

**For meeting on  
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## **Family Council**

### **Conference on Strengthening Hong Kong's Families: Obligations and Care Across the Generations**

#### **PURPOSE**

This paper reports on the Central Policy Unit (CPU)'s plan to organize a conference on "Strengthening Hong Kong's Families: Obligations and Care Across the Generations" (the Conference), and seeks Members' views as to whether the Family Council should join as a co-organizer.

#### **BACKGROUND**

2. The Family Council seeks to enhance collaboration amongst relevant stakeholders by encouraging them to share their experience and good practices on the promotion of family core values and the studies/work on the family-related matters, with a view to fostering joint efforts in promoting a pro-family environment.

#### **CONFERENCE**

3. The Conference is an initiative of the CPU. The CPU, the University of Hong Kong, the City University of Hong Kong and the Chinese University of Hong Kong are co-organizers. The Conference will be held on 9 June 2010 with a view to examining the views on an important family core value, i.e. filial piety, in the Asian and international contexts, and the measures in support of promoting filial piety and care and support across generations in Hong Kong.

4. The CPU has worked out a draft programme run-down for the Conference at **Annex**. The speakers are proposed to be invited with accord to their rich experience and practice in the local and international academic/professional fields. Some 200 participants from different sectors including the academics, Government bureaux and departments and the non-governmental organizations will be invited to attend the conference.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

5. The Conference is an excellent platform for stakeholders to deliberate on the important issue of obligations and care across generations which is akin to the objective of the Family Council to foster a pro-family culture and to promote family core values.

6. We recommend the Family Council to co-organize the event with the CPU, with a view to fostering collaboration amongst relevant stakeholders in the sharing of experience and practices on the promotion of family core values, and a culture of loving, happy and harmonious families.

## **WAY FORWARD**

7. Members are invited to note the event and consider if the Family Council should join as a co-organizer of the Conference.

**Family Council secretariat  
March 2010**

*Draft Programme (Tentative)***Conference on ‘Strengthening Hong Kong’s Families:  
Obligations and Care Across the Generations’**

- Date: 9 June 2010 (Wednesday)
- Time: 9:30 am to 5:45 pm
- Venue: Rayson Huang Theatre, The University of Hong Kong
- Co-organisers: **Central Policy Unit**, The Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region
- Family Council**, The Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region
- Centre for Chinese Family Studies**, Hong Kong Institute of Asia-Pacific Studies, The Chinese University of Hong Kong
- Department of Applied Social Studies**, City University of Hong Kong
- Sau Po Centre on Ageing**, The University of Hong Kong
- Language: Cantonese, English, Putonghua (simultaneous interpretation will be provided)

- 9:00 am – **Registration**  
9:30 am
- 9:30 am – **Welcoming Remarks**  
9:40 am
- Professor Lap-Chee TSUI (徐立之教授)**, Vice-Chancellor and President, The University of Hong Kong
- Professor LAU Siu-kai (劉兆佳教授)**, Head, Central Policy Unit, The Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region
- 9:50 am – **Opening Remarks**

10:00 am

**Mr Henry TANG Ying-yen** (唐英年先生), Chief Secretary for Administration, Hong Kong Special Administrative Region

10:00 am –  
10:25 am

**Keynote Speech (1)**

*Filial Piety in Contemporary East Asia* (tentative title)

**Professor Charlotte IKELS**, Professor of Anthropology, Department of Anthropology, Case Western Reserve University, United States

10:25 am –  
10:50 am

**Keynote Speech (2)**

*The Family in Chinese Philosophy* (tentative title)

**Professor Julia TAO** (陶黎寶華教授), Chief-of-Staff and Acting Vice-President (Development and External Relations), City University of Hong Kong

10:50 am –  
11:10 am

**Coffee Break**

11:10 am –  
12:40 pm

**Panel Discussion (1)**

*Obligations and Care Across the Generations in Comparative Perspective*

**Panellists**

**Professor Stella QUAH**, Adjunct Professor, Health Services Research Programme, Duke-NUS Graduate Medical School, Singapore

**Professor YANG Shan-hua** (楊善華教授), Professor, Department of Sociology, Peking University, People's Republic of China

**Professor YI Chin-chun** (伊慶春教授), Research Fellow, Institute of Sociology, Academia Sinica, Taiwan

**Moderator**

**Dr Sandra TSANG Kit-man** (曾潔雯博士), Head, Department of Social Work and Social Administration, The University of Hong Kong

12:40 pm –  
2:10 pm

**Lunch Break**

2:10 pm –  
3:40 pm

**Panel Discussion (2)**

*Obligations and Care Across the Generations in Hong Kong*

**Panellists**

**Professor NG Sik-hung** (伍錫洪教授), Chair Professor of Social Psychology, Department of Applied Social Studies, City University of Hong Kong

**Professor TING Kwok-fai** (丁國輝教授), Director, Centre for Chinese Family Studies, Hong Kong Institute of Asia-Pacific Studies, The Chinese University of Hong Kong

**Dr Ernest W. T. CHUI** (徐永德博士), Director, Sao Po Centre on Ageing, The University of Hong Kong

**Dr CHOU Kee-lee** (周基利博士), Associate Professor, Department of Social Work and Social Administration, The University of Hong Kong

**Moderator**

**Professor Alex KWAN Yui-huen** (關銳煊教授), Head and Professor, Department of Applied Social Studies, City University of Hong Kong

3:40 pm –  
4:00 pm

**Coffee Break**

4:00 pm –  
5:30 pm

**Roundtable Discussion**

*Measures in Support of Obligations and Care Across the Generations in Hong Kong*

**Panellists**

**Ms Florence HUI** (許曉暉女士), Under Secretary for Home Affairs, The Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region

**Dr LEONG Che-hung** (梁智鴻醫生), Chairman, Elderly Commission

**Ms Sophia KAO Ching-chi** (高靜芝女士), Chairperson, Women's Commission

**Mr Bunny CHAN Chung-bun** (陳振彬先生), Chairman, Commission on Youth

**Ms Christine FANG** (方敏生女士), Chief Executive, The Hong Kong Council of Social Service

**Professor Alfred C. M. CHAN** (陳章明教授), Chair Professor of Social Gerontology, Department of Sociology and Social Policy, Lingnan University

**Moderator**

**Professor Nelson W. S. CHOW** (周永新教授), Chair Professor, Department of Social Work and Social Administration, The University of Hong Kong

5:30 pm –  
5:45 pm

**Conclusion**

**Professor Nelson W. S. CHOW** (周永新教授), Chair Professor, Department of Social Work and Social Administration, The University of Hong Kong

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