

**EVENTS | PROGRAMMES | CEO BLOG**

Dear Stephanie

All of us at TWF have been very saddened by the recent spate of student suicides in Hong Kong. Unfortunately, we know only too well from our TEEN and Life Skills Programmes the pressure that youth in Hong Kong are facing and the lack of support they are receiving from time poor parents and teachers. A lot has been written in the past week about the pressure on students to perform academically. At the same time, with peer to peer interactions now largely occurring over the Internet or their phones on Instagram and the like, young users feel ever increasing pressure to have more likes and followers.

TWF's Life Skills Programme which is now in its fifth year has been promoting resilience and positive psychology for adolescent girls and boys at school in some of HK's poorest districts since its inception. The good news is that we know that programme interventions like ours have a positive and sustainable impact on our student participants, although the gendered differences are interesting and notable. Girls are responding very positively to the programme's encouragement to overcome self-limiting gender biases. Meanwhile, boys are deriving increased self-understanding, a feeling of purpose and a greater sense of responsibility but continue to struggle with engrained gender biases, with all the pressure attached to the traditional mindset of what it means to be male.

All this suggests that much more work needs to be done to help girls and boys to be more resilient and to develop a positive mindset but new approaches are needed particularly when it comes to boys. Having dads be more engaged in their sons' upbringing is probably one answer, as is helping boys to filter the media messages they are imbibing of what it means to be masculine and to understand that it is OK to be a boy and to be vulnerable and show it.

As always, we would love your views on this important topic. Please write to me at [su-mei.thompson@twfhk.org](mailto:su-mei.thompson@twfhk.org).

Warm regards

Su-Mei Thompson  
 CEO, The Women's Foundation

**UPCOMING EVENTS****LEADING WOMEN SPEAKER SERIES****TWF/Bloomberg Leading Female CFOs Panel & Networking Lunch**

TWF and Bloomberg are delighted to present a panel of Leading Female CFOs featuring Susanna Chiu/Li & Fung, Sarah Legg/HSBC, Gabriella Montandon/The Red Flag Group and Nancy Tse/Hospital Authority. We are honoured to have Peter Grauer - Bloomberg Chairman, provide welcome remarks.

**DATE:** Thursday, March 17, 2016

**TIME:** 12.30 - 2.00 p.m.

**VENUE:** Bloomberg Auditorium, 27/F Cheung Kong Centre, 2 Queen's Road, Central

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**SECRETS TO SUCCESS SPEAKER SERIES****Secrets to Success by Rosaline Koo - Founder & CEO, CXA**

TWF is delighted to present the next event in our not-to-be-missed Secrets to Success series featuring outstanding female leaders sharing their first-hand experience, insights and advice from their own leadership journey.

**DATE:** Monday, April 11, 2016

**TIME:** 12.30 - 2.00 p.m.

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

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**TWF PROGRAMME UPDATES****Financial Literacy Workshop for Women Entrepreneurs**

Yesterday, TWF and ANZ held a financial literacy workshop for participants in our



Accelerator Programme for Women Entrepreneurs. Many thanks to Adrian Lai - Managing Director of Cornerstone Management Group (Hong Kong) Limited, for his help in facilitating the session.

## TWF IN THE COMMUNITY



### Women's Commission's IWD Reception

TWF was delighted to attend the Women's Commission's IWD reception with special guests, Chief Executive CY Leung, Mrs Regina Leung, Chief Secretary Carrie Lam, Secretary for Labour and Welfare Matthew Cheung, and Women's Commission Chair Stella Lau.



### WILHK Mentoring Programme Launch

Congratulations to Women in Law Hong Kong (WILHK) on the successful launch of their mentoring programme with a well-attended reception at Stephenson Harwood's offices last Wednesday! The programme is closely modelled on TWF's own Mentoring Programme and we look forward to sharing and learning from WILHK's experiences.



### Macquarie IWD Breakfast

TWF was delighted to celebrate IWD with Macquarie at a breakfast event last Friday. Axel Maier of Macquarie moderated a panel on "How leaders use their skills and networks to drive change". The speakers were Piya Muqit - Director, Justice Centre Hong Kong, Kristen Tiner - Head of Risk, Thomson Reuters and Su-Mei.



### CA ANZ IWD Panel of Business and Community Leaders

Yesterday, Angelina Kwan - TWF Board Vice-Chair, moderated a panel discussion in celebration of IWD co-hosted by National Australia Bank and Chartered Accountants ANZ. Speakers included Gautam Dev - Eastspring Investments, Gritt Richter - Empower, Jessica Tilton - National Australia Bank, and Geoff Wilson - KPMG, who shared their organisational and personal commitments to progressing gender equality.



### Special Screening of She Objects at the Reel Women HK Film Festival

Last Friday, TWF was delighted to support the Reel Women Hong Kong Film Festival with a preview screening of She Objects, followed by a panel discussion at CityU. Moderated by Sonia Wong - the Festival Director, the panelists who comprised Rita Ching - TWF Deputy CEO, Nicola Fan - She Objects Director, and Vera Yuen - Online Cultural Program Host, had a thought-provoking discussion on the media's impact on women and girls' self-esteem and ambition.

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Wednesday,  
March 16, 2016



### Salvatore Ferragamo

TWF is delighted to invite you to a private cocktail and shopping experience at Salvatore Ferragamo. Please join us on Wednesday, March 16 from 6.30 – 8.30 p.m. at G1-3, Mandarin Oriental, Hong Kong. Please RSVP to Jessica Boyle at [Jessica.boyle@twfhk.org](mailto:Jessica.boyle@twfhk.org).



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### TWF MISCHA Pins - On Sale now!

TWF is selling pins, specially designed for TWF by Michelle Lai - MISCHA founder. The beautiful black and gold enamelled pins featuring MISCHA's signature design can be purchased at TWF and partner events for HK\$50.

## EXTERNAL EVENTS

**TWF is delighted to be supporting the following events:**

**APRIL 12:** International Financial Law Review's [Asia Women in Business Law Forum](#)

**APRIL 15:** [Morgan Stanley Sustainable Investing Challenge](#) – a graduate student pitch competition for institutional investment vehicles that target competitive financial returns alongside positive social and/or environmental impact

## WHAT WE'RE READING

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

- [Finally, The Missing Link In Achieving Gender Equality... MEN!](#) (Huffington Post)
- [Shared Parental Leave: The Fathers Bringing Up Baby](#) (Financial Times)
- [We Need To Encourage Girls To Do 'Nerdy' Stuff](#) (SCMP)
- [Progress For Women In Saudi Arabia Has Gone Into Reverse](#) (The Economist)
- [Man Enough? - An Interview With Jackson Katz](#) (Kering)
- [Powerful Video Shows The Damage Of Objectifying Women In Less Than 3 Minutes](#) (Refinery 29)
- [Powerful Video Shows What Happens When We Don't Teach Women's History](#) (Huffington Post)

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