

Hong Kong Federation of Women Limited– HKFW

(General Consultative Status granted in 2000)

Quadrennial Report 2008-2011

Field 1 - Basic Introduction

HKFW, established in June, 1993, is a non-profit making and non-political organization currently with over 1,500 individual members and 64 corporate members, reaching a total membership of 100,000.

HKFW was granted an additional lease land by Hong Kong SAR Government. The new HKFW T.S. Kwok Service Centre was completed in 2010.

HKFW maintains excellent relationship with All-China Women's Federation (ACWF) since 1993.

Field 2 – Aims and Purposes

Main objectives of HFKW are to unite women from all walks of life, to study and make representation on community affairs, to improve and protect the lawful rights and status of women and to liaise with similar organizations worldwide.

Field 3 – Change with Significant Impact

An Extraordinary General Meeting was held in Jan. 2011 to increase the maximum number of Council Members from 45 to 54 in view of the growth of HKFW.

Field 4 - Contribution to the work of the United Nations

1/ HKFW united 62 women NGOs to attend 4th World Congress.

2/ In 2009, HKFW invited over 500 women leaders from China and Asia Pacific Region to participate the “Asia Pacific Women Forum” in August. Speakers included politicians, scholars, government officers and professionals, sharing on “Women’s Role in the Changing World”, topics covering education, environmental protection, social and political arenas.

3/ “Beijing + 15 Forum on Status of Women” was held in August 2010 to review the Beijing Declaration - implementation and achievement. Forum panelists and over 160 delegates shared views and challenges facing by women.

4/ “Women Leadership – Economic Development in the Post-Crisis Era cum HKFW Beijing + 15 Commemoration” was held in Sept 2010 in Shanghai. Over 150 female leaders from various nations discussed women’s contribution in the world’s economic crises.

5/ “CEDAW Drama Competition” for secondary students was held in Nov. 2010, promoting CEDAW concept amongst the youth.

6/ In Nov. 2010, “International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women” was organized in form of radio/ television programs, newspapers supplement, and an outdoor ceremony which successfully arose much public awareness.

Field 5 – Participation in Meetings of the UN

1/ Four members attended the 52nd Assembly of UNCSW, New York, and convened an open forum at the parallel event entitled “Empowerment and Leadership Training for Young Women”, reporting challenges Hong Kong women encountered in employment, marriage and social participation arenas. Over 100 participated, responding actively.

2/ Seven members attended the 54th Session of CSW, New York. ACWF invited HKFW to co-host the parallel event namely “Financial and Economic Crisis from Gender Perspective”. HKFW delegation brought back news on ECOSOC and UNMDG to share with NGOs.

Field 6 – Cooperation with UN Bodies

HKFW donated HK\$1,200,000 in 2009 to ACWF for the publishing and promotion of a book and training on ‘green consuming guide’, being a joint venture by the UNDP and the China Women’s Development Fund under the ACWF.

Field 7 – Initiative taken in support of the MDGs

HKFW (1) donated over HK\$1,000,000 to earthquake disasters in China to release poor and hunger; (2) built 4 rural clinics in Chongqing for women's health; (3) co-organised with local women professional NGOs to hold the Ripple Action. Since 2008, nearly 30 activities were held to care for under privileged people in poor areas in Hong Kong, including visits to lonely elderly, providing free check-up to poor ladies, free hotline counseling for legal advice and marriage disputes, setting up mentors teams for youth education, and provided services to ethnic minority families

Field 8 – Additional Information

- 1/ “One Tonne Challenge and LowCARBONDiet@home” – held 27 workshops and trained 368 women ambassadors, enhancing low carbon living;
- 2/ “Half the Sky Youth Leadership Training” – a 7-month intensive training to young ladies to develop their leadership skills ;
- 3/ “ Clean Hong Kong Campaign” enhanced women and their families on health and hygiene concept;
- 4/ Seminars on “National Education”, “Statutory Minimum Wages”, “Health Care Reform”, “Marriage Law and Succession Law of PRC”, “360o Leadership Development Workshop for Women”, etc. The “Family Health Month” celebrated 10th anniversary in 2011;
- 5/ Many HKFW members received awards and medals from the HKSAR Government annually.

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