



香港女工商及專業人員聯會

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

President's Report for 2006-2007

Dear Members,

On behalf of the Board of Directors, I take pleasure in reporting on the main activities of our Association for the year term from September 2006 to August 2007.

Thanks to the support and contribution from all Members and the new Board, I am pleased to say that we have just concluded another fruitful year highlighted by variety of activities focused on promoting the economic and social well-being of Hong Kong and which also enhanced networking among members.

The activities which the HKWPEA organized / co-organized / participated in can be categorized under women business start-up assistance scheme; public seminars; international and local liaison; public relations; public affairs and fellowship events.

Membership

Our current total number of members stands at 104. Our membership spans across 23 business sectors, and the ratio of professionals: entrepreneurs: senior executives in large/medium businesses remains at 20:30:50.

Fellowship

The Fellowship chaired by Ms Pam Mak organized a number of interesting activities:-

Joint Fellowship and Public Affairs Luncheon



Date: 28 November 2006
Time: 12:30 pm
Venue: CGCC Members Club, Central
Guest Speaker: Mr S V Chai, Director of the Civil Engineering and Development Department
Topic: "Towards a Better Harbour for the People and a Harbour of Life".

1. 1st Business Meeting and New Year Dinner



Date: 19 January 2007
Time: The meeting started at 6:30 pm, followed by dinner at 7:30 pm
Venue: Dynasty Club

2. Spring Dinner



Date: 2 March 2007
Time: 7:30 pm
Venue: CGCC Members Club
Guest Speaker: Ms Amy Wong
Topic: Fortune-telling about the Year of Pig

3. 3rd Business Meeting and Talk



Date: 21 June 2007
Time: The meeting started at 6:30 pm, followed by Christine Koo's talk and dinner at 7:30 pm.
Venue: CGCC Members Club
Guest Speaker: Ms Christine M. Koo
Topic: "How to write a Will and avoid litigations afterwards"

International & Local Liaison

On behalf of the Association the Committee attended the following activities:-

"Women Empowerment" hosted by Women's Commission of the HKSAR in celebration of the 10th anniversary of the HKSAR. The Association participated this event in two areas:-

- a. "Women Empowerment" Exhibition held on March 8 at the City Hall. The Association had three panels which focused on Women Business Start-up Assistance Scheme and Outstanding Women Professionals & Entrepreneurs Awards. Feedback on our exhibits was very positive and our VP Angela To received souvenir on the Association's behalf.
- b. The Women's Commission, together with RTHK will produce a TV series on the successful stories of women in HK. Two of the Association's projects, namely, Outstanding Women Professionals & Entrepreneurs Award (under the theme of "nurturing women leaders") and Business Start-up Assistance Scheme for Women (under the theme of "women's economic empowerment") have been shortlisted for RTHK's consideration. Chosen projects from women associations would be highlighted in different episodes and the whole series will last about half a year and the Association is still awaiting further details on this activity.

On behalf of the Association Ms Lilianna Au attended the HK Federation of Women's Association celebration activities to commemorate the 10th Anniversary of the HKSAR.

The Committee Chairperson Ms Rebecca Choy met with the Chairman of the Korean Women Entrepreneur Association in January during her visit to HK to establish contact for future collaboration.

Ms Marina Wong; Ms Caroline Mak and Ms Agnes Koon had a Sunday breakfast with representative from UNDP (United Nations Development Programme) and tried to explore possible synergy but as their focus is more on social service in mainland region the Association had decided the possibility of co-operation might not be very in line with the Association's main objectives.

Legal

The Legal Committee headed by Ms Christine Koo had made lots of progress with the establishment of HKWPEA Charitable Foundation Limited. The draft of the Memorandum & Articles of the Company has been completed and submitted to Inland Revenue Department for review on August 15. It is expected that a feedback from IRD by around mid November and by then we should submit our business plan of the Company in order that the Company could be approved as a charitable organization.

Ms Helen Kan has kindly volunteered to work on the Business Plan together with Ms Marina Wong. The first draft is completed.

Public Relations

The Successful Women in Hong Kong Tell Their Stories Forum was successfully held on 9 June 2007 at the Assembly Hall, 4th Floor, North Tower of YMCA, Tsim Sha Tsui with an encouraging show-up of more than 300 audiences. The speakers this year were Mrs Annie Leong, Ms Leonie Ki, Ms Miriam Lau, Ms Olivia

Cheng, Ms Rebecca Li and Mrs Regina Ip and the moderator were Mrs Sandra Mak and Ms Rebecca Choy. The speakers' sharing of their life experience had been most interesting, attracting lots of positive response from the floor. The media had also given wide coverage on the event, including the below publication and video.

Publication

Oriental Daily News
The Sun
Apple Daily
Sing Tao Daily News
East Week
Express Weekly

Video

ATV News
Cable TV CEN
Hong Kong Broadband Network Ltd

There was also a supplement on Sing Tao on 18 June 2007 reporting on the Event and our Association.



Public Affairs

On 28 November 2006, the Public Affairs committee presented the first event and organized together with the Fellowship Committee, the Luncheon Seminar with guest speaker Mr S V Chai, Director of Civil Engineering and Development Department to brief the members on the Hong Kong Harbour-front Enhancement Review.

In conjunction with iProA and co-supported with British Computer Society HK, HK Information of Engineers and Information Systems Audit and Control Association, the Committee completed a joint submission paper on "Copyright Protection in the Digital Environment" which responded to the Hong Kong Government consultation on Copyright Bill in April.

In June, the Committee also submitted a paper to the Hong Kong Government on "An Opinion on the 2007-8 Government Budget and Chief Executive Election Speech" which presented the views on the 2007-8 Hong Kong SAR budget and the ideas presented by Chief Executive Mr Donald Tsang in his election speech.

The above 2 submission papers can be viewed in the Association's website (<http://www.hkwpea.org>).

In collaboration with the International and Local Liaison Committee, the committee participated in The Hong Kong Women Celebrating the 10th Anniversary of the Establishment of Hong Kong SAR:-

On behalf of the Association, President Caroline Mak, the HKWPEA Board and committee members supported and participated the many memorable eventful celebrations of the 10th Anniversary of the Hong Kong SAR, organized by the 香港各界婦女慶祝回歸十週年籌備委員會 of the Hong Kong Federation of Women as well as the events by the Women's Commission.

On 8 March 2007 – the International Women's Day, Mrs Mary Lam, Ms Marina Wong and other members attended "Appointment of Stars of Harmony & Car Parade to celebrate the 10th Anniversary of Hong Kong SAR" and they also participated the Hong Kong Harmonious Family Drive 2007 by Hong Kong Federation of Women at the Exhibition Hall, the City Hall, HK.



On the same day, Ms Angela To and Ms Marina Wong participated the Opening Ceremony and Exhibition at the Women's Commission "Colourful Lives of Women" and the Association also displayed photos at the photo exhibition which introduced the projects and services of women's groups on empowerment of women.



It was a joyous evening at the “Hong Kong Women Celebrating the 10th Anniversary of the Hong Kong SAR” variety show and award presentation to the winners of the Harmonious Family held on 23 June at the Hong Kong Coliseum. The event set in a glamorous stage with great performances was most entertaining and it was well attended by the members.



Women Business Start-up Scheme

Given the improved economic environment in Hong Kong, it was decided to seek new initiatives to help women instead of starting phase 3 of the HKWPEA Women Business Start-Up Assistance Scheme. Specific directions being explored included partnering with appropriate social enterprises in Hong Kong to help target group and providing training or mentorship to business managers of social enterprises. To increase the Committee and Members’ understanding of social enterprise, a visit was organized on June 28 to Bright Services Co., Ltd., a social enterprise established by The Society of Rehabilitation and Crime Prevention in 1997 to provide removal and cleaning services. The visit was attended by seven Members. On July 6, six Committee Members had dinner with six business managers from five different social enterprises to understand their training needs. Going forward, the Association will encourage Members’ understanding and participation in helping social enterprises through organizing suitable visits, events and training.

Caroline Mak
President

6th September, 2007