

**URGENT
Gender Research Programme**

THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG

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Response to NGO's submissions to the Legco Home Affairs Panels
concerning the Initial Report to the Hong Kong
Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) under the Convention on the
Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW)

We read with interest the captioned document, and wish to bring to your attention the following information regarding gender-related policy, research, and study programmes at the Chinese University of Hong Kong, for inclusion in the Panel's discussion of the document scheduled on Monday March 8, 1999:

1) Sexual Harassment Policy

The CUHK has set up a Sexual Harassment Committee and drafted a Sexual Harassment Policy, aiming to promote awareness and public education of gender equity on the campus. The Policy also stipulates procedures for mediation and investigation of several harassment complaints.

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The Programme was established in 1985. It promotes interdisciplinary research and knowledge dissemination on gender roles and activities in Hong Kong. It has provided research support for teaching and policy decision, initiated dialogue with the public in promoting gender equality and women's development. Activities of the Programme include a Bi-annual newsletter, Annual Gender Role Workshop, international conference, academic publications and training programmes on sexual harassment policies. Programme members have been very active in conducting research and publishing on gender and women in Hong Kong, as well as showing concern in social issues related to women such as the CEDAW.

3) Gender Studies Programme

The Chinese University of Hong Kong established the Gender Studies Programme in 1997. It is a multi-disciplinary programme, the first of its kind in Hong Kong, which provides students with a systematic understanding of gender as an important principle of social organization. The undergraduate minor programme was started in 1997-98 and includes a programme of 18 courses from various disciplines. In 1998-99, the M.Phil. Programme began, providing training for postgraduate students who conduct thesis research on gender-related topics.

We hope you find this information useful and would be happy to answer any questions which you may have on the above.
Thank you for your attention.