



香港女工商及專業人員聯會

**HONG KONG WOMEN PROFESSIONALS & ENTREPRENEURS ASSOCIATION LIMITED**

**Annual General Meeting  
President's Report for 2012 - 2013**

Dear Fellow Members,

On behalf of the Executive Committee, I take pleasure in reporting the business activities of our Association (“HKWPEA”) for the past 12 months.

In this report, I would like to extend my sincere appreciation to all Members, Working Committees and their Chairpersons for their generous & invaluable contribution in achieving so many fruitful and meaningful projects and activities in the past year. Our past year business indeed has been so eventful that we together have concluded or been working over 27-28 activities. They are impressive array of activities focusing on the economic & social wellbeing of Hong Kong, on promoting HKWPEA, and more importantly on enhancing networking among our members.

All business of HKWPEA is organized by our 13 Working Committees. They are: Charitable Foundation, Environmental Protection, Fellowship, International & Local Liaison, Legal, Mainland Liaison, Membership, Newsletter & Communication, Programmes, Public Relations, Public Affairs, Social Enterprise & Services and 2014 Outstanding Women Award. The followings are the summary of all the activities taken and taking place in the past 12 months.

**I. Charitable Foundation**

Eva Cheng and Marina Wong are the Co-Chairpersons of this Committee.

Since last September, we have created the Charitable Foundation Committee (“CFC”). The objectives of CFC are to ensure that the Charitable Trust Fund is well managed and operates in compliance with the local legislative requirements; to raise funds as needed, as well as to advise and approve charitable fund utilization.

1. Soon after the occurrence of the Sichuan Yaan Earthquake, the CFC recommended HKWPEA to donate HK\$100,000 to a post trauma counseling project **“4.20 Yaan Community-Based Post-earthquake Summer Service Programme for children and youth” in April 2013** in partnership with Prof. Angelina Yuen of the Hong Kong Polytechnic University.
2. The CFC also advised HKWPEA to donate HK\$350,000 to Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui Welfare Council in stages for the **N-No Families Development Project** 「全心傳家」「N無」家庭發展計劃 which aims at helping those underprivileged families.
3. **“Butterfly Lovers Remix” (梁祝·十藝) Musical Performance Concert 21 December 2013**

The CFC focused much of its time and resources in 2013 to raising funds for the Charitable Trust Fund. To achieve this, a Fund Raising Committee, co-chaired by Angel Hon and Sandra Mak, was structured under the

CFC. CFC recommended HKWPEA to approve the hosting for a large-scale fundraising “Butterfly Lovers Remix” (梁祝·十藝) Musical Performance Concert to be held at the Lyric Theatre of the Hong Kong Academy for Performing Arts on 21<sup>st</sup> December 2013, Saturday. Prof. K C Chan, GBS, JP., Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury will be our Chief Guest of Honor on this occasion. This would be the first fundraising performance organized by HKWPEA since its establishment in 1996.

For the first time in Hong Kong, a spectacular event encompassing 10 cultural arts will be culminated in an evening of extravaganza. In this Musical Performance, there will be Chinese music and Western music, Cantonese Opera in the eyes of Peking Opera’s directors, Cantonese Opera in the eyes of Kunqu Opera’s directors, the essences of Cantonese Opera, Chinese calligraphy, Chinese paintings, Modern dancing, Pop music and technologies of contemporary stage. Through the theme of the Butterfly Lovers, each of the ten performing and visual arts is presented in its own unique glory, offering not only a veritable sensory feast for the audience but also inviting them to expand their mental horizon to explore the rich domain in Chinese arts and culture.

While HKWPEA Charitable Foundation is the host of the concert, the Chinese Traditional Theatre Programme Office of The Hong Kong Academy for Performing Arts (HKAPA) (香港演藝學院中國戲曲課程辦公室) would take charge of the production. Many famous artists and directors will help in the concert, including 書法家何來成先生、小提琴家姚珏女士、唱家鍾麗蓉女士、現代舞著名編舞家陳凱先生、牡丹畫家勞允澍先生、流行音樂名製作人伍樂城先生、「梅花獎」得主邢金沙女士及國家一級演員胡芝風院士。 Fundraising target is HK\$1,800,000. (HK\$50,000 or 10% of the net proceeds, whichever is higher, would be donated to HKAPA.)

**Sponsorship categories include:**

- a. Corporate sponsor - HK\$500,000 (Estee Lauder)
- b. Cocktail sponsorship at HK\$250,000 (10 complimentary VIP tickets and 4C programme book advertisement and opening speech at cocktail)
- c. Diamond sponsorship at HK\$200,000 (8 complimentary VIP tickets and 4C double spread advertisement)
- d. Platinum sponsorship at HK\$100,000 (6 complimentary VIP tickets and 4C one page advertisement)
- e. Gold sponsorship at HK\$50,000 (4 complimentary VIP tickets and B/W one page advertisement)
- f. Silver sponsorship at HK\$20,000 (2 complimentary VIP tickets and B/W half page advertisement)

**Programme book advertisement categories include:**

- a. Insider back HK\$15,000
- b. Spread Page HK\$25,000
- c. Full Page HK\$10,000
- d. Half Page HK\$6,000



### **Four types of tickets will be sold:**

- a. Stalls 堂座 HK\$2,000 each\*\* (Members privileged price @HK\$1,800 each for 2 or more tickets)
- b. Circle (Center) 樓座(中) HK\$1,200 each
- c. Circle (Side) 樓座(側) HK\$800 each
- d. Gallery 高座 HK\$300 each

All members are encouraged to support the Fund-raising event by committing or seeking sponsors, advertisers, donors and sale of tickets. All forms of support will be duly acknowledged in the programme book.

## **II. Environmental Protection**

Sandra Mak and Mabel Mak are the Chairpersons of this Committee.

### **Environmental Protection Dinner Talk by Mr. Lam Chiu Ying on 17 October 2012**

This dinner talk held on 17 October at CGCC was enthusiastically attended by 25 members and guests. Mr Lam Chiu Ying is a former Observatory director. We were all enlightened by Mr. Lam Chiu Ying's inspiring presentation and his unique insight advising everyone to attend to "protection of nature" instead of tackling the issue as environmental protection. We all took away a sense of responsibility that we need to care and protect our earth and nature.

## **III. Fellowship**

Jane Wong and Catherine Yau are the Chairpersons of this Committee. They reported the following events:

### **1. Christmas Party at Chariot Club 14 December 2012**

Our Christmas Party has really become one of our signature events and part of our culture now. It was preceded by the Quarterly Business Meeting held on Dec 14 and the party was attended by 54 members and guests at the Chariot Club. The party was full of glitter and glamour, lots of laughter, fun and plenty of great memories to take away.



### **2. Dr Christine Loh as guest speaker at Spring Dinner 7 Mar 2013**

Our special guests Madam Liao Xun, Deputy Director-General, and Madam Song Wei Director of Co-ordination Department of the Liaison Office of the Central People's Government in HKSAR and 57 members attended the HKWPEA's Spring Dinner on 7 March 2013 at Lippo Chiuchow Restaurant, welcoming a good Year of the Snake together. We were honored to have Dr. Christine Loh Kung-wai, OBE, JP, Undersecretary for the Environment, as the guest speaker to share environmental initiatives following the release of the 2013 Policy Address, explaining why and how the government would be setting aside and using the \$10 billion fund to improve roadside air quality, among other things, bringing a better living environment. Members also took away a sense of urgency in protecting the environment for ourselves, for the society and the next generation.



### **3. Prof. Anthony Cheung as guest speaker at dinner after Quarterly Business Meeting 20 June 2013**

We were honored to have guest speaker Prof. Anthony Cheung Bing-leung, GBS, JP, Secretary for Transport and Housing of HKSAR, speaking to us on the topic of Long Term Housing Policy. 58 members and 3 guests from the Hong Kong University of Science & Technology attended the function held at CGCC on 20 June 2013.



The talk had enlightened us with a lot more provoking questions and interactions from members.

#### **4. The Hon Anna Wu Hung-yuk GBS, JP guest speaker at our AGM Dinner 12 September 2013**

We are pleased to have Ms Anna Wu, Chairperson of the Competition Commission and the Mandatory Provident Fund Schemes Authority to talk to us on “The new Competition Law for Hong Kong” at our AGM Dinner 12 Sept 2013 at the World Trade Centre Club. Over 60 persons have enrolled for the event.

#### **5. Luncheon Talk on “the Next Half of Our Lives-人生下半場” 26 Sept 2013**

Sandra Mak has organized Mr Sze Wing Ching 施永青先生 to talk on 人生下半場 at CGCC.

### **IV. International & Local Liaison**

Angela To and Pam Mak as Co-Chairpersons reported the following activities:

#### **1. Women Open Market at the HK Stock Exchange on 7 November 2012**

Agnes Koon (representing HKWPEA) and a group of Hong Kong women leaders struck the “Gong” to commence the day’s trading at the Hong Kong Stock Exchange on 7 November signifying our wish to have more women’s participation on the board of listed companies. It was the 1st occasion to open HK Stock Exchange by women as a group in the entire Asia-Pacific. This function was organized by Corporate Women Directors International and HK Stock Exchange. We also submitted our support to the HK Stock Exchange’s proposed amendment of its Code to include provision to enhance the “Diversity” on the board membership of listed companies.



#### **2. Women Sharing Forum meeting the Chief Executive of HKSAR on 24 November 2012**

Agnes Koon and Sandra Mak representing HKWPEA attended the Women Sharing Forum organized by the HK Federation of Women on 24 November 2012. HKWPEA sent a wish list of 21 items to the CE which included our recommendations on: Women’s Wellbeing & Development; Education; Social Enterprise; Hong Kong as a Marine Hub; Environmental Protection and Ageing Population.

At the Forum, we raised 4 suggestions to the CE:

- ~to set more funding in training underprivileged women with computer skills to work from home
- ~to set aside funding for general screening to prevent breast cancer
- ~to improve education system for kids entering primary one schools
- ~to promote social enterprises by allocating funding and to develop appropriate policies

#### **3. Spring Dinner by 50 Industrial & Commercial Associations in HK 香港工商界會新春團拜 13 Mar 2013 at HKCEC**

HKWPEA is one of the co-organizers of this annual event. 13 members attended the “2013 香港工商界商會新春團拜” Spring Dinner at HKCEC Grand Hall on 13 March 2013. This year, the dinner was officiated by the Guest of Honour Mr. Gregory So Kam-leung, GBS, JP, Secretary for Commerce and Economic Development, and attended by representatives of leading industrial and commercial associations. The event was very fruitful and rewarding as it provided us an excellent occasion for networking.



#### **4. United Nations Related Activities**

HKWPEA has a NGO consultative status at the United Nations. One important obligation is to submit a Quadrennial Report to the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UNDESA) on our achievements in the economic and social development of our community. Angela To completed and submitted the report in May 2013. Furthermore, Anne Chen attended the UN Conference in New York on behalf of our Association on 28 Mar 2013.

#### **5. Lunch hosted by Annie Wu for Iceland Ambassador 29 May 2013**

Our Honorary President Annie Wu hosted a luncheon on 29 May 2013 for Kristin Arnadottir, Iceland Ambassador in China to bid her farewell and reinforce future cooperation opportunities. HKWPEA members attended were Agnes Koon, Marina Wong, Angel Hon, Salome See and Selina Cheng.

#### **6. The 2013 Global Summit of Women in Kuala Lumpur Malaysia 6-8 June which HKWPEA was an International Partner.**

### **V. Legal**

Anne May Chan is the Chairperson of this Committee who has been providing legal advice to HKWPEA throughout the year.

### **VI. Mainland Liaison**

Louisa Lui is the Chairperson of this Committee. She reported the following activities:

#### **1. Madam Yin Xiao Jing & Madam Liao Xun meeting us 4 July 2013**

Madam Yin Xiao Jing, Deputy Minister & Madam Liao Xun, Deputy Director-General, Coordination Department of the Liaison Office of the Central People's Government in HKSAR and their team including Madam Song Wei, Madam Zhang Shu Ging, Madam Claudia Lam and Madam Cheng Jing had a meeting with our Executive Committee Members and Working Committee Chairpersons on 4 July 2013. Madam Yin Xiao Jing would be replacing Madam Guo Li on women affairs liaison. We gave the Office a very comprehensive and impressive introduction of the past and upcoming activities of our Association. In the meantime, a farewell dinner is being arranged for Madam Guo Li on 23 Sept 2013.



#### **2. All China Federation of Women Vice Chairman meeting women associations inHK 全國婦聯副主席及書記處第一書記宋秀岩與香港各界婦女社團代表召開座談會 20 Mar 2013**

Agnes Koon, Rebecca Choy, Lilianna Au, Lynette Tiong and Maggie Lam representing HKWPEA attended the meeting on 20 March 2013. Our Association stood out among all other women associations at the meeting that we are entirely self-funding and we have a consultative NGO status at the United Nations.

#### **3. HKWPEA Nansha & Qianhai Mission Tour 9-10 August 2013**

A delegation of 18 members attended The Nansha & Qianhai Mission Tour. Madam Liao Xun, Deputy Director-General and Madam Claudia Lam of the Co-ordination Department of the Liaison Office of the Central People's Government in HKSAR (香港中聯辦) were our Hon Advisor/ Advisor respectively. During the Mission Tour, we had meetings with various government officers including 南沙區副區長黃卡, 區委統戰部副部長黃月華, 深圳市人民政府港澳事務辦公室湯麗霞主任, 深圳市前海深港現代服務業合作區管理局, 深圳市前海深灣保稅港區管理局李強副局長. The delegation was given a lot of information on the future plan of the economic



development, construction, technology and future development of Shenzhen Nansha and Qianhai. The Tour was very successful and informative. We also enjoyed the visit of Nansha Wetland Park. Special thanks to Mr. Li Yanquan, Vice President of China Merchants Group who personally received our delegation and accompanied our delegation to visit the China Merchant Museum.

#### **4. Training course at PuDong 香港專業女性浦東國情研修班 3-9 June 2013**

Carrie Shiu, Cindy Chan and Becky Wong from HKWPEA attended the Shanghai Pudong Training Course 香港專業女性浦東國情研修班 organized by the Liaison Office of the Central People's Government in HKSAR 香港中聯辦 3-9 June 2013.

### **VII. Membership**

Grace Tse and Rebecca Choy are Co-Chairpersons.

HKWPEA has total membership of 149, amongst which 4 are Associate Members and 5 are Overseas Members. The ratios of members from Professionals, Business Executives and Business owners/Entrepreneurs are 31:34:35 across 22 different sectors of industry.

Membership Committee organized two new member recruitment tea gatherings during the past year meeting potential new members. Five new members joined HKWPEA since last AGM. They are:

- i. Augusta Cheung 張崔賢愛, 1999 OWA awardee, Managing Director of Louie Industrial Co., Ltd
- ii. Loretta Lee 李淑箐, Head of China Business of Invest Hong Kong, HKSAR
- iii. Eunice Yung 容海思, Barrister-at-law at Kenneth C L Chan's Chambers
- iv. April Chan 陳姚慧兒, Company Secretary of CLP Holdings Ltd
- v. Iris Tang 鄧芷賓, Senior Relationship Manager at China CITIC Bank International. She is the daughter of Ms Connie Ng who is our member

Mabel Lui and Stephanie Ng resigned during the year.

### **VIII. Newsletter & Communication**

Helen Kan and Sylvia Lee are our Chairpersons of this Working Committee. Helen Kan reported that two newsletters (February and August issues) had been produced for the past year. Every issue was a testimony of the great collaboration among the entire editorial team. In each issue of the newsletter, we have covered our President's message, recent events, upcoming events, members' news and members' public achievements. These productions serve as good records of the Association's vibrant activities throughout the year and provide Members a very comprehensive understanding of the Association's developments on an on-going basis.

The committee is also in progress to further improve our website, with the support of our overseas member Janet Yu. We would like to record our sincere appreciation to Janet Yu who has been sponsoring and supporting the hosting of our website <http://www.hkwpea.org> all these years.

### **IX. Programmes**

Katherine Yau and Lucy Kwan are the Co-chairpersons of the Committee. They reported that:

#### **1. Mrs Gwen Kao & Professor Suzanne Ho Talk on Alzheimer Disease & Women's Health 22 Nov 2012**

Mrs Gwen Kao, Chairman of Charles K Kao Foundation for Alzheimer Disease and Professor Suzanne Ho, Emeritus Professor of Public Health and Primary Care of Chinese University were our guest speakers at the dinner held at the CGCC 22 November 2012. The talk focused on alzheimer disease and the well being of women. The talk was



informative and educational for us to prepare for our old ages. Altogether 31 members and guests attended.

## **2. The Hon TSANG Yok-sing's talk on "Happiness and Hassles of Being the President of the Legislative Council" 8 January 2013**

We were honored to have guest speaker The Hon TSANG Yok-sing, President of the Legislative Council to share with us the "Happiness and Hassles of Being the President of the Legislative Council" on 8 January 2013 at the CGCC dinner. Mr Tsang was very candid in his speech. 52 participants attended. We found his talk very enlightening, interesting and inspiring.



## **3. Sha Tau Kok and Kat O Island Study Tour 18 May 2013**

The function was successfully held on 18 May 2013 with 32 participants. The participants enjoyed a most educational and delightful trip with spectacular scenery of Kat O and the surrounding Hong Kong Geological Park plus a visit to the famous Chung Ying Street and the History Museum of Chung Ying Street 中英街歷史博物館. Members felt that they had benefited a lot through this study tour.



## **4. Phoenix TV Visit 12 Oct 2013**

The Committee is planning a visit to Phoenix Television on 12 Oct 2013.

## **X. Public Affairs**

Pauline Ng and Janice Tsang are the Co-Chairpersons of the Public Affairs Committee. They kept members of the Executive Committee abreast of the latest development of public issues and policies which would affect the environment in which women professionals and entrepreneurs conduct their practices and businesses. The Committee also studied and responded to requests for views from the Government and the Legislative Council in respect of proposed legislation and new policies to enhance women's participation in boards of listed companies, protection to women in workplace, and measures to improve the overall business environment in Hong Kong.

During the past year, the Public Affairs Committee had studied the following:

- a. Law Reform Commission's Report on "Rape and Other Non-consensual Sexual Offences" and given views at a briefing by the Secretary of the Commission;
- b. Women's Commission's suggestion to provide a more appropriate Chinese translation for the term "Gender Mainstreaming", and submitted views;
- c. Hong Kong Exchange's proposed amendment to its Code to include provision to enhance the diversity of the board membership of listed companies, and submitted views; and
- d. Equal Opportunities Commission's consultation document on Gender Equality Policies in the Workplace, and initiated a survey on the subject to expand the data bank.

Through the initiation of the Committee, five members of the HKWPEA participated in the Forum on Women in Public Life organized by the Zonta Club of Hong Kong on 20 April 2013. As HKWPEA has agreed to be a co-organizer of a seminar on "Sexual Harassment" for Human Resources managers organized by the Women's Commission, the Public Affairs would take part in the organizing work.

In its study of the issues arising from the shortage of land for housing developments, the Committee invited The Honourable Anthony Cheung Bing-leung, Secretary for Transport and Housing, to give a talk on the subject at the business meeting of HKWPEA on 20 June 2013. The Committee also circulated position papers published

by the Government and summary of views of deputations received by the Legislative Council to facilitate future discussion.

## **XI. Public Relations**

Angel Hon, Chairperson of this Committee has been providing support on all PR functions and media liaison of HKWPEA.

## **XII. Social Enterprise and Services**

Selina Cheng and Salome See are the Co-Chairpersons of this Committee. It had been a very fruitful and meaningful year for the Social Enterprise & Services Committee in the past year. In helping to drive the Social Enterprise movement in Hong Kong and serving the social needs of the Hong Kong community, several milestones in both areas of “Social Enterprise” and “Services” were achieved through the enthusiastic support and participation of the committee members and HKWPEA members.

### **A. Social Enterprise**

#### **1. Social Enterprise Summit – HKWPEA participates as a co-organizer 28-30 Nov 2013**

Year 2012 was the fifth year HKWPEA supported the Social Enterprise Summit as a co-organizer. The Summit was well attended by our members. Nine members attended the symposium and 11 members attended the “Dinner to Remember” co-sponsored by us and Ms Pansy Ho. The event has now truly become an international event where many reputable SE organizations from around the world gathered together to share ideas and discussed co-operation opportunities.

In 2013 both Marina Wong and Selina Cheng continued to be active organizing committee members of the Summit. Rebecca Yung also joined the committee as an organizing member this year. HKWPEA will again support The Social Enterprise Summit in 2013. The dates this year will be from 28 to 30 November 2013. HKWPEA will again co-sponsor “The Dinner to Remember” event with Ms Pansy Ho at “The Bauhinia”-a harbor cruise ferry on 30 November 2013. Rebecca Choy’s own company also continues to providing event management services to the Summit at a minimal cost. She also provides office and meeting facilities for the Summit.

#### **2. Social Enterprise Gallery 28 Jan 2013 & Five Best Social Enterprise Awards 7 March 2013**

a. The **Social Enterprise Gallery (SEG 社企廊)** initiated by Salome See was successfully launched on 28 January 2013 via [www.etnet.com.hk](http://www.etnet.com.hk) 社企廊頻道 to promote SE and to assist SE to be sustainable in their business. SEG is free of charge for social enterprises (SEs) to place their information in this channel. We hope that it will arouse more civic awareness on SEs, and it will become a central hub for the general public to visit and purchase from SEs so that the whole SE industry will flourish. HKWPEA is a supporting organization together with the Hong Kong General Chamber of Social Enterprises, Hong Kong Entrepreneurship Forum and HKCSS-HSBC Social Enterprise Business Centre.

b. HKWPEA and [etnet.com.hk](http://etnet.com.hk) together had organized The Five Best SE Awards from 28 Jan to 28 Feb 2013 in the format of a voting game for the public netizens to vote for the 5 best SEs. The Prize Presentation Ceremony was successfully held on 7 March 2013 at the same venue of our Spring Dinner. We were honour to have Ms Florence HUI Hiu-Fai, Undersecretary for Home Affairs presenting the awards for us. The 5 Awardees were Dialogue in the Dark, Senior Citizen Home Safety



Association, iBakery Gallery Café, iBakery, and Diamond Cab.

- c. We have been inviting our members to regularly contribute articles to **the Column at “SEG 圈中人語”** by sharing their experience in their own industry or in general at starting up or running business or managing people, grasping market opportunities, utilizing resources etc, to enable readers, in particular, social enterprises, to share and learn from their experience and knowledge.

### **3. Co-organizer of “Education for Good”**

HKWPEA is a supporting organization for Education-for-Good which is a social enterprise for spearheading innovative education program on social entrepreneurship. Its main objectives are to “Inspire Everyone to Become a Change-maker” and “Enable Every Business to Become a Social Business”. Over the last year, it has organized seminars, training courses and internship programs for universities; lunch talks for the business community and workshops for corporations; seminars and training programs for people who are interested in social enterprises; provide consultative and staff training programs to NGOs and social enterprises and overseas study trips to Bangladesh and Shanghai during which tour members visited social enterprises, held exchanges with local leaders and got an in-depth understanding of social innovations launched in these places.

### **B. Services**

In 2013 the Social Enterprise & Services Committee also crafted out a mission statement and project selection criteria for the Services Committee. We launched our first social service project “N-NO” along side with several meaningful undertakings for the community.

#### **Mission and Project Selection Criteria**

Members scoped out the focus of the Services as follows. The committee will devote their efforts to serve underprivileged needy families and will focus on improving their social mobility by providing enrichment programs. The goal is to help them to help themselves. Enrichment programs will be holistic in scope that aims at improving both hard and soft skills. For projects selected, committee members would like to have a role to play in the recipients’ enrichment process. It is desired by the members that they scope out the model of development as a showcase when the time is right

#### **1. Sichuan 4.20 Yaan Earthquake Community-Based Post-earthquake Summer Service Programme for children and youth in April 2013**

HKWPEA donated HK\$100,000 to “4.20 Yaan Community-Based Post-earthquake Summer Service Programme for children and youth” immediately after the Yaan earthquake in April 2013 in partnership with Prof. Angelina Yuen of Department of Applied Social Sciences at the Hong Kong Polytechnic University. We had the experience of partnership with Prof Angelina Yuen in running post trauma counseling project in the Sichuan 512 earthquake in 2008 and Qinghai earthquake in 2009 by our HK\$500,000 donation. Ms Eliza Ip and Ms Fok Siu-ling from the HK Polytechnic University will provide us an update of the project at the AGM on 12 Sept 2013.

#### **2. “N-No” Families Development Project 「全心傳家」「N 無」家庭發展計劃 March 2013 to 2015**

We are delighted to share with our members the latest development of our N-No Project (The N-nothings Class). The objective of this project is to help those underprivileged who are staying in Hong Kong legitimately but are not eligible to apply for Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) and/or Public Housing, thereby making a longer term positive change for their future.

As you may already be aware, the society is getting increasingly





alert about the N-nothings Class; be it the challenges they face day to day, or the long term effect there is to their next generations, hence, to the society. The N-No project is an ongoing 2-year-program with two key areas of focus: Financial Support and Mentoring Program. Firstly, HKWPEA altogether in two years would donate \$350,000 to Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui Welfare Council in helping 10 targeted N-nothing families in the Kowloon City district. Secondly, these 10

targeted families will be supported by over 20 members of HKWPEA. So far we have the following members enrolled as mentors: Under the leadership of Joanne Wong as the convener of this project, they are Eva W Chan, Priscilla Chan, Anne Chen, Rebecca Choy, Julianne Doe, Catherine Fok, Agnes Koon, Jane Lee, Loretta Lee, Fanny Lui, Edith Mok, Maggie Lam, Melissa Pang, Salome See, Carrie Siu, Deborah Wan, Cecilia Yao, Jessie Yu, Eunice Yung and more..... for a two-year period. Social workers of HK Sheng Kung Hui, Mentors and Mentees will work together on the individual tailored development plan for these 10 families aiming at developing job skills, improving competence of family and eventually achieving self reliance. Mentors also play an important role in broadening their social support network. In return, the families would take part in community volunteer service to help those in need, creating a positive cycle mentally, physically and spiritually. In the meantime, we are appealing for supply of physical resources from our members e.g. used books, used toys, free tuition courses etc for these mentees. There was a Kick Off Ceremony held on 10 March 2013. Training sessions for mentors was completed in April and May followed by family visits periodically by pairs of mentors to each family in the coming two years.

### 3. HKWPEA Women in Science and Engineering (WISE) Scholarship 2012-2015

HKWPEA offered the fund of HK\$20,000 per annum for the 3 academic years 2012-2015 to the Women in Science and Engineering (WISE) Scholarship Program at the Hong Kong University of Science and Technology.

The HKWPEA WISE Scholarship aims to encourage female students to pursue their studies in science or engineering at the HKUST. The beneficiaries are selected Year 1 students with outstanding academic and personal development records who are enrolled in science or engineering program.



Ms. Lau Wai Yan, a student from St. Mary's Canossian College, received Tier 1 Award at HK\$20,000 for the academic year 2012-2013. She received the replica of our cheque from Prof Anthony Cheung Bing-leung, Secretary for Transport & Housing at our Quarterly Members' Dinner on 20 June 2013. Prof. Wenjing Ye and Ms Winkie Tang from HKUST accompanied Ms Lau Wai Yan to receive our cheque.

*Ms Lau Wai Yan also sincerely wrote to us in her thank you letter that:*

*"After getting this scholarship, I have been able to pay part of the tuition by myself to reduce my parents' burden without borrowing loans from the government. I can spend my weekends on revisions, services and extracurricular activities, instead of doing part-time jobs. It is my pleasure to receive the WISE Scholarship from your Association and I would like to express a million thanks!"*



### 4. Training for Carnation Women Association Dec 2012

In December 2012, the Carnation Women's Association (founded by HKWPEA member Rhoda Liu) and HKWPEA co-organized a leadership training program for members of the former. With an aim to cultivate leaders and ambassadors to promote healthy living within their communities, the 3-day program on three Saturdays provided an opportunity for over 30 participants to uplift their confidence and personal image through sessions in health and nutrition, social and dining etiquette, MC and presentation skills, event planning, personal

image and personal empowerment. The graduation ceremony took place on 30 Dec 2012, followed by a Carnival organized by graduates of the program on 13 Jan 2013.

The Social Enterprise & Services Committee recruited trainers through HKWPEA's vast professional network. Despite limited preparation time, our members showed great support in providing training sessions in their areas of expertise. Special thanks to members who volunteered as trainers, namely Joyce Chan, Rebecca Choy, Louisa Lui and her event planning colleagues, Agnes Koon, Alice Tso, Vera Waters, Jane Wong and Lee Yeung Yat-fan. Thanks also go to behind-the-scene task-force Convener Rebecca Choy and members Jennifer Cheng and Sharon Yau who spearheaded the program with high efficiency.

### **XIII. 2014 Outstanding Women Award**

Caroline Mak is the Chairperson of this Committee. She has already kicked off the planning session for the 2014 Outstanding Women Award. She will set up 4 sub-committees, namely Media & Marketing, Nomination, Selection & Judging, and Event Dinner. The target launch date of inviting nominations will be 7 Jan 2014 to 15 March 2014. The presentation dinner will be most probably on 12 or 19 Sept 2014 at JW Marriott Hotel.

#### **Appreciation**

I would take this opportunity to express my heart-felt appreciation to all Executive Committee Members, Chairpersons of Working Committees for their strong commitment and dedication. Without their timeless devotion and effort, we would not have successfully achieved in average of over 2 activities in a month for the past year.

I need to pay special tribute to all Members. Without your unfailing and enthusiastic support and participation, we would not be able to develop a quality hub for pursuing our common goals which are for the benefits of our society and for our Association.

Special thanks are due to the Secretariat for their professional support and dedication to the work of HKWPEA.

I sincerely wish every success to the future business of the Association!

Agnes Koon  
President  
12 September 2013