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Dear TWF friends

Happy Mid-Autumn Festival from all of us at The Women's Foundation.

With all the holidays this week, if you find yourself at a loose end and looking for a good read, here are some suggestions from us!

- A new [report](#) from the McKinsey Global Institute on The Power of Parity: How Advancing Women's Equality Can Add \$12 Trillion in Global Growth

- New [research](#) from Harvard Business School showing that Men Want Powerful Jobs More Than Women Do

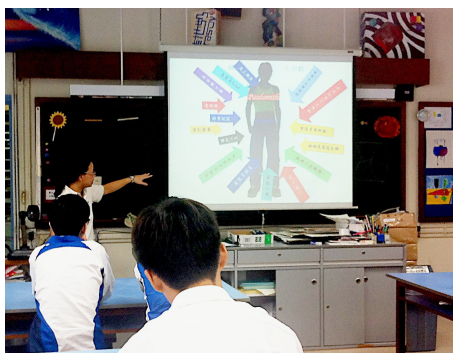
- A new [report](#) on Advancing Gender Lens Investing in Asia by USAID and Criterion Institute

We hope you have been enjoying our week by week top picks for recommended reading on the key trends and breaking stories about women and gender. In turn, if you come across a feature or article that you think is worth sharing, we'd love to hear from you. Please email me at su-mei.thompson@twfhk.org.

P.S. The Early Bird offer for our [2015 Gala Dinner](#) ends this week! To reserve a table or buy a ticket, please contact Stephanie Poon at stephanie.poon@twfhk.org. We are also soliciting prizes for our Silent Auction, Luxury Raffle and Raffle. To donate, please contact [Stephanie](#).

Warm regards

Su-Mei Thompson
CEO, The Women's Foundation

TWF PROGRAMME UPDATES**TWF's Life Skills Programme Launches in 2 More Schools!**

Last week, our Life Skills Programme kicked off in two more schools, United Christian College and Shek Lei Catholic Secondary School. More than 540 F3 and F4 students learned how to build positive relationships through interactive workshops. This year, our Life Skills Programme will run in 7 schools, impacting around 1,700 students. To learn more about TWF's Life Skills Programme, click [here](#).

IN THE COMMUNITY**ADVANCING GENDER LENS INVESTING IN ASIA**

USAID AND CRITERION INSTITUTE REPORT

**Advancing Gender Lens Investing In Asia USAID and Criterion Institute Report**

Last year, Criterion Institute and USAID launched a study into the state of gender lens investing in Asia. The research spanned seven countries and involved hundreds of collaborators and partners. Their report on [Gender Lens Investing in Asia](#), released last week, identifies key initiatives, organisations and individuals who are working to advance inclusive economic growth by strengthening women's economic empowerment and encouraging traditional and non traditional partners to invest more financing and resources in these efforts.

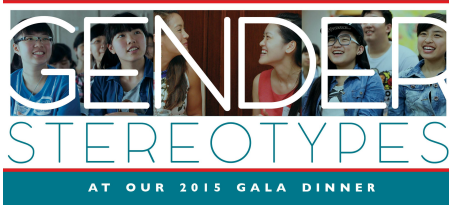
UPCOMING EVENTS

THE WOMEN'S FOUNDATION INVITES YOU TO
CHALLENGE

Gala Dinner 2015

DATE: Thursday, October 29, 2015

TIME: 7.30 – 11.00 p.m.



VENUE: The Conrad Hotel, Pacific Place, 88 Queensway, Admiralty

KEYNOTE SPEAKER: Madeline Di Nonno, CEO of the Geena Davis Institute on Gender in Media

For inquiries regarding sponsorship and table/ticket sales, click [here](#) or contact Stephanie.Poon@twfhk.org

EXTERNAL EVENTS

TWF is delighted to be supporting the following events:

OCTOBER 8: Goldman Sachs [2016 Returnship Program Information Session](#). To register, email [Goldman Sachs Hong Kong Returnship@ Program](mailto:Goldman_Sachs_Hong_Kong_Returnship@Program) with a short summary of your prior experience. **Registration deadline September 30.**

NOVEMBER 6: AMCHAM 12th Annual [Women of Influence Conference and Awards](#)

NOVEMBER 9-12: Hong Kong University of Science and Technology and Smith College [Leadership Program for Women](#)

WHAT WE'RE READING

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

- [Why We Need To Take Street Harassment Seriously](#) (Washington Post)
- [Diary Of An Afghan Teen Rapper](#) (BBC)
- [Gender Equality: Taking Stock Of Where We Are](#) (McKinsey & Company)
- [Men Want Powerful Jobs More Than Women Do](#) (Harvard Business School)
- [Why We Need To Stop Car Crash 'Women In Tech' Panels And Actually Break The Glass Ceiling](#) (The Age)
- [Lucy Turnbull On Why Female-Friendly Cities Are Better For Everyone](#) (The Guardian)

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