



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 2021 - 2022**

Dear Fellow Members,

It is my great pleasure to report to you about the activities and events for the year of 2021-2022.

The current Board continued our work after the last AGM on 28 Sept 2021. Despite the social distancing restrictions due to COVID throughout the reporting year, the Board and all 13 working committees have been most active to continue our Association's activities along our set out work focus - "Embrace new opportunities presented by the new economy with an innovative and cross-generational mindset 跨世代女性 新角度思维 創經濟機遇".

Firstly, on "cross-generational" emphasis, we partnered with HKUST for the second year on "HKUST Women In Business", which is a mentorship program for female students who formed various teams to develop projects focusing on UN's ESG initiatives and its 17 Sustainable Development Goals. Secondly, we continued the Leadership Training Program for Underprivileged Youngsters, in cooperation with HK Association of Careers Masters and Guidance Masters, including confidence training workshops, image grooming, communication skills and social etiquette. Thirdly, we continued to support young artists through our Culture & Art Mentorship Programme by offering professional knowledge, business insights and a network of resources to local young art talents.

On new ways of thinking and working, this year we embarked to focus on GBA opportunities. To keep abreast with the pulse of developments in GBA, seminars were organized on "The development of HK-Shenzhen Innovation and Technology Park", "Carbon Neutral Sustainability opportunities and challenges" and "Opportunities for Healthcare and Innovation". We opened these seminars to the public to generate wider impact and will continue to develop more initiatives around GBA.

For societal and economic impact work, it has been a very fruitful year. We responded to the consultation paper "Proposals to create a listing regime for special purpose acquisition companies" (October 2021). Secondly, the N- No Family Project 2.0, co-organized with Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui Welfare Council was in full swing, with involvement of 36 mentors, supporting 25 low-income households.

In April, 2022, our 2021 Outstanding Women Professionals and Entrepreneurs Award was announced through the press and live streaming via YouTube, covered in HKET supplement and various media. The 16 month preparation had indeed been a huge cooperation effort of EXCO and so many of our members. Through this celebration of women success, we hope to convey positive energy, female role models and the many possibilities ahead for HK.

Worthy of mention is that HKWPEA has ECOSOC consultative status in the United Nations and our quadrennial report submitted in June 2021 was acknowledged on our overall work development to renew our consultative status.

Our membership recruitment drove more diverse new member representation which would certainly enable us to spark off new thinking and new approaches to the Association's work. We are very pleased to welcome 9 very distinguished members joining us.

There are indeed many more activities that were organized by every committee to cater for members' interests, which are outlined in the following working committee reports.

I. Charitable Foundation Liaison

Co-Chairpersons: Marina Wong and Eva Cheng

1. The HKWPEA Charitable Foundation WISE Scholarship 2021/22 for the Hong Kong University of Science and Technology was sponsored for a total sum of HK\$20,000.
2. The Leadership Training Programme was sponsored at HK\$3,558 including venue cost and equipment fees. Thanks to Salome See for sponsoring HK\$10,000 coaching fee for the course iPresent with Confidence.
3. The second and third installments for 全心傳家 2.0 were made at HK\$100,000 each.
4. The bank balance of the Charitable Foundation as at 31 Aug 2022 stood at HK\$1,159,481.76.

II. Communications

Chairperson: Cindy CB Chan

Members: Anne Marie Francesco, Magdalena Wong, Caroline Law and Fanny Heath

1. 25th Anniversary project highlight
 - A 25th Anniversary designated webpage was created to post congratulatory messages from members for the special occasion; each message within 100 words. A total of 23 messages received for this project.
 - The Members Voice video series were completed with total of 6 videos produced. With consent from all participating members, the videos were moved from "Member's Corner" to "About Us" to allow public view.
2. OWPEA 2021 promotion
 - The 2021 OWPEA result announcement with a new cover was launched on the HKWPEA website on 20 Apr 2022.
 - The 2021 OWPEA award presentation ceremony was released at 4pm, 28 Apr 2022
 - Reflections (including critical and pain points) of the OWPEA Publications and Website Committee have been submitted to OC Chairperson on 15 May 2022.
3. An annual practice to collect updated member information via Membership Committee. Regular updates on the website would be made by the Secretariat accordingly.
4. The Board approved continuing website hosting with 4limbse for another 2 years, March 2022 to 2024, at \$300 per month after discount.



III. Culture & Art

Co-Chairpersons: Yolanda Ng and Doris Luey

1. **Culture & Art Mentorship Programme**

In order to offer our professional knowledge, business insights, and sharing of our social network to a group of outstanding local young art talents, with the support from the Programme partner ArtNext, “Culture & Art Mentorship Programme” was launched in December 2021. 10 mentors were recruited from members and 2 meetings with the artists were done.



2. **《Hong Kong Beyond the lines: Shen Ping》 Improvisational Art Workshop**

A workshop was held on July 5, 2022 for members to visit the pop-up exhibition showing the valuable artworks of the famous watercolor artist Shen Ping. ETNet offered a free workshop by Shen Ping plus a docent tour to our members 26 pen and watercolor paintings of Mr. Shen Ping were exhibited, including some original works in the album.

IV. External Liaison

Co-Chairpersons: Fanny Lui and Loretta Lee

The objectives of the External Liaison are to create alliances and liaison with local, Mainland and overseas professionals and entrepreneurs’ associations and government and/or government-related organizations with a view to broadening the network of the HKWPEA and to promoting HKWPEA both locally and internationally. Our mission is to further the interest of HKWPEA members in women’s affairs and enhance their business networking, learning and business opportunities.

In the past year, we continued to broaden HKWPEA’s local and international networks, and enhance members’ networking, learning and business opportunities. The pandemic still lingered on and many of our activities had to be held online. The committee presented various proposals to the Board for consideration, and it was decided that the Association would pursue a series on GBA developments from the aspect of different professions and industries.

Following are some of our major activities in past year:

A. ***To broaden HKWPEA’s local and international networks***

1. **Renewal of HKWPEA’s ECOSOC consultative status at the United Nations**

The External Liaison Committee submitted to the United Nations the quadrennial report for HKWPEA’s renewal of our ECOSOC consultative status at the United Nations in June 2021. We followed up and confirmed that the submitted report has been taken note of by the related Committee of the UN and hence the process has been completed successfully.

2. **中華總商會**

中華中商會 organized National Day’s celebration on 20 Sep 2021 for lunch with a keynote speech by the then HKSAR’s Chief Secretary, John Lee. Sandra Mak attended on behalf of the Association.

3. **American Chamber of Commerce (AmCham)**

The “AmCham Women of Influence (WOI) Awards” was broadcast to members in the last quarter of 2021. Although the Association did not nominate any member in our name, members would be able to nominate anyone in their own personal capacity or to self-nominate for the Awards. WOI Awards has a long history with a solid background and they had different award categories from OWPEA.

4. Hong Kong Federation of Women (HKFW)

- Members were invited to the Women Power Forum 2021 巾幗建新力論壇, organized by the HKFW on 23 Oct 2021. The theme was “共建共融國際都會新篇章”. President Helen Kan and other members joined the well-attended forum.
- HKFW’s invitation to the UN CSW66 Virtual Parallel Event on 25 Mar 2022 was circulated.

5. UNICEF

The Association became a supporting organization for ‘Say Yes to Breastfeeding’ Campaign by UNICEF. Chow Yuen Mei attended the Ceremony on 17 Dec 2021 on behalf of the Association.

6. Greater Bay Area Carbon Neutrality Association (GBACNA)

HKWPEA was a supporting organization to the Greater Bay Area Carbon Neutrality Association’s (GBACNA) Inauguration Ceremony on 10 Dec 2021 and some of our members attended.

7. Hong Kong University of Science & Technology (HKUST)

HKWPEA supported HKUST’s Women in Business Project Leadership Program in 2022 again with External Liaison Committee member, Lui Tong, taking lead. The projects focused on the UN’s ESG initiatives and its 17 Sustainable Development Goals.



8. Women’s Commission

The Women's Commission Funding Scheme for Women's Development and promotional video produced by the Women’s Commission on celebration of International Women’s Day 2022 were circulated to members.

9. All-China Women’s Federation HK Delegates Association

Grace Tse attended the 「我愛我家」主題論壇 organized by All-China Women’s Federation HK Delegates Association 港區婦聯代表聯誼會 on 28 Jul 2022 at HKCEC on behalf of the Association.

10. Agency for Volunteer Service (“AVS”)

HKWPEA supported the Hong Kong Volunteer Award (“HKV-Award”), a territory-wide scheme co-organized by the Home and Youth Affairs Bureau and the Agency for Volunteer Service (“AVS”) launched in August 2022, which is dedicated to recognizing the contributions and achievements of outstanding volunteers, corporations, and organizations from different sectors, and that of cross-sectoral partnership projects.

11. Employees Retraining Board (ERB)

HKWPEA is one of the supporting organizations of the ERB Employer Seminar organized by the Employees Retraining Board with the theme of “後疫情時代人才發展策略” to be held on 28 Sep 2022.

B. To enhance members’ networking, learning and business opportunities

1. The United Nations

The invitations to participate in the United Nations Online Event 2022 ECOSOC Partnership Forum on 2 Feb 2022 and the UN "Stockholm+50: a healthy planet for the prosperity of all - our responsibility, our opportunity" in May 2022 were sent to members.

2. HKTDC

- a. MarketingPulse Webinars

Being a supporting organization of HKTDC’s MarketingPulse, which is an integrated branding and marketing conference, HKWPEA has been given opportunities to join their events and webinars covering an array of topics related to e-commerce and online marketing. These activities have been broadcast to our members for participation.

Two events “Asian E-tailing Summit Webinar: Brand Marketing on Social Media in Mainland China” held in August and “Social Commerce: Marketing Strategies and Case Studies” in September 2021, were circulated to members for participation. “All about Video: Connecting Brands and Customers” was available for viewing in October 2021. 8 complimentary tickets offered by HKTDC to attend the MarketingPulse and eTailingPulse 2022 were shared with all members.

b. **Asia Summit on Global Health**

The second edition of the Asia Summit on Global Health (ASGH), jointly organised by the HKSAR Government and HKTDC, will be held in November 2022. HKWPEA members are entitled to a discount offer for participation in the two-day event.

3. Jumpstarter

Jumpstarter is an initiative curated by Alibaba’s Entrepreneurs Fund that provides a platform for all entrepreneurs and young people to jump-start their dreams in Hong Kong. As a supporting organization, HKWPEA promoted the JUMPSTARTER 2022 Global Pitch Competition to its members. JUMPSTARTER 2022 Grand Finale was held during 12-15 May 2022 and participants were impressed by the hybrid online and offline experience.

4. Our Hong Kong Foundation

- The InnoStars Award 2021 「香港創新領軍人物大獎 2021」organized by the OHKF was shared with members.
- INSIGHT FORUMS「團結卓爾論壇」“守護香港 逆境自強” on 21 Feb 2022 and another one “Hong Kong Way Forward - The Future of Hong Kong as a Regional Innovation Hub” organized by OHKF on 13 Sep 2022 were promoted to members.

5. The 7th Golden Age Expo and Summit

HKWPEA was one of the supporting organizations for the 7th Golden Age Expo & Summit. Our President, Helen Kan, attended its opening ceremony held on 5 Aug 2022. This year, the theme was “Smart Ageing: Innovation, Sustainability & Inclusion”. Many of our members attended the summit.



6. GBA Series

To broaden our members’ knowledge of the latest development in GBA, a GBA Series of webinars on different topics has been organized with each led by one of the following five sub-committees:

Committee	Date	Topic	Speaker
Innovation & Technology	29 Apr 2022	The development of Hong Kong-Shenzhen Innovation and Technology Park	Patrick Siu , CEO, HKSITP
Sustainability	2 Jun 2022	碳中和的大灣區 —— 碳資產的機遇和挑戰	上海寶碳新能源環保科技有限公司董事長 朱偉卿女士
Well-being & Health	31 Aug 2022	Opportunities for Healthcare & Innovation	Dr KO Wing Man , Member of Executive Council &

			Roy Lim , Founder, TEMI Hong Kong
Art & Culture	Oct/Nov 2022	Topic and speakers to be confirmed	
Public Affairs	Oct/Nov 2022	Topic and speakers to be confirmed	

Others

- Futuremakers' First Job Youth Employment and Subsidy Program organised by St. James' Settlement and Standard Chartered Bank was circulated to members. Subsidy would be provided to SMEs enrolled in the programme for the employment of youth.
- An open call for Urban Market rent-free stalls was circulated to members under the programme “Designing Central” as a platform for entrepreneurship.
- Zoom webinars from 家居抗疫視像支援隊 organized by 香港惠通團隊 were shared in February 2022.
- Corporate Innovation Index (CII) survey, developed by CUHK and funded by the Innovation and Technology Commission, was circulated in February for members’ engagement.
- 「工商專業界與《基本法》」電子小冊子 to promote basic Law was circulated in April 2022.

C. *Acknowledgement*

We take the opportunity to thank President Helen Kan, External Liaison Committee members Angela To, Catherine Yau, Lui Tong and Jennifer Chan, and many HKWPEA members for contributing their time and efforts to promote the Association at all functions and events.

V. Fellowship

Co-Chairpersons: Anna Chau (Sep 2021 – Mar 2022), Carlotta Wong and Elsie Lung (from Mar 2022)

1. 2021 AGM

The AGM cum 25th Anniversary Dinner was held on 28 Sep 2021 at World Trade Centre Club (WTCC). The AGM was conducted both on site and online. 90 members and guests joined the celebration after a long break since the pandemic.



2. December Business Meeting cum Party

The Meeting and Annual Party was held on 14 Dec 2021 at WTCC, allowing 12 diners per table. The event received 73 members and friends. Generous fellow members provided an abundance of lucky draw gifts and prizes for the party.

3. June Business Meeting cum Dinner

The function was held at CGCC on 10 Jun 2022. A sharing with 2021 OWPEA winners Jennifer Tan, Vivian Lee and Winnie Tam followed the meeting. All 57 attendants were captivated by the inspirational life stories of the outstanding role models.

VI. Innovation & Technology

Chairperson: Cindy Chow

Objectives:

- Raise the awareness of the latest I&T development among our members
- Monitor and identify areas that we can support the development of I&T in Hong Kong

1. Letter of support to Professor Ning Xi for his project on early-stage breast cancer detection

Professor Ning Xi, via one of our members, approached the Association to seek a letter of support for his project on early-stage cancer detection. The letter will be included in his application for research grant from the Government. Few members from the I&T committee visited his lab to understand his project. After due discussion among the Board members to ensure the neutrality of the wording, we issued a letter of support to Professor Xi.

2. Webinars

We organised 2 webinars and the video recordings were shared with members on our official website.

- “Building Hong Kong as a Strategic Biotech Hub” by our member Ms. Irene Chu was held on 12 Oct 2021 with 21 participants.
- “The development of HK-Shenzhen Innovation and Technology Park” by Mr. Patrick Siu, CEO of the HK-Shenzhen Innovation and Technology Park was held on 29 Apr 2022 with 50 members and guests. This webinar is the first activity of the GBA series.

3. Visits

A visit to Hong Kong Science & Technology Park was held on 4 December, 2021. CEO of Science Park, Mr. Albert Wong, presented the I&T landscape in HK and the future development plans. Three female entrepreneurs presented their business to our members. We also visited new facilities in the Park including the robotics centre, experience centre and InnoCell.



A visit to Cyberport was planned in March 2022. Due to the 5th wave of COVID, the visit had been postponed and will be re-scheduled to Q4 of 2022.

4. Members

There are 16 members in this committee. We are also very glad that Ms. Anita Chau has agreed to co-chair the committee in the next term of EXCO.

VII. Legal

Chairperson: Joyce Cheng

1. A preliminary review was conducted on the Competition Commission Advisory Bulletin with the Membership Committee to assess the current member application process. The aim of the Bulletin was to provide guidelines on membership admission practices for professional and trade associations to ensure fairness of the process;
2. The HKWPEA privacy policy was reviewed in respect of the disclosure and use of members' information. Recommendation to add a note on the membership application form to address the point on use of members' data for maintenance of our website/membership database was made.

VIII. Membership

Co-Chairpersons: Louisa Lui and Grace Tse

1. HKWPEA has a total membership of 157, among which 143 are full members, three are Associate Members and eleven are Overseas Members. Out of the total membership, 32% are executives, 28% are professionals and 40% are entrepreneurs, across twenty-five industry sectors.

2. The Membership Committee organized 3 new member recruitment tea gatherings to meet potential new members on 24 Nov 2021, 16 Mar 2022 and 3 Aug 2022. President Helen joined to introduce the Association, together with key members of the Membership Committee.
3. The Committee was pleased to report that 9 new members joined HKWPEA since the last AGM. They were:
 - i. **Jojo Cheung**, Former Chief Marketing Officer, HKSTP (referred by Cindy Chow)
 - ii. **Abby Mak**, Vice President, Altive (referred by Cindy Chow)
 - iii. **Pamela Wong**, General Manager, HK & Taiwan, Toys"R"Us (Hong Kong) Limited (referred by Caroline Mak)
 - iv. **Shirley Xie**, Senior Venture Leader, McKinsey & Company (referred by Angela Ho)
 - v. **Titania Woo**, Executive Director, The Hong Kong Management Association (referred by Grace Tse)
 - vi. **Winnie Tam**, Chairman, Des Voeux Chambers (OWPEA Awardee)
 - vii. **Jennifer Tan**, Executive Vice President, Ant Group & CEO, Alipay Financial Services (HK) Limited (OWPEA Awardee)
 - viii. **Michelle Kam**, Director of Operations, HK-Shenzhen Innovation and Technology Park (referred by Grace Tse)
 - ix. **Pamela Tin**, Associate Research Director, Head of Health Care and Social Development, Public Policy Institute, Our Hong Kong Foundation (referred by Louisa)
4. Since the last AGM, there were 6 resignations (Ivy MH Tong, Katherine Yau, Alice Tso, Shirley Chan, Carrie Shiu and Clarice Yen).
5. Both Angela Lau and Fanny Heath have changed membership status to Overseas Members.
6. An Engagement Action was conducted in the beginning of the year, which received 18 suggestions and requests from members; some which have been handled by the Committee.
7. Member's Achievement:
 - Winnie Tang received Medal of Honour (MH) in 2022
 - Vivian Yam was recognized Silver Bauhinia Star (SBS) in 2022 Honours List

IX. Public Affairs

Co-Chairpersons: Julianne Doe and Maria So

Our Committee focuses on:

- obtaining views of members on territorial-wide issues;
- providing professional views and advice to Government as well as the public on business and other community issues; and
- presenting views and positions of our HKWPEA on territorial-wide issues, including responding to public consultations.

During 2021-2022 term, we reported on the following responses to public consultation papers.

1. Proposals to create a listing regime for special purpose acquisition companies (Oct 2021)

The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited published a consultation paper seeking market feedback on proposals to create a listing regime for special purpose acquisition companies (SPACs) in Hong Kong (Consultation Paper).

As Asia’s premier global listing market, HKEX believes the introduction of a Hong Kong SPAC listing framework will provide another attractive route to listing in Hong Kong, allowing more companies from Greater China, Southeast Asia and beyond to seek a listing on HKEX. A SPAC is a type of shell company that raises funds through its listing for the purpose of acquiring a business (a De-SPAC Target) at a later stage (a De-SPAC Transaction) within a pre-defined time period after listing. The deadline for responses was 31 Oct 2021. The Committee responded to the consultation. Thanks to Cindy Chow, Angela Ho and Irene Chu for joining the taskforce led by Julianne Doe.

2. Consultation Cyber-Dependent Crimes and Jurisdictional Issues (Sep 2022)

The Committee identified a consultation paper on Cyber-Dependent Crimes and Jurisdictional Issues, prepared by Cybercrime Sub-committee of the Law Reform Commission, for further exploration with the Innovation & Technology Committee. As at the date of the AGM, this project is under way.

Thanks to our President and Board for unfailing support.

X. Social Enterprise and Services

Co-Chairpersons: Catherine Yiu and Eva KL Chan

A. *Social Enterprise*

1. Social Enterprise Summit 2021 (SES)

HKWPEA was a supporting organization to the Summit. With a sponsorship of HK\$50,000, the association was named the Silver Sponsor of the “Dinner to Remember Event on 4 Nov 2021. Grace Tse represented the Association at the opening ceremony and gave a welcome speech at the event at Causeway Centre, joined by Eva, Catherine and Ophelia Lin. Complimentary tickets were also offered to members to the international symposiums.



B. *Services Projects*

1. 全心傳家 2.0 N-No Family Project 2.0

Approved Budget: HK\$500,000 Subsidy for 25 low-income households residing in subdivided units and each HK\$20,000 (June 2021- May 2023)

The two-year mentorship and family development programme co-organized with Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui Welfare Council (HKSKHWC) was fully on track with a restructuring of manpower and adding of 5 more social workers to the project. Joint effort was made among 36 mentors and 10 social workers who are matched with the families for their well-being and development. With the outbreak of the 5th wave of COVID-19, extra support was offered by the EXCO and association members with in-kind donation and private talk for the families and others served by HKSKHWC.



- a. A SE and Social Service committee gathering was held on Oct 28 that members contributed with ideas for the project. Rainy Yu and Fanny Heath joined as official members and contributed also in activities.
- b. A Christmas gathering for all social workers and families was held on 11 Dec 2021 at Megabox along with 22 members. More than 80 participants attended.
- c. A Chinese New Year zoom gathering was held on 29 Jan 2022 for 6 families and 8 mentors, assisted by 3 social workers.
- d. Due to the 5th wave of COVID-19 outbreak that the families of the affected district were facing shortage of resources early March, individual Exco and Association members took initiative to donate and source supplies of medicine, disinfectants and



food worth over HK\$18K for the families. The gift packs were delivered to the door by HKSKEHC by Mar 19 2022.

- e. A private talk on “Vaccination and COVID-19” was delivered by Dr. Janice Tsang via zoom to 17 families in the project and 27 others served by HKSKEHC on Mar 11 2022. The professional talk with Q&A helped clear misconceptions and worries among the grassroot families.
- f. 10 members donated 500 rapid test kits for kindergarten kids and were distributed by the HKSKEHC.

2. “ERB Post-50 Internship Programme” 2022

As one of the supporting organizations, HKWPEA invited members' companies to offer internship for post-50 mature persons again for their re-entering the workforce. One member’s company enrolled in the programme.

3. Leadership Training Programme for Underprivileged Youngsters

Co-organized with the Hong Kong Association of Careers Masters and Guidance Masters (HKACMGM)

- a. iPresent with Confidence, conducted by Chew Yen Tan, was held on Nov 20-21. Thanks went to Salome See for sponsoring the HK\$10,000 coaching fee.
- b. Image Grooming was completed on Dec 11 thanks to Priscilla Chan. 20 students benefited from the session.
- c. Training on Social Etiquette & Communication Skills was run on June 1, via zoom for senior secondary students, by courtesy of Rebecca Yung. Over 80 students took the webinar.
- d. Dining Etiquette Workshop and Lunch at King Ludwig Beerhall was held on 23 Jul 2022, sponsored by Anna Chau. 22 students from 13 schools participated and were exposed to western cuisine dining with a full course meal. The sharing from the restaurant trainer and chef with demos helped also students understand more the catering industry.



4. The 7th Golden Age Expo & Summit

The 7th Golden Age Expo and Summit was held on August 5-7 in the theme “Smart Ageing: Innovation, Sustainability & Inclusion” at the Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre and the online summit was taken place between 29 & 30 Jul 2022 to serve as a co-create platform. The Association acted as supporting organization that members were encouraged to keep abreast of the sectors development, innovative solutions powered by technologies and social inclusion. President Helen represented HKWPEA to be acknowledged of our support at the Opening Ceremony. A number of members also attended various sessions of the Summit.

C. Awards

HKWPEA, through the nomination of the Hong Kong Sheung Kung Hui Welfare Council (HKSKEHC) was honored to be recognized again for the “Caring Organization 2021/22” of Hong Kong Council of Social Services (HKCSS) under their Caring Company Scheme for the seventh time.

XI. Sustainability

Co-Chairpersons: Grace Kwok and Sandra Mak

1. ECF Carbon Zero Challenge for funding application

With the success of and experience gained from the 20th Anniversary project Foodever Wastenever, HKWPEA collaborated with Hong Kong Productivity Council (HKPC) again in this term to formulate an ECF funding proposal for a new community participation and public education project *Carbon Zero Challenge* with an aim to mobilising citizens to change behaviour and contribute toward Hong Kong’s carbon neutrality by 2050/2060. The programme was designed to raise awareness of the urgent need for

actions to the public and make it easy & fun for community-wide mobilisation. We submitted our funding application in Q1, presented to the vetting panel in Jun and are awaiting their reply. We understand that there is a great number of ECF funding applications this year and competition is increasingly fierce. We will continue to drive carbon neutrality initiatives through different funding channels if needed.

2. **GBA Carbon Neutrality Association Inauguration Ceremony & Green Venture Summit on 10 December 2021**

HKWPEA was one of the supporting organizations for the inauguration of the GBA Carbon Neutrality Association (GBACNA). Grace and Sandra attended the GBACNA Inauguration Ceremony held on 10 December 2021 at Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre. The inauguration ceremony received tremendous support from the government and organizations in GBA and GBACNA has been active in helping shape green finance, ESG and related landscape in Hong Kong and GBA. We shall continue to explore collaboration with GBACNA to advance HKWPEA's sustainability goals in driving carbon neutrality in the GBA.

3. **大灣區線上論壇系列: “碳中和的大灣區 —— 碳資產的機遇和挑戰” webinar on 2 June 2022**

We organized a webinar on Carbon Asset Opportunities in GBA and invited 上海寶碳新能源環保科技有限公司董事長朱偉卿女士 Susan Zhu to be our guest speaker. The webinar was hosted by Sandra and had attracted around 53 members and guests to attend. Our members and friends showed keen interest in the topic, with a few asking for direct contacts with Ms Zhu, also to secure a copy of her powerpoint presentation.

XII. Well-being & Health

Co-Chairpersons: Janice Tsang and Yuen Mei Chow

1. **Webinar “Latest update on Cervical Cancer for all women” on 24th November, 2021 (1:00-2:00pm)**

We were honoured to have Dr. Karen Chan, Head & Chief of Service of Department of Obstetrics & Gynaecology, Queen Mary Hospital, The University of Hong Kong, invited to speak to us and answer our questions for ourselves or our closed ones. Cervical Cancer is currently ranking No. 8 for all our women cancers in Hong Kong according to the Hong Kong Cancer Registry and many present late at the time of diagnosis, but we also have the HPV vaccination for better primary prevention.

2. **HKWPEA GBA Series on “Opportunities for Healthcare & Innovation on 31st August, 2022 (7:00-8:30pm)**

Due to the ongoing COVID-19 challenge, we had this meeting in virtual mode. We were honored to have Dr. the Hon. KO Wing Man, GBS, JP, Member of Executive Council, the Government of HKSAR cum Member of the National Committee of the Chinese People's Public Consultative Conference, to speak to us on this timely topic. We also had sharing from Mr. Roy Lim, Vice President, Tung Hing Automation Investment Limited cum Founder, TEMI Hong Kong, to share his success story and experience of robotic contribution in healthcare especially for the aging population with Hong Kong as No. 1 City with the longest longevity in the world.



XIII. 2021 Outstanding Women Professionals and Entrepreneurs Awards

Organizing Committee Chairperson: Grace Tse

The 8th signature event since our Association's founding, the 2021 OWPEA identified and celebrated 6 awardees on 28 Apr 2022, as a result of relentless collaborative work spanning over 16 months despite various challenges.

After receiving record-breaking number of applications by end of August 2021, a pre-interview briefing for interviewers was held on 25 October 2021 at China CITIC Bank International office by courtesy of President Helen to align the screening procedures and standards. All preliminary interviews were subsequently conducted by 27 interviewers on 30 & 31 Oct 2021 simultaneously at two venues, respectively Amway's office, thanks to Angela Keung, and WTCC. Online interview was available for candidates who were unable to attend in person. The Selection Committee Review Meeting was held on 13 Nov at Julianne Doe's office to shortlist 12 finalists.

For the Final Interview, Anne Marie Francesco prepared the finalist summaries to the Judging Panel. Thanks to Amelia Yau for lending the interview and dining venue at PwC office on 18 January 2022.

The final Judging Panel included:

- Dr. Rosanna WONG Yick-ming, DBE, JP, Senior Advisor, The Hong Kong Federation of Youth Groups (Head Judge)
- Mrs. Eva CHENG Li Kam-fun, JP, President, Our Hong Kong Foundation
- Dr. Y.K. PANG, GBS, JP, Deputy Managing Director, Jardine Matheson Ltd.
- Professor Ting Chuen PONG, Vice President for Administration and Business, Hong Kong University of Science and Technology
- Mr. Peter WONG, GBS, JP, Chairman, Hong Kong General Chamber of Commerce

Independent Advisor was Professor Andrew CHAN Chi-fai, SBS, JP, Vice Chairman of the Board and President of Greater Bay Area Business School.

The Association was proud to honor 6 remarkable ladies as 2021 OWPEA awardees among the competitive finalists following the unanimous decision from the Final Interview:

- Ms. Ashley Galina DUDARENOK, Founder, Alarice International Ltd. and ChoZan
- Dr. Eliza Yi Wah HO FOK, Chairman, Hong Kong Breast Cancer Foundation
- Ms. Vivian Ying Shih LEE, Founder and Managing Director, ActionHouse International Ltd.
- Prof. Christine Kung-wai LOH, SBS, JP, Chief Development Strategist, Institute for the Environment, The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology
- Ms. Winnie Wan Chi TAM, SC, SBS, JP, Senior Counsel and Head of Des Voeux Chambers
- Ms. Jennifer Yuen Chun TAN, Executive Vice President – Strategy Development and Government Affairs, Greater Bay Area, Ant Group, and Chief Executive, Alipay Financial Services (HK) Ltd.

Although the physical Award Presentation Dinner originally scheduled on 24 March 2022 had been called off due to COVID, the production of trophies, website stories and awardees videos were continued. Contents of the Dinner Programme Booklet were presented in digital form.

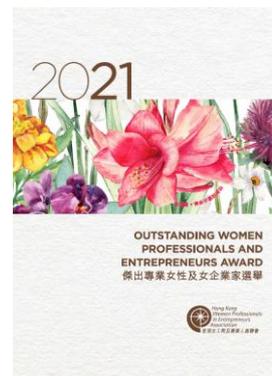


The digital Award Presentation was pre-recorded on Zoom on 24 March featuring speeches from Guest of Honour Hon. Bernard Chan, GBM, GBS, JP, Head Judge Dr. Rosanna Wong, President Helen Kan, OC Chair Grace Tse and the six awardees. OWPEA results were released by press on 26 April. Live streaming of the OWPEA Award Presentation was finally conducted at 4pm on 28 Apr 2022 via YouTube, which was covered in HKET supplement on 28 April with the online award booklet published concurrently.

The total expenditure for the 2021 OWPEA was well within budget at HK\$191,586.6. A 'project bible' was finalized to keep record and serve as guidance note for future reference.

The 2021 OWPEA had the following “firsts”:

- i) Combined award for outstanding professionals and outstanding entrepreneurs for a new set of combined judging criteria.
- ii) Use of a dedicated email owpea@hkwpes.org to separate from the usual HKWPEA email.
- iii) Written guiding principles approved by the HKWPEA Board to handle who cannot be nominees, nominators or Selection Committee members and provide clarity on fairness, information confidentiality and conflict of interest. This was included in the notification on May 24, 2021, 12:00 PM to all members about the 2021 OWPEA launch on June 1, 2021.
- iv) Record number of nominations (63 valid nominations) and Selection Committee interviews at two sites over two days; record number (26) of interviewers (four rounds of schedule changes of interviewers had to be done as a result of the conflict of interest clearance process)
- v) All digital (with very limited physical meetings) launch, nomination, selection, interviews and award presentation. Award Presentation Dinner originally scheduled for March 24, 2022 had to be cancelled due to the fifth wave of COVID
- vi) Creation of HKWPEA YouTube channel for launch (physical and online video recording) and award presentation ceremony (online live streaming of recorded video)
- vii) Written Selection Manual prepared and sent to Independent Advisor for endorsement
- viii) Project duration of 68 weeks, from January 2021 to April 2022. The project continued over the fourth and fifth waves of COVID.
- ix) Yahoo! added as online media partner



We were delighted to invite the 2021 OWPEA awardees to the Business Meeting cum dinner on 10 June 2022, with Jennifer Tan, Vivian Lee and Winnie Tam sharing their stories and mottos for success. Jennifer and Winnie subsequently joined our Association.

The committee also delivered 6 members voice videos for the special HKWPEA 25th Anniversary project. A series of online gatherings were held from May to October 2021 with Magdalena Wong as facilitator to exchange thoughts and discover our member’s interests, opinions and suggestions for the Association. Thanks to the 18 members, 6 past presidents and our current president who joined the production. This project received the generous sponsorship (HK\$20,000) of Past Presidents Marina Wong and Caroline Mak.

From the large number and diverse activities that were initiated and rolled out last year, I must express my deepest appreciation to the Board, committee chairs / committee members for your kind support, precious advice and valuable time. Huge thanks also to our Secretariat for her professional service and dedication. It has been a most wonderful experience working in collaboration with all of you. As each of us are sailing through very volatile socio-economic and political environment in our own profession, we managed to bring together a rich set of initiatives for our Association. To that, I am grateful to you all.

Lastly, let me welcome 9 new members to HKWPEA family, totally 157 members. Every member’s support and participation are the best encouragement to our work. Do join our events and take part in our committee work.

Gratefully yours,
Helen Kan
President
23 September 2022