

17 September 2018

Nomination of Ms LEUNG Pui Yiu, Irene for the Election of Regional Vice President,
Asia Pacific (2018-2020)

On behalf of Hong Kong Social Workers Association (HKSWA), we would like to nominate Ms LEUNG Pui Yiu, Irene to stand for the election of the Vice President of IFSW Asia Pacific Region in the coming election. The motion was supported and endorsed in the Executive Council Meeting of HKSWA held on 12 September 2018 (see attached minutes).

Endorsed by:

Mrs Justina LEUNG

Honorable President of Hong Kong Social Workers Association

Past President of IFSW Asia Pacific Region

Supported by:

Dr Eve WONG

Member of Executive Council

Hong Kong Social Workers Association



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Minutes of the 4th Council Meeting 2018 (extract)

Date

: 12th Sep 2018 (Wednesday)

Time

6:30p.m.

Venue

: 9/F Breakthrough Centre, 191 Woosung Street, Jordan, Kowloon, HK

Present:

Ms. LEUNG Pui Yiu Irene (President)

Mr. TANG Wai Hung

Dr. WONG Wai Lan Eve

Mr. WAN Kin Hei Kenny

Ms. LIANG Qiusha

Mr. LING Wai Hang Henry

Mr. Woo Wing Wah

Mr. LEE Lut Man Raymond

Mr. WONG Stephen

Mr. NGAI Man Fu Simon

Prof. Chui Wing Hong Eric

Mr. LEUNG Chin Fo Ricky

Ms. LEE Yin Chi Shirley

Apology:

Dr. AU Kit Ying (Vice-President/ Acting Hon. Secretary)

Mr. LAM Yuk Ching Ivan (Hon. Secretary)

Ms. YIP Yun Wan Amarantha (Hon. Treasurer)

Rev. MA Kim Keung Samuel

Ms. Fung Dun Mi Amy

Mrs. Ng Fong Wai Mun Helen

Dr. CHOW Yin Man Amy

Secretary:

Ms. LEE Mei Sheung, Michelle (Executive Manager)

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- 1. The meeting started at 6:45pm with quorum attained.
- 2. Confirmation of Minutes of last Council Meeting
 - 2.1 The minutes of last Council meeting was confirmed without amendment.
- 3. Matters Arising
 - 3.1 To be updated in the discussion items below.
- 4. Nomination for the Election of Vice President of IFSW Asia Pacific Region
 - The International and Regional Liaison Committee recommended Ms. LEUNG Pui Yiu, Irene to stand for the election of Vice President of IFSW Asia Pacific Region. The recommendation was fully supported and endorsed by the Council.
 - 4.2 A letter of support would be signed by Mrs. Justina Leung, Honorable President of HKSWA.
 - The closing date of nomination would be on 20th Sep 2018. 4.3
- 5. AOB

Nil

- 6. Meeting Schedule
 - 9.1 The next date of meeting would be 7th Nov 2018 (Wednesday).

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:15pm.

Approved by:

Ms. Leung Pui Yiu Irene, President

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Election for Regional Vice President, Asia Pacific (2018-2020) Profile & Curriculum Vitae

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Professional

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Professional

Affiliation:

Hong Kong Social Workers Association (HKSWA)

Position in Hong Kong Social Workers Association

President (2016-present)

Vice President (1996-98) (2011-2015)

Honorary Secretary (1993-96, 1998-99)

Director of Executive Council (1992-93, 2000-02, 2007-2011)

Involvement in IFSW

Honorary Secretary of Asia Pacific Region Executive Committee (2009-present) Representative for Hong Kong Social Workers Association in IFSW

Community Participation (Local)

Hong Kong Council of Social Service

- Executive Committee member (2011-2018)
- Vice-chairman of Standing Committee for Sector Development (2011-2013)
- Chairman of Specialized Committee for Sector Finance
- Vice-chairman of Specialized Committee for Children & Youth Service (2007-2011)

Government & Public sector

- Committee member of Community Investment & Inclusion Fund (Labor & Welfare Bureau)
- Member of Task Force on Lump Sum Grant Review (Social Welfare Department)
 (2017- present)
- Member of Advisory Committee on JC Fellow for social workers & teachers

(2017-present)

- Lay member of Notaries Public Disciplinary Tribunal Panel
- Member of Admissions, Budgets & Allocations Committee, Community Chest (2012-2018)

Academic Institutes

- Hong Kong University Social Work Department Advisory Committee Member (1994-95, 1998-2002, 2008-2011, 2017-present)
- Hong Kong Community College of City University, External Professional Advisor of Associate of Social Science (2012- 2018)
- Hong Kong College of Technology, External Advisor of Higher Diploma in Social Work (2013-2016)

Brief Account of my social work history

I was graduated from HKU in 1981 with a Bachelor degree in Social Sciences (major in Social work). I started my social work career in children and youth service primarily in two scopes: children & youth centre and school social work. I completed my part time master program in HKU in 1991 and graduated with a MSocSc (social work). As I turned my frontline practice to a supervisory post in The Salvation Army, I was still engaged in youth and community services. I conclude my first 20 years of practice specialized in young people and community work. Until 2002 when there was a revamping in my organization, then I got an opportunity to extend my scope of social work practice to the field of human resources and community network for organization administration & development. That was a bit of challenge to me when I needed to look at professional practice and development from the angle of human resources of a whole organization. The experience drawn in those 4 years enlarged my vision in social service management on one hand; and seeing the importance of our social work profession in the context of community development and solidarity. I assumed the post of Chief Manager for Youth, Family & Community Services in 2006 before I took up the post of Social Services Director in 2011 until July 2018 as I retired from my job. The progression of my social work career up to the position as the Director for Social Services in a large NGO has driven me not just an enlarged responsibility and authority but a total commitment in leading, shaping and developing the growth pathway of the profession & professional services for the community.

Reflection on the involvement in the social work professional body

I started the engagement with Hong Kong Social Workers Association by joining the Executive Council as an Board member since 1992. I keep myself connected and

aligning with different stakeholders (amongst fellow social workers as well as other counterparts) in promotion of social work professional image and development. This is my major volunteer involvement outside my work. I find it very challenging and rewarding though it is entirely not an easy commitment at all. Frustration and burn-outs do always happen and easily I would tend to stop and retreat. Nevertheless, at time when I face a world of drastic changes occurred everyday and social workers are feeling social work does not work, I re-examine the mission of social work and how social workers can manage to face the changes and make changes.

Being elected as the President of the Association since 2015, 2 major missions are called:

- i. Actualize the implementation of "Academy of Social Work" build a competence-based model of a progressive social work development ladder from a green practitioner to an advanced and specialist practitioner, certified supervised practice; establish collages of specialized field of practice; set up continued professional development system (CPD) in the local practice.
- ii. Leverage on the international & regional network, set up a hub for bridging Mainland China, Hong Kong and the globe on the development of social work profession and social work programs.

Reflection on involvement in International & Regional Development

Having a special passion and commitment in contributing myself to the social work profession in Mainland China, I started the exploration in relation to social work development in China since 1986 by conducting youth work training in Guangzhou. During the past 15 years, I have been engaged in supervising and giving lectures for social work students from Mainland China. In 2011 onward till 2014, HKSWA entered into partnership with the local government and NGO for conducting an intensive evaluation of and providing consultation for their newly developed social service project in Guicheng and Xiqiao (Guangdong Province). The increasing number of social workers, development of social work education & set up of "licensed social workers", growth of NGOs over past 10 years under the directive of Chinese Government are making significant impact on the country. The Regional Conference of IFAP hosted by China in 2017 demonstrated an important milestone of the social work development in China. Hong Kong Social Workers Association acted as a bridge and window for China with the international world. I hope that social work profession in Mainland China will continue to thrive on the right track with Hong Kong playing the functions of experience sharing, knowledge transfer and networking with possible resources in the global world.

My aspiration in social work professional development goes beyond the local arena as I am exposed to numerous international conferences and oversees study tours in previous years. The world is getting smaller with the fast developed technology and social media. The substantive experience gained from joining the International & Regional Liaison Committee under HKSWA is of great value to me. The involvement as a member in the Asia Pacific Region Executive Committee commencing in 2009 is a breakthrough to me in ascertaining the mission and objectives of IFSW. This is a process of knowing more the social work development in our neighboring countries, sharing the same professional values and beliefs, building the network and solidarity of social work fellows amongst various countries. I appreciate in particular the collaboration and partnership with members in the Executive Committee which I feel trust in. These are the main causes driving me to try standing for the election of the Vice President of the Asia Pacific of IFSW.

Platform for the Election

- To support the President in continuing the promotion of social work professional development in the Region by engaging the members' involvement through cross experience sharing.
- 2. To facilitate the professional bodies of the developing countries in joining the IFSW community by providing assistance, support, coaching through resources and mentorship matching.
- 3. To continuously ride on the global agenda for action plans with specific focus on the regional issues and development.
- 4. To explore feasible resources for the implementation of the development initiatives of our Region.

Let us continue to work strength to strength, hand in hand for mission and value of social work profession. I look forward to serving the Asia Pacific Region.

Thank you.

Name of the Nominee: LEUNG Pui Yiu, Irene (Ms)

Signature:

Date: 17 September 2018