

Activities Highlights

May / June:

* As reported in our last newsletter, the three sessions of "Practical Aspects of Doing Business in China" (中國商管實戰經驗分享研討會) was successfully held on three Saturdays (May 24, June 7 and June 14) at PricewaterhouseCoopers Executive Business Centre. A total of over 600 people joined the seminars which were filled with lively experience sharing by many distinguished leaders in the field despite the relatively poor weather. The Board would like to express special appreciation to our dear project leader Miss Elizabeth Quat and her committee in organizing this event.



* A fellowship luncheon was held on May 15 at the China Club with 22 members and 3 potential members attended.

July:

* The planned visit to Hoi Ha Wan Marina Life Centre on July 5 had to be cancelled due to delay in completion and the fellowship activity was replaced by a contemporarily popular dinner at a private kitchen. This time Shanghaiese cuisine was chosen at Gong Guan with 24 members attended.

August:

* The 8th APEC Women Leaders' Network Meeting 2003 was held in Chiang Mai on Jul 30 - Aug 3. Vice President Ella Cheong led a 4-member delegation from HKWPEA, including Chong Kin Wo, Elizabeth Quat and Angela To to attend this event. On the occasion, Ella spoke on the topic of "Women Entrepreneurship through Creative Partnerships", EQ spoke on "Bridging the Knowledge Divide through Multiple forms of Communication", Chong spoke on "Best Practices in Mentoring Women Entrepreneurs—the HKWPEA Business Start Up Scheme". Special thanks to Angela To, Chairperson of Int'l Liaison Committee, who did excellent coordination work for this event.



* A special fellowship luncheon was organized on August 4 with guest speaker Mr. Allen Lee Peng Fei at the Kee Club. Mr. Lee spoke on his views on the HK governmental administration. It was very well received with 41 members and guests attended.



September:

* On September 5, the Association hosted a luncheon meeting for a 13-person Dalian official delegation led by the Mayor of Dalian Xia De Ren (夏德仁市長) at Dynasty Club with over 30 members from HKWPEA and business associates of various companies attended. Mayor Xia De Ren made an impressive presentation on Dalian's investment environment to all guests.



* At our Annual General Meeting on September 18 we were honored to have Mrs. Carrie Lam (林鄭月娥) Director of Social Welfare Department as Guest of Honour. Mrs Lam shared with us her vision and belief of social welfare in Hong Kong and some of the key tasks she had pushed in her current capacity. Her speech was both enlightening and inspiring.



October:

* A fellowship activity was held on October 18 to visit the Hong Kong International Terminals (HIT)和記黃埔葵涌貨櫃碼頭. Total 11 members and 7 guests attended the visit, which was in the format of video presentation and guided tour of the facilities. After the visit, a fellowship lunch was arranged at Tai Po Kau Interactive Nature Centre. Thanks to Dr. Vivienne Luk for recommending this very informative trip and to Margarita for organizing the event.

Business Start-up Assistance Scheme Update

June:

- * The Hong Kong Women's Commission selected the HKWPEA Women Business Start-up Scheme to be included in their programme of "Good Practices on Empowerment of Women in Hong Kong". Mak Chi Kwan and Vice President Caroline Mak represented the Association to share their experience in this start-up scheme on June 7.



Coming Events

November:

- * November 11, 2003 (Tuesday): "Business Opportunities for SMEs in Environmental Protection Industry" Forum of the Hong Kong Environmental Protection Festival 2003
Time: 9:30 am - 5:30 pm
Venue: Room 601-610, Hong Kong Convention & Exhibition Centre

The forum is jointly organized by the Hong Kong Environmental Campaign Committee (ECC) and the Environmental Protection Department (EPD), and co-organized by the Hong Kong Trade Development Council and the HKWPEA. The Forum aims at arousing SME's awareness of business opportunities in the environmental market of Hong Kong and the Pearl River Delta.

If you have interest in the environmental protection industry, or have friends and business associates who are interested in knowing more about the potential of this market, this is an excellent opportunity to gain market knowledge and insights.

- * November 14, 2003 (Friday): Fellowship Luncheon
Time: 12:15 - 1:45 pm
Venue: Room 2602, PricewaterhouseCoopers Conference Centre, Edinburgh Tower, Landmark Central HK

To better understand environmental protection issues facing the world today, we've invited our members Mabel Mak (Head of Community Relations Unit, HK Environmental Protection Dept.) and Dr. Rebecca Lee to speak on the topics of "Environmental Protection in Hong Kong today: Where are we?" and "Global Environment: Observation from the Poles and Mount Everest" respectively.

Dr. Rebecca Lee, as many of you already know, is an active and respected polar researcher and environmentalist. She is the first Chinese woman who visited the Arctic, Antarctic and Mount Everest and made unique observations

about the problems in our global environment from these geographical positions. At the luncheon, Rebecca will also share with us some of her most precious video taken at these locations.

December:

- * December 11 (Thursday) - Business Meeting & Dinner
Our next Business Meeting will be held on Dec 11 followed by our Annual Christmas Dinner at American Club. With Angel Hon agreed to run the program that evening, we can look forward to fun and laughter! Any idea on the evening will be very welcomed!!

Welcome to New Members

Six new members joining the Association and they are:

- Rebecca Choy,
Executive Director of Neway Int'l Trade Fairs Ltd.
- Cordelia Chung,
General Manager of IBM China/Hong Kong Ltd.
- Angela Keung,
General Manager of Amway Asia Pacific Ltd., HK Branch
- Sandra Mak,
CEO of A-World Consulting Ltd.
- Grace Tse,
C.P.A., Investment Banker
- Ophelia Tsui,
Assistant Professor in Physics, HKUST

We have currently 89 members and we welcome more. If you have friends or business associates who meet the following criteria:

- subscribe to the Association's objectives
- uphold high professional integrity
- have at least 5 years of relevant experience (for professionals)
- occupy a decision-making position (for business executives)
- founded own company (for entrepreneurs)
- be willing to contribute time and resource, and participate in committee work and fellowship gatherings
- referred by at least 2 HKWPEA members (proposed by one and seconded by another)

please contact Loretta Pang, Chairperson of Membership Committee.

Others

Our website (www.hkwpea.org) has been updated with lots of new information so please visit it.

If you have any suggestion on how to improve our newsletter, please contact VP Caroline Mak or email us c/o Jennie Ng email address: Jennie_ng@amway.com.