

## THE HONG KONG COUNCIL OF SOCIAL SERVICE

### Activity Report 2015 –2016

#### INTERNATIONAL AND REGIONAL AFFAIRS

##### 1. 2015 ICSW North East Asia (NEA) Regional Conference on Long-term Care

ICSW North-East Asia Regional Conference is a biennial regional conference alternatively hosted by the member organizations of International Council on Social Welfare. The HKCSS hosted the 2015 conference during 5-6 November 2015 in Hong Kong. Under the main theme of “Long-term Care”, the conference provided a good platform for experts and practitioners in the region to share experience, policies and best practices on Long-term Care, and to identify the challenges and opportunities involved. Besides the conference, two site visits to local agencies were organized and a conference proceeding was published. Around 120 participants from Korea, Japan, Taiwan, Mainland China, Macau and Hong Kong attended the conference.

##### 2. Rehabilitation International AGM 2015 cum ExCo Meeting

HKCSS hosted the Rehabilitation International AGM 2015 cum ExCo Meeting in September 2015 in Hong Kong. Besides the meetings, we have also organized a conference and other sharing sessions to facilitate the exchange between international and local sector. Around 100 representatives from worldwide and 100 from local sector gathered together and discussed the latest global issues in rehabilitation.

##### 3. Participation in Global Social Economy Forum

HKCSS has collaborated with local governments and civil society organizations to establish the “Global Social Economy Forum” to serve as a hub for sharing and collaboration in global social economy development. Our representatives have participated in the last meeting in November 2015 in Seoul and shared the Hong Kong experience in various sessions.

##### 4. Continuous Efforts in International Exchanges

HKCSS has been promoting active international involvement, and strengthening international linkages. Through organizing overseas events regularly (about 18 events every year), and receiving visitors, HKCSS facilitates our Agency Members to learn from overseas experiences. We help our Agency Members organize individual study tours in different countries as well.

From April 2015 to March 2016, HKCSS have received over 40 delegations from USA, Australia, Singapore, Korea and China. These exchanges will continue to be a core element of the work in the HKCSS.

5. Adoption of Information Technology in Social Services

HKCSS is a partner to the TechSoupGlobal (TSG) network responsible for, amongst other things, operating the software donation program for non-profits in Hong Kong and Macau. Through its subsidiary the Information Technology Resource Centre, the HKCSS has taken an active role as founding board member of TechSoupAsia(TSA) which offers a range of supportive technology related services/activities to NGOs in all Asian countries. The total volume of software donation in Asia from May 2015 to April 2016 was around USD 2.75M. HKCSS also participated in several international and regional meetings around this area.

6. Scholarship and Grant for Overseas Study

To nurture future leaders and enhance governance of welfare NGOs in Hong Kong, the TUYF Charitable Trust provides scholarship and grant which supports individuals who wish to pursue a profession in NGO governance or related areas overseas. The award may include tuition fees, field placement expenses, accommodation, living expenses and travel costs. HKCSS serves as a secretariat to assist the Scholarship and Grant application. There were five recipients of the scholarship and grant in 2015-2016.

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