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### **The Women's Foundation Names Fiona Nott CEO, succeeding Su-Mei Thompson who steps down after eight years at TWF**

HONG KONG, August 22, 2017 – The Board of Governors of The Women's Foundation (“TWF”) is pleased to announce that Fiona Nott has been named TWF's new Chief Executive Officer, effective September 11, 2017.

Fiona succeeds Su-Mei Thompson, who announced in April that she will step down from her role next month after eight years with the organisation.

A lawyer by training, Fiona has lived in Hong Kong for nearly 20 years and brings strong executive skills to the organisation having cultivated a career as a senior legal professional and adviser to a number of leading corporations in Hong Kong, including PCCW and AIA, in addition to start ups and non-profit organisations. She is the Co-Founder of Room to Read's Hong Kong Chapter, Deputy Chair of the Australian Chamber of Commerce Hong Kong & Macau and founder of its Women in Business Network, and is a Non-Executive Director of Aesop Hong Kong. In 2015, Fiona won the People's Choice Award for the Advancement of Women in Business at the Austcham-Westpac Australia China Business Awards.

Fiona combines her senior leadership experience with a passion for TWF's mission to serve marginalised women and girls in Hong Kong. Fiona has been active in TWF's community through the years as a member of TWF's Women on Boards Advisory Council and as a mentor in the Mentoring Programme for Women Leaders.

Susan D. Hutchison, TWF Board Chair and Head of Human Resources, Asia Pacific, at KKR, said, “We are very fortunate to have in Fiona a new CEO who has not only excelled in the corporate and NGO spheres, but is already so familiar with TWF's work and partners. On behalf of the entire Board, I would also like to express our gratitude to Su-Mei for her vision and leadership, thanks to which TWF is internationally recognised for the role it plays in advancing gender equality in Hong Kong. We wish her well in new her role as CEO of Media Trust in the UK.”

Fiona Nott said, "I am delighted to join such an outstanding organisation, and one that has already been such a significant part of my life for so many years. I am extremely excited to work with TWF's passionate Board members, TWF Deputy CEO Rita Ching and TWF's staff, partners, donors and volunteers to continue TWF's important mission to provide brighter prospects for women and girls in Hong Kong."

Su-Mei Thompson said, "Having been CEO for the past eight years and with TWF now well-positioned to continue its strong growth, I know this is the right time to make way for a new leader and for me to pursue new career opportunities. I have known Fiona for a number of years and am confident TWF will go from strength to strength with Fiona at the helm."

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## About The Women's Foundation

The Women's Foundation ("TWF") is a Hong Kong registered non-profit organisation dedicated to improving the lives of women and girls in Hong Kong. TWF is focused on challenging gender stereotypes, increasing the number of women in decision-making and leadership roles, and empowering women in poverty through ground-breaking research, innovative and impactful community programmes, and education and advocacy. For more information on TWF, please visit <http://www.twfhk.org>.