



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 2014 - 2015**

Dear Members,

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

Following the strong footsteps of my predecessors, I am pleased to report that we have continued to create, co-organize and participate in many meaningful activities spanning 12 areas of interest and importance to our members and the community, as reflected in our Working Committees. I would like to extend my sincere thanks to all members, Working Committee Chairs and my board for their generous & invaluable contribution.

The business of HKWPEA is driven by our Working Committees, namely, Environmental Protection, Fellowship, International & Local Liaison, Legal, Mainland Liaison, Membership, Newsletter & Communication, Programmes & Events, Public Affairs, Social Enterprise & Services and Cultural & Art and Charitable Foundation Liaison. Besides our usual focus on Social Enterprise & Services and Environmental Protection, I am delighted to note that the International & Local Liaison Committee has been exceptionally active, helping establish and cement our connections locally and abroad. The Public Affairs Committee has also been responding, on behalf of the Association, to a record-high number of consultation exercises organized by the HKSAR government.

The following is a summary of the activities completed or progressing over the last year by all the Committees.

I. Environmental Protection

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

1. Besides continuously organizing activities and educational talks to keep members abreast on the environmental front, the Working Committee had dedicated much effort to put up a proposal to reduce food waste, hence landfill spaces, to the Government's Environment and Conservation Fund (ECF) in collaboration with the HK Productivity Council. After months of hard work, we are pleased to report that ECF has awarded us funding in excess of HK\$3m for an 18-month pilot programme to start in Dec 2015 to introduce a recognition scheme and public education across 7 sectors as well as households. The programme targets to achieve 300 showcases, plus 60 households to demonstrate how food waste can be reduced.

2. **Kadoorie Farm and Botanic Garden Green Hub visit on 11 April 2015**

29 members and guests visited the transformed Old Tai Po Station which has become the Green Hub. The tour started with an Experiential Workshop at the Green Hub Eat Cookery Classroom, followed by a Low Carbon Meal at the Caf  within the Green Hub and ended with an enthusiastic Q&A session. It was an interesting, healthy and educational tour which raised everyone’s awareness on sustainable living. All members who attended enjoyed the wholesome day.



II. **Fellowship**

Catherine Yau and Cindy Chan are the Chairpersons of the Committee.

1. **2014 Christmas Party**

The party, held on 17 December 2014 at the China Club, Central, was a huge success. Guests from the China Liaison Office and the 86 members and guests who took part all had a wonderful time reminiscing ‘Our Good days...’ 「我們的那些年!」. The generous gifts from sponsors and the thoughtful, festive decorations all contributed to the perfect gathering.

2. **2015 Spring Dinner**

This was another record-high attendance gathering (87 members and guests) held on 19 March 2015 at Lippo Chiuchow Restaurant. We were, once again, fortunate enough to have invited officials from the China Liaison Office to join us. A lovely time was had by all.



III. **International & Local Liaison**

Angela To and Fanny Lui are the Chairpersons of the Committee.

1. In the past year, the International and Liaison Committee (ILC) made some changes in the approach of co-operating with the target organizations. Rather than keeping in touch with a large variety of women and industry/business organizations, we selected specific organizations which shared common objectives with HKWPEA and associated with them in a more meaningful manner through participation in their programs or joint organization of activities. With strong support from Mrs. Sandra Mak, President, and Ex-co members, and participation by the HKWPEA members, International and Liaison Committee contributed extensively to many meaningful events during 2014-2015.

2. **Australia Women in Global Business Seminar – 16 October, 2014**

On behalf of HKWPEA, Angela To attended the Australia Women in Global Business Seminar in Brisbane, Queensland and networked with over 50 senior women executives on 16 October 2014.

3. **Empowering Women Entrepreneurs Online Workshops – 28 October, 2014**

HKWPEA participated as a supporting partner in the “Empowering Women Entrepreneurs Online Series”, a program organized by The Women’s Foundation (TWF) in collaboration with Google on offering IT knowledge and advisory support to entrepreneurs. Angela To, Co-Chairperson of ILC, attended the launch event for the Empowering Women Entrepreneurs Online Workshops on 28 October, 2014. She met with Ms Su-Mei Thompson, Chairwoman of TWF and guest speakers including senior representatives from the HKSAR government and Google, and over 50 women entrepreneurs participated.

4. **Spring Reception organized by the Hong Kong Professionals & Senior Executives (香港專資會) – 5 Mar, 2015**

On behalf of the Association, Helen Kan, VP of HKWPEA, joined by five HKWPEA members attended the Spring Reception organized by the Hong Kong Professionals & Senior Executives HKPASEA (香港專資會) on 5 Mar, 2015. Mr. John Tsang Chun-Wah, GBM, JP, Financial Secretary of HKSAR, was the guest of honour for the ceremony. All participants had a great networking time while celebrating the beginning of The Year of the Goat.



5. **International Women’s Day Reception hosted by the Women’s Commission – 8 March, 2015**

Sandra Mak and Marina Wong were HKWPEA representatives at the International Women’s Day Reception hosted by the Women’s Commission at the Central Government Offices on 8 Mar, 2015. The ceremony, officiated by Mrs. Carrie Lam, GBS, JP, Chief Secretary for Administration, was also attended by many HKWPEA members.

6. **International Women’s Day Reception hosted by LOCPG – 13 March 2015**

LOCPG (Liaison Office of the Central People’s Government in Hong Kong SAR中聯辦) hosted an International Women’s Day Reception at the LOCPG Office on 13 March 2015. Louisa Liu, VP and Chairperson for Mainland Liaison Committee and Agnes Koon, Immediate Past President, represented our Association at the event. Over twenty of our members attended this event.

7. **International Women’s Day Reception by Hong Kong Federation of Women – 26 March, 2015**

HKWPEA participated as a member of the Chairman Group (主席團) of Hong Kong Federation of Women’s International Women’s Day Reception and a grand celebration held on 26 March 2015. HK Federation of Women invited numerous woman associations in Hong Kong and our member, Cindy Chan Lo, represented the Association to attend this international celebration function. There was a big turnout and it was a joyous networking evening.

8. **Macao International Environmental Co-operation Forum & Exhibition 澳門國際環保合作發展論壇及展覽 – 26-28 March, 2015**

Mabel Mak, representing HKWPEA, was one of the guest speakers at Macao International Environmental Co-operation Forum & Exhibition (MIECF) 澳門國際環保合作發展論壇及展覽, organized by Macau SAR Government and held at the Venetian Hotel during 26-28 March, 2015. The Forum was opened by Dr. Gro Harkem Brundtland, former Prime Minister of Norway. Mabel Mak introduced HKWPEA’s environmental protection projects during her talk and attended two private local media interviews.

9. **Hong Kong Breast Cancer Foundation (HKBCF)’s 10th Anniversary Event “Pink Sunset” – 24 April, 2015**

HKWPEA supports the work of the Hong Kong Breast Cancer Foundation (香港乳癌基金會) founded by Dr. Polly Cheung, HKWPEA member, for many years. HKWPEA was one of the 400 supporting organisations of the HKBCF’s 10th Anniversary Event “Pink Sunset” Cruise Ship held on 24 April, 2015. Dr. Polly Cheung, Founder, and Mrs. Eliza Fok, Chairman of the HKBCF and Ms. Qi Qi, HKBCF Ambassador, toasted guests on board Sapphire Princess for the ‘Pink Sunset’ Cruise Ship Event in commemoration of HKBCF’s first decade of service to the community.

Angela To represented the Association, together with Sandra Mak and April Chan, Council Members of HKBCF and Martha Tang, our member, participated the charity gala dinner. Four hundred guests dressed in “pink” to celebrate the joyous event and attend the grand concert. The HKBCF’s annual fund-raiser Pink Walk for Breast Health will be held on 18 Oct (Sunday). All are welcome to join.

10. Luncheon Talk held by the HK Federation of Women – 15 May, 2015

Our President, Sandra Mak, attended the Luncheon Talk held by the HK Federation of Women at HK Club on 15 May, 2015. Mr. Clifford Hart, Consul General of the US, shared his views on the topic “Half the Sky: Transforming the World through Women’s Empowerment” in the interactive event.

11. Meetings: 香港中國企業協會 – 5 May, 2015 and The Women’s Foundation – 29 June, 2015

The Committee chairpersons, Angela To and Fanny Lui, met with Zhuli, Vice President from 香港中國企業協會, joined by 宋瑋處長 on 5 May, 2015. In another occasion, both chairpersons met Lisa Moore and Daisy Jiang from The Women’s Foundation (TWF) on 29 June, 2015 to promote the Association and explore cooperation.

12. 香港中國企業協會 婦女委員會 & 香港女工商及專業人員聯會 交流會 Summer Networking Dinner with Hong Kong Chinese Enterprises Association Women Committee (香港中國企業協會 婦女委員會) – 20 August 2015

HKWPEA co-organised a Summer Networking Dinner jointly with Hong Kong Chinese Enterprises Association Women Committee (HKCEA Women Committee; 香港中國企業協會 婦女委員會) on 20 August 2015 at World Trade Centre Club. HKCEA comprises around 30 senior women executives who represent the major Chinese enterprises in Hong Kong.

At the Networking Dinner, 汪慧敏博士 a world renowned Chinese herbal doctor, 香港中醫學會會長 and 全國名老中醫學術繼承人, was invited as the guest speaker. She shared with the participants “女性中醫保養之術” and advised on how women keep young and vital. The dinner was well attended by 59 women executives, including 32 HKWPEA members and friends and 23 HKCEA中國企業協會members. 宋瑋處長and two LOCPG 中聯辦representatives also attended.



IV. Legal

Anna May Chan is Chairperson of the Committee.

1. The Memorandum of Understanding (tabled), which was approved in principle by members in last year's AGM, has been finalised and duly signed by HKWPEA and the Charitable Foundation.
2. The M&A of the Charitable Foundation is being revised to widen and generalise its objects to allow for the projects envisaged by HKWPEA, and also to comply with the requirements of the new Companies Ordinance. The final draft has been submitted to Inland Revenue Department for approval, to be followed by Companies Registry for final approval.

V. Mainland Liaison

Louisa Lui is the Chairperson of the Committee.

1. International Women’s Day Gathering hosted by the China Liaison Office

A gathering was held on 13 Mar at the China Liaison Office with 20 members attending.

2. Gansu Trip organized by the China Liaison Office

Four members (Cindy Chan Lo, Catherine PH Yau, Lucy Kwan and Alice Tso) attended the study trip from 9 to 15 June and deepened their appreciation of the place and China.

3. **Yan'an Training Course (延安國情研修班) organized by the China Liaison Office**

Lucy Kwan took part in this week-long course (19 to 24 Sept) which provided a lot of information and knowledge on the origin of the Communist Party and the People's Republic of China.

VI. Membership

Rebecca Choy and Agnes Koon are Chairpersons of the Committee.

1. We now have a membership of 168, amongst which 157 are full time members.
2. Three recruitment tea gatherings were held with 11 new members (entrepreneurs and professionals from a wide range of professions) joining:
 - ◆ Myra Chan
 - ◆ Kathy Chan
 - ◆ Susie Cheung
 - ◆ Lisa Chow
 - ◆ Linda Kang
 - ◆ Emmy Li
 - ◆ Tan Chew Yen
 - ◆ Wendy Tang
 - ◆ Winkie Shuen
 - ◆ Wendy Man
 - ◆ Julie Moy

Since last AGM, we have eight resignations and one member who changed status from full member to Associate Member (Pamela Ng).

On 6 June, a New Force Gathering was held for new members to meet the various Working Committee chairs and to further familiarize themselves with the Association's business.

3. Congratulations were due to Vivian Yam, who was awarded the Bronze Bauhinia Star (BBS) by the Government of HKSAR.

VII. Newsletter & Communication

Helen Kan is the Chairperson of the Committee.

1. Helen reported that two newsletters had been issued, in February and June respectively. 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.
2. 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.

VIII. Programmes & Events

Cindy Cheng and Catherine Fok are the Chairpersons of the Committee.

1. **2nd Biz Meeting cum Spring Dinner**

Two talks were arranged riding on the Spring Dinner - Amy Wong on 'What can we expect for the Year of the Goat' and Salome See on 'An incredible trip' which was her experience visiting the South Pole. Both talks were fascinating.

2. **3rd Biz Meeting cum Dinner and Talk**

On 18 June 2015, at the CGCC, we held our 3rd Business Meeting with Agnes Koon presenting on "Is Voluntary Health Insurance Scheme (VHIS) my choice? How to choose my own Medical Insurance?". The comprehensive talk was most enlightening especially for those over 40 years old, who would need to review their medical insurance arrangements when the VHIS is expected to be introduced in 2016.

3. **Special Lunch Programme**



With a new member Susie Cheung being General Counsel & Company Secretary of the Hong Kong Mortgage Corporation, a talk was arranged on 10 September 2015 for her to brief us on 'Introduction of the Reverse Mortgage Programme'. Forty members attended this interesting talk at the office of the International SOS at World Trade Centre.

IX. Public Affairs

Sylvia Lee and Janice Tsang are the Chairpersons of the Committee.

1. In 2014 -2015, the Public Affairs Committee is pleased to report that a total of 6 Response Papers were submitted to the Government, reflecting the views and positions of HKWPEA on various key public consultation subjects. A number of task forces were set up, with the leadership and advice from members who are experts in the related arenas, to discuss and finalise the Response. We would like to thank the active participation and unflinching support of our members. Below are the details of the Consultation Response.
2. **Providing Better Investment Solutions for MPF Members**, submitted on October 10, 2014, with Lau Ka Shi being the Convenor and Elsa Pau drafting the Response.
3. **Draft Guidelines Under the Competition Ordinance -2014**, submitted on December 15, 2014, with Caroline Mak being the advisor and Sylvia Lee leading the Task Force.
4. **Methods for Selecting the Chief Executive in 2017 and for Forming the Legislative Council in 2016**, submitted on March 9, 2015, with the paper drafted by Alexandra Lo.
5. **Voluntary Health Insurance Scheme**, submitted on March 13, 2015, with Agnes Koon being the Convenor.
6. **New Agricultural Policy: Sustainable Agricultural Development in Hong Kong**, submitted on March 30, 2015, with Mabel Mak being the Convenor.
7. **Public Consultation on the Future Development of the Electricity Market in Hong Kong**, submitted on June 29, 2015, with Sylvia Lee leading the Task Force.

X. Social Enterprise and Services

Selina Cheng and Salome See are the Chairpersons of the Committee.

A. Social Enterprise

1. Social Enterprise Summit –on 3-5 Nov 2014 & “A Dinner to Remember- The Grand Silence 「聾鳳舫宴戲相逢」晚宴” on 3 Nov 2014

The 2014 Social Enterprise Summit was successfully held on November 3 and 4 of 2014. Programs of the Summit were well-received by over 4000 participants. It is our observation that “Social Enterprising” is taking root in Hong Kong and is the way to go for future social service practise in the coming future.

HKWPEA was again a proud contributor to the success of the trend. Together with Ms Pansy Ho we sponsored the “Dinner to Remember” for the 7th time. The dinner entitled “A Dinner to Remember: The Grand Silence 「聾鳳舫宴戲相逢」晚宴” was run by Dialogue in the Dark with the help of a group of speech and hearing impaired performers. Not only did our club provide funding of HK 50,000, 20 of our members also supported the event enthusiastically with their participation.



In 2015, we will continue to support as a co-sponsor for the dinner. The theme for the year will be “Dinner to Remember- Hong Kong Carnival” whereby participants will enjoy a nostalgic evening fashioned after the 60’s and 70’s eras of Hong Kong. Members are encouraged to sign up early.

Two of our club members, namely Rebecca Choy and Selina Cheng also volunteered their time as facilitators for two sessions of the programme for the Symposium.

2. Events & Activities Sponsor of HK Social Enterprise Challenge 2015 香港社會企業挑戰賽

This is organized by the Center for Entrepreneurship of the Chinese University of Hong Kong. HKWPEA sponsored \$10,000 in 2014 and now again participated in 2015 sponsoring the same amount to assist in the construction of a voting platform for the 香港社會企業挑戰賽.

B. Services Projects

1. N-No Project Phases I and II “全心傳家” 家庭發展計劃

Phase I of the N-No project ended in February of 2014. A total of 10 mentee families received mentorship from our members who volunteered their time and know- how to help the needy family members. The results have been rewarding for both the recipients and the mentor group.

Phase II of the project was kicked off in March of 2014 for a period of 2 years. A funding of HK 350,000 together with the remaining HK 68,435 from Phase I will go towards supporting twelve more needy families.

Currently 16 of our members have been trained as mentors and are mentoring 10 families. They are:

Helen Kan; Janice Tsang ; Katherine Yau ; Lily Au ; Liliana Au ; Margaret Leung ; Stephanie Yu; Marina Wong ; Selina Cheng ; Salome See ; Fanny Lui; Catherine Yau PH Yau ; Pam Mak; Shana Lam ; Mabel Mak and Shirley Chan.

All of these families are residing in Kowloon City areas. Five of them are single parent families while 10 have teenagers as members. The average subsidy for each family is around HK 8,000. The assistance provided pertains to tutoring; medical needs; improvement of family facilities and interest development of the youngsters.

In addition, through our members' network, these families also received opportunities to enjoy exposure that broadens their horizons. President Sandra managed to secure free tickets for many of our families to enjoy the Show "Cavalia" for free.

2. Awards

HKWPEA was awarded "團體義工獎" by Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui Welfare Council Limited in April, 2015.

HKWPEA has also been nominated as a candidate for "Caring Company of HK Social Service Council" by Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui Welfare Council Limited. We are awaiting the results.



3. Life Skills Education Programme for Underprivileged Youngsters

The leadership training programme for underprivileged youngsters for school year 2014/2015 was completed with nine programmes. Again, thanks to our own members' contribution, we have added some new company visits to CLP and Kerry Logistics. From the surveys we received, all the programmes were well-received by the participating youngsters who found them life-changing and useful. We will dispatch certificates to these youngsters in the name of the Association. Many of them show gratitude to HKWPEA in organizing these programmes.

4. HKWPEA-UST WISE Scholarship

HKWPEA has donated a sum of HKD60,000 to the Women in Science and Engineering (WISE) Scholarship Program at The Hong Kong University of Science & Technology by three equal installments starting from 2012/2013. Now the sponsorship is coming to an end, the Association has decided to continue with it for 2015/16 with the same amount of donation. This is the only scholarship under our Association's name. Our Association's mandate is to support women development and this scholarship ties in well with our mandate.

XI. Cultural & Art

Kitty Poon and Yolanda Ng are the Chairpersons of this new Committee.



1. Cultural & Art Talk cum Dinner

Shortly after the formation of the Working Committee on 27 November 2014, a member of the Committee Catherine Kwai gave an enlightening talk on 'How Western Pop Art influences the Chinese Contemporary Art' at her gallery: Kwai Fung Hin Art Gallery, Central. 30 members and friends attended and learnt a lot.

2. Visit to Jao Tsung-I Academy (饒宗頤文化館) 賞花嗜花-細味古蹟 談古話今

On 25 April 2015, the above visit was organized with 38 members and guests attending. Besides an interesting tour of the facility accompanied by Ir Wong King Keung, Deputy Chairman of the Academy board, two talks were organized over a special lunch featuring the seasonal flowers: Mr. Andrew Lam,

Chairman of Antiquities Advisory Board talked on ‘細味古跡’ and Mr. Samson Ho, husband of a member on ‘優悠樂遊園’. It was both an educational and cultural activity.

XII. Charitable Foundation Liaison

Marina Wong and Eva Cheng are the Chairpersons of the Committee.

1. A successful fundraising event, the “Mother’s Day Shopping Spree”, was staged on 9 May, 2015. It was kindly organized by Angel Hon and secured HK\$120,000 donation to the Charitable Foundation (CF). More than 40 members and friends attended the event held at the Four Seasons Hotel.
2. CF supported Phase II of the N-No Family Project organized by SKH welfare Council again for \$350,000. The remaining unspent amount of \$68,435 from Phase I will be carried forward to Phase II to support 2 more needy families, making it a total of 12 families.
3. With the abovementioned additional donation of \$120,000, CF now has bank balances totalling HK\$2,172,092.55.
4. CF has approved and signed the Memorandum of Understanding with HKWPEA, the final draft of it was approved by the EXCO of HKWPEA on July 6, 2015.
5. The amendment of the Articles of Association of CF is still in progress. We are awaiting the approval of the Inland Revenue Department. The additional object clauses if approved would enable CF to cover all of the existing service projects, donations, and sponsorships in the name of HKWPEA and CF. Much appreciation goes to Anna May Chan and Ivy Tong for helping on this important exercise.
6. The Committee wishes to thank sincerely Angel Hon and all other members who have helped in the Mother’s Day Shopping Spree fundraising. Special thanks also go to the Legal Committee, Anna May Chan and Ivy Tong for drafting the Memorandum of Understanding to clarify the working relationship between HKWPEA and CF.

I would like take this opportunity to express my heart-felt appreciation to the Secretariat for their professional service and dedication in support of our work. No one in the Association works full time on its business. Yet, from the report above, you would agree that we have achieved a year of work, both quantitatively and qualitatively of which is most substantial and impressive, harnessing the sisterhood among us, keeping us update on all fronts economic, political and social, as well as making our small contributions to a better Hong Kong. We would not have been able to do so much and so well had it not been for our shared goal and passion for the mission we treasure. I am proud to be your President and look forward to your continuous dedication and support.

Sandra Mak
President
29 September 2015