

15/10/2009 The Women's Foundation announces winners for the Leadership Awards 2009

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The Women's Foundation, one of the leading NGOs focused on women and girls in Hong Kong, today announced the winners of The Women's Foundation's Leadership Awards 2009. The TWF Leadership Awards were created to recognise the efforts of outstanding individuals who have had a positive effect on the lives of women and girls in Hong Kong. The unique range of awards celebrate otherwise unsung heroes and heroines who have made a significant impact in TWF's three key focus areas: combating gender stereotyping, promoting female leaders and empowering low-income women to achieve a better quality of life for themselves and their families. TWF's annual Leadership Awards honour female leaders in the fields of politics, philanthropy, academia, research and student life who have made a significant contribution to improving the position of women and girls in Hong Kong. The winners of this year's Awards are as follows:

Political Leader Award - Emily Lau Wai-Hing, Vice-Chairperson of the Democratic Party

Philanthropy Leader Award - Anne Marden, Founder of the Marden Foundation.

Social Change Leader Award - Liu Ngan Fung, Founder and Chairperson of the Hong Kong Association of the Survivors of Women Abuse.

Research Leader Award - Dr. Anita Chan, Associate Professor, Hong Kong Institute of Education.

Student Leader Award - Joely Wu, F.7 Student, Homantin Government Secondary School

Estella Huang Lung, Chair of The Women's Foundation, said "The women celebrated in this year's Leadership Awards are all outstanding leaders in their fields. It is with great pleasure that The Women's Foundation is able to highlight and reward their achievements."

The nomination process for the Leadership Awards was two-fold, including a call for nominations from the public and private sector. Award winners were selected by a selection committee, comprising a diverse group of senior representatives drawn from the private sector, academia, local NGOs and the TWF Board, considered the nominees. The committee used a point system to assess nominees, based on a range of factors including the nature and scope of their work, the relevance of their work to TWF's key focus areas, the extent of their involvement in women and girls' causes and the subsequent social impact generated.