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Dear Alana

As the dust settles after last week's rejection by LegCo of the constitutional reform package, at TWF, we hope to see an enhanced focus going forward on incremental changes to the 1,200-member committee that picks the chief executive, giving more people a say in who gets to sit on the committee and changing its structure to make it more representative of Hong Kong society. These changes would not require the approval of the Central Government so this is an opportunity for Hong Kong's different factions to lay aside their differences and work together to forge a less elitist, more democratic structure.

The selection committee is currently far from representative. In 2012, for the last CE selection, the agriculture and fisheries industries which represent only 1 per cent of Hong Kong's economy and even less of its workforce, had 60 seats, far more than the 36 representing the finance industry. In gender terms, by TWF estimates, women made up around 160 of the 1,200 representatives. This is worse than LegCo where women currently hold just two out of 35 of the functional constituency seats and there are only eleven women altogether out of 70 members. There is a clear case for reviewing the arrangements for electing members of LegCo in 2016 and specifically, the functional constituencies which entrench the power of certain business sectors and contribute to the under-representation of women. This in itself would amount to a highly symbolic milestone of constitutional reform.

This is important because research from the Inter-Parliamentary Union and other studies show that parliaments and policy making bodies with more women pay greater attention to social welfare, education and environmental issues. Given the significance of these issues to Hong Kong, it is vital that women have a seat at the table when it comes to deciding the leaders and policies that will govern and shape Hong Kong's future.

As always, we would love to hear your thoughts and opinions on these and other issues. Please email me at Su-Mei.Thompson@twfhk.org.

Warmest regards

Su-Mei Thompson
 CEO, The Women's Foundation

CEO BLOG**Snippets from our CEO Blog**

June 23: Congratulations to Metlife on your Inclusion Week!

June 18: Thank you Sing Tao for inviting me to speak at today's Talent Management Summit 2015

June 17: Thank you HKCSS for inviting me to present on the Social Development Goals and their relevance to Hong Kong

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UPCOMING EVENTS**Empowering Women Entrepreneurs Online Series #6: Expanding into Mainland China**

DATE: Tuesday, June 23, 2015

TIME: 7.00 – 8.30 p.m. | Registration & networking starts at 6:30 p.m.

VENUE: CoCoon, 3/F Citicorp Centre, 18 Whitfield Road, Causeway Bay

SPEAKERS:

- Ashley Galina Dudarenok, Managing Director of Alarice International
- Xie Qing, Regional Digital and Social Media Marketing Strategist
- Kim Leitzes, CEO & Founder, ParkLU

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TWF Panel on Return to Work Programmes

DATE: Thursday, July 9, 2015

TIME: 12.00 – 2.00 p.m.

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VENUE: The Exchange Auditorium, The Exchange Exhibition Hall 1/F, One and Two Exchange Square, Central

SPEAKERS:

- Rebecca Brosnan, Managing Director, Head of Asia Commodities, Hong Kong Exchanges and Clearing Ltd
- Stephen Golden, Asia Pacific Head of Global Leadership and Diversity, Goldman Sachs
- James Tuttiett, APAC Manager, FDM Group

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LEADING WOMEN SPEAKER SERIES

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Leading Women Speaker Series: Women in Sustainability

DATE: Tuesday, July 14, 2015

TIME: 12.00 – 2.00 p.m.

VENUE: The Hong Kong Exchanges and Clearing Ltd, Exchange Auditorium, 1/F, One and Two Exchange Square, Central

SPEAKERS:

- Frances Liu, ESG Data Specialist, Bloomberg
- Jeanne Ng, Director, Group Sustainability, CLP Power
- Ellie Pang, Vice President, Policy and Secretariat Services Unit, Listing Department, Hong Kong Exchanges and Clearing Limited
- Hannah Routh, Director, Sustainability and Climate Change Consulting, PricewaterhouseCoopers
- Alexandra Tracy, President, Hoi Ping Ventures

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SECRETS TO SUCCESS SPEAKER SERIES

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Secrets to Success by Sara Yang Bosco, President, Emerson Electric Asia-Pacific

DATE: Tuesday, July 21, 2015

TIME: 12.30 – 2.00 p.m.

VENUE: 8/F, KPMG, Prince's Building, Central

SARA WILL TALK ABOUT:

- Her career journey from a Baker & McKenzie associate to President of Emerson Electric Asia-Pacific
- Tips for balancing a busy career while raising two children
- Managing her external commitments as an AMCHAM Governor and advisor to CEIBS and other academic programmes

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EXTERNAL EVENTS

TWF is delighted to be supporting the following events:

AUGUST 31: [For Lasting Change: Women's Education and Empowerment](#)

AUGUST 3-4: [Global Youth Entrepreneurs Forum 2015](#)

WHAT WE'RE READING

Our top picks for recommended reading and listening on the key trends and breaking stories about women and gender:

- [Study Finds Gender Split on Body Image - Women Think They're fat, Men the Opposite \(SCMP\)](#)
- [Women Joining But Not Leading Boardrooms Globally \(Deloitte\)](#)
- [Gender Diversity Pays Off \(LinkedIn\)](#)
- [Why Should We Care if There are Fewer Women in Tech? \(Women's Agenda\)](#)
- [10 Things Fathers of Daughters Can Do to Advocate For Women \(Huffington Post\)](#)
- [Sexual Harassment: Not Just a Women's Issue \(Huffington Post\)](#)

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