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Message from Mrs. Patricia CHU, Chairperson, CIFA



During the quarter, all are busily engaged in organising the Asian Family Summit (AFS) 2024 which is scheduled to be held in late December at the University of Hong Kong. The AFS is sponsored by the Jockey Club SMART Family-Link Project which is initiated and funded by The Hong Kong Jockey Club Charities Trust. We are grateful for its generous support to allow us to waive the registration fee for all to join the Summit!



We are most honoured and excited to have Mr. Li Junhua, Under Secretary for Economic & Social Affairs, Department of Economic & Social Affairs (DESA) of the United Nations and the Honourable John Lee Ka Chiu, Chief Executive of the HKSAR to be the Guest of Honour at the Opening Ceremony to deliver pre-recorded opening addresses. We are also pleased to have the presence of Mrs. Renata Kaczmarek of the Focal Point on Family of the Division for Inclusive Social Development of DESA to attend the AFS in person to represent the United Nations. You will find more details on AFS in this issue and you are invited to take immediate action to register and submit abstracts for this exciting event!

Another exciting development is that the Hong Kong Anti-Cancer Society (HKACS) has been successful in the bid to co-host the World Cancer Congress 2026 with the Union for International Cancer Control (UICC) in Hong Kong. In preparation for this milestone event, the HKACS delegation has attended the World Cancer Congress 2024 in Geneva to meet key personnel and gained first-hand knowledge on planning the forth-coming large-scale international conference in Hong Kong. It has been a most fruitful and fulfilling experience for me, and has a special meaning to me as this is the third time I visited this beautiful city since my first one in 1983.

The second-round adjudication of the Wofoo 3A Project 2024 has been conducted smoothly with the kind assistance of Dr. Steve Fong of the Hong Kong Shue Yan University to provide venue and support to CIFA. 8 teams have been shortlisted to enter the final round adjudication. We are looking forward to keen competition in the sharing of best practices in services for families in Asia. Let's cheer for all the teams to do their best!

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Keynote speakers of the four megatrends

URBANISATION & MIGRATION

Impact of Urbanisation & Migration on Family

27 Dec (Fri) | 10:00 am – 11:00 am



Prof. Wei-Jun Jean YEUNG

Professor, Department of Paediatrics,
Yong Long Lin School of Medicine,
National University of Singapore & Director (Social Sciences),
Agency of Science, Technology and Research,
Singapore

DEMOGRAPHIC CHANGES

Implications of Demographic Changes on the Family Structure and Intergenerational Relations in Asia and the Pacific

27 Dec (Fri) | 2:00 pm – 3:00 pm



Dr. Srinivas TATA

Director, Social Development Division,
Economic & Social Commission for Asia & the Pacific (ESCAP),
United Nations

CLIMATE CHANGE

Environmental Sustainability in Asian Families: Striving for Clean, Healthy and Carbon-Zero Lifestyle

28 Dec (Sat) | 10:15 am – 11:15 am



Prof. Kin-Chung HO, BBS, JP

Honorary Professor, Department of Geography,
The University of Hong Kong,
Hong Kong SAR

NEW TECHNOLOGIES

Being Good Ancestors: Preparing a Positive Technological Future for the Family

29 Dec (Sun) | 10:15 am – 11:15 am



Prof. Susan WALKER

Associate Professor Emeritus,
Department of Family Social Science, University of Minnesota,
United States

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Family Well-Being Expo
29 December, 2024 (Sunday)

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Workshops & Agency Visits
30 December, 2024 (Monday)



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Wofoo 3A Project 2024

After the Second Round Interview, eight projects have been shortlisted to enter the Final Round Adjudication of Wofoo 3A Project 2024 to be held on 28 December 2024 at the Asian Family Summit 2024 in Hong Kong. The Award Presentation Ceremony will be held at the Gala Dinner on 29 December 2024. The Second Round Results are as follows:

	Region	Name of Organisation	Project Name
1	Hong Kong	TWGHs Ho Yuk Ching Educational Psychology Service Centre (Sha Tin), The Boys' and Girls' Clubs Association of Hong Kong Community and Creative Learning Centre, St. James' Settlement Youth Services	"Strategic Work in Parent Education in Mental Health" Program at Hong Kong Primary Schools: Enhancing Child and Parent Well-being
2	Hong Kong	Heep Hong Society	Project P.S.I Parental Stress Intervention
3	Hong Kong	Grace Port - Caritas Miscarriage Support Centre	Caritas Jockey Club Perinatal Bereavement Care Project
4	Hong Kong	Caritas Jockey Club Project Cedar - Social and Emotional Support Service for Men	HEarSay
5	Hong Kong	Hong Kong Christian Service	Empowering SEN Families - Paradigm Shift from Traditional SEN Rehabilitation Service towards Trans-disciplinary Collaboration
6	Hong Kong	Aberdeen Kai-fong Welfare Association Social Service Centre	The Jockey Club Kinship Support Project
7	Hong Kong	Urban Renewal Authority Wofoo Social Enterprises	Upcycling Project - Transforming Home Spaces through Decluttering and Customized Furniture
8	Singapore	TOUCH Community Services	Project 1,2,3!

Important Dates:

Action	Date
Final Round Adjudication (in Hong Kong)	28 December 2024
Award Presentation Ceremony at the Gala Dinner (in Hong Kong)	29 December 2024

World Cancer Congress 2024

Geneva

World Cancer Congress

Geneva, Switzerland
17-19 Sept 2024

UICC



As the chairman of the Hong Kong Anti-Cancer Society, I have led a delegation of four, including myself, Professor Anne Lee, Vice-Chairman, Ms. Cheryl Fung, Chief Executive Officer and Ms. Lillian Woo, Director of Communication & Resource Development to attend the World Cancer Congress (WCC) 2024 hosted by the Union for International Cancer Control in Geneva (UICC). This trip has a special meaning to me as this is the third time that I visited Geneva after that in 1983 and 1991, bringing back many fond memories of the last visits to Geneva.

Apart from attending the various interesting sessions on latest development on important issues related to cancer control, including for example Global perspectives on implementation of psychosocial care into routine cancer, Cancer care 2.0: AI, real stories, real solutions, Incorporating patient voices into care, and Leveraging Media in the Cancer Prevention and Early Detection Scene etc, delivered by experts from all over the world, we took the opportunity to establish and enhance networking with delegates.

We have set up a booth which is centrally located in the Geneva International Conference Centre with a well-designed and attractive set up where we introduced the WCC 2026 to be held at the Hong Kong Convention & Exhibition Centre from 24-26 September and appealed to them to join the exciting event in Hong Kong. Everyone wanted to take a picture with the Anti-Cancer Hero and presented with a souvenir to acknowledge them as a Hero in Cancer Control.

While having a better idea of how the WCC is organised, we also took the opportunity to meet key personnel of the UICC, including Professor Jeff Dunn (President 2022/24), Professor Ulrika Arehed Kagström (President-elect 2022/24) and Dr. Cary Adams (CEO), and board members and staff to discuss follow up work since we have been successful in making the bid to co-host the WCC 2026 in Hong Kong, with the full support from Mr. John Lee, the Chief Executive of HKSAR and the Hong Kong Tourism Board.





The dialogue was fruitful and we have received a lot of enthusiastic support and useful information and advice from them, filling us with much confidence and good will to organise a successful WCC 2026 to showcase, not only HKACS, HKSAR but the whole of Asia as an important player in the international effort to cope with the challenges brought about by cancer.

We practised the motto of “work hard, play hard”. So we took the opportunity to visit scenic spots including the Palais des Nations, Jet d’Eau de Geneva, Patek Philippe Museum, tasted indigenous Swedish cuisine, and travelling on buses with a free ticket to ride, and even attending a mass in the Basilica Notre Dame. It was a memorable and fulfilling trip and we are not bothered with the long and indirect flight to and from Geneva/Hong Kong!

