG, former Secretary for Justice, and Ms Mabel AU, Coordinator of the Hong Kong Coalition on Equal Opportunities, were invited to speak on the topics. The WoC Chairperson, 6 Task Force members<sup>6</sup>, PAS(Welfare)2, the Secretary and RPO(Welfare)2 joined the meeting.
- 28 July 2010 : The Task Force on Women's Development Goal<sup>7</sup> had an internal meeting to discuss the next steps

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<sup>4</sup> Ms Teresa AU, Ms Jacqueline CHENG, Ms FONG Man-ying, Ms KO Po-ling, Ms LAU Ka-shi, Dr LEUNG Lai-ching and Ms Ayesha Macpherson.

<sup>5</sup> Ms AU YEUNG Po-chun and Dr YEUNG Ka-ching.

<sup>6</sup> Ms Teresa AU, Dr Miranda CHAN, Ms CHAU Chuen-heung, Ms Jacqueline CHENG, Ms KO Po-ling and Ms LAU Ka-shi.

<sup>7</sup> Attending members included the WoC Chairperson, Ms Jacqueline CHENG, Ms LAU Ka-shi and Ms Ayesha MACPHERSON

forward after the first round of focus group meetings. PAS(Welfare)2, the Secretary and RPO(Welfare)2 also attended.

### **ADVICE SOUGHT**

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

**Women's Commission Secretariat**  
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