

Women's Commission welcomes "The Chief Executive's 2024 Policy Address"

The following is issued on behalf of the Women's Commission:

The Women's Commission (WoC) welcomes the initiatives on promoting women's development in "The Chief Executive's 2024 Policy Address" delivered by the Chief Executive, Mr John Lee, today (October 16).

The Chief Executive announced in the Policy Address that the Home and Youth Affairs Bureau (HYAB) will establish a network run by leading women from all walks of life and launch a mentorship programme, "She Inspires". Under the programme, female university students will be paired with mentors from the senior management of different sectors, and will be provided with relevant training and activities.

â€‹The Chairman of the WoC, Dr Eliza Chan, said, "The WoC is committed to enable Hong Kong women to have more opportunities to showcase their talent and promote the advancement of their careers. Hong Kong women have excelled across various sectors and demonstrated exceptional professionalism and leadership, while young people play an important role in shaping the future of our country and Hong Kong. I am very delighted to learn the launch of the mentorship programme 'She Inspires' by the Government to equip Hong Kong female university students with the strength to 'hold up half the sky'. I hope that with the support of the Government, we could work together with outstanding women leaders across various sectors and unleash the power of women, thereby contributing to the development and advancement of women."

It is also mentioned in "The Chief Executive's 2024 Policy Address Supplement" that the HYAB will continue to put forward several women-related projects, including continuing to organise the Family and Women Development Summit, keeping the one-stop family and women information portal under review and enriching its content, continuing to encourage women's groups and non-governmental organisations to make good use of the Women Empowerment Fund, and continuing to implement, through the Community Care Fund, the Maintenance Mediation Pilot Scheme.

The WoC was established in 2001 and is committed to enable women in Hong Kong to fully realise their due status, rights and opportunities in all aspects of life. It adopts a three-pronged strategy, namely the provision of an enabling environment, empowerment of women through capacity building and public education to promote the well-being and interests of women.