

Dear Stephanie

As many of you will know from last week's announcement, I will be leaving The Women's Foundation this September. Having been CEO of TWF for the past eight years and with TWF now well-positioned to continue its strong growth, I believe this is the right time to make way for a new leader and for me to pursue new career opportunities.

It has been wonderful to receive so many congratulatory notes remarking on how far TWF has come in the last 8 years. Thank you!

Of course, we couldn't have achieved what we have without the extraordinary support from our corporate sponsors, NGO partners, academic collaborators and passionate individual volunteers. We couldn't have come so far without the TWF team and board's ambition and common aspiration for excellence, or without the fiercely passionate and exceptionally talented Rita Ching as our Deputy CEO. And the principles of Research, Collaborate, Change laid down by our founders Pam Smith and Alicia Kershaw have also been a critical part of our success. As an organisation, we make it a point to read and assimilate the latest research, to acknowledge the views of others, to pursue multi-stakeholder collaboration since we know this leads a higher level of problem solving and more effective solutions, and to be rigorous, timely and transparent about impact evaluation, both because it is how we end up doing things right and also because it is the right thing to do. These were the principles that were established by Pam and Alicia and in the same way that they informed my priorities and values in running TWF for the last 8 years, I am sure that going forward, the organisation will continue to reinforce their legacy.

I know that because TWF is such a special, stimulating and supportive place to work and given our impact, reach and reputation, there will be no shortage of excellent candidates to take my place. The TWF Board have already started the process to recruit a new CEO with the help of Russell Reynolds Associates. If you know of anyone who might be interested in the role, please ask them to contact Erin Wong or May Jok at Russell Reynolds Associates, Room 1801, 18th floor, Alexandra House, 18, Chater Road, Central, Hong Kong or by email to twf@russellreynolds.com before May 22, 2017.

I am not leaving TWF until September and in the meantime, it will be business as usual! As some of you know, in September, I will embark on a new challenge as CEO of Media Trust, a UK-based NGO that leverages the talent and resources of the media industry to empower charities and marginalised communities to have a voice. I am sad to be leaving TWF of course but also excited about the new challenges ahead.

My heartfelt gratitude goes to all of the exceptional individuals, men and women, with whom I have had the privilege and pleasure to work over the last 8 years. I hope that our friendships will endure even after my departure from TWF. Thank you again for your involvement in TWF and we hope we can continue to count on your support going forward through the CEO transition and beyond.

Warm regards

Su-Mei Thompson
 CEO, The Women's Foundation

TWF PROGRAMME UPDATES



TEEN Alumni Update

A number of our TEEN Alumni enjoyed a performance of "Melodia" last Friday, thanks to the generous sponsorship of Just the Ticket. Last Saturday, the TEEN Alumni Committee also organised a well attended soap and lip balm making workshop for Alumni.



Life Skills Programme Update

Last Thursday, 141 F3 girls from Holy Trinity College enjoyed a financial literacy workshop as part of our Life Skills Programme. Through our life simulation card game, the students strengthened their saving strategies to be money-smart.



Financial Literacy Programme for Primary Students

Last week, TWF conducted our first IEC-commissioned student workshop for 105 P.3 students at Farm Road Government Primary School. With help from the 30 P.5 student ambassadors we had trained earlier, the P.3 students learned key financial concepts and the importance of saving.



Girls Go Tech Programme Update

Last Friday, our GGT participants from Pope Paul VI College visited Telstra's Satellite Station in Stanley. The girls learned about career opportunities in the tech industry, how telecommunications works and how satellite stations run. Many thanks to our enthusiastic Telstra volunteers.



Mentoring Programme Update

On Saturday, our mentors and proteges spent the morning at Cathay City where they enjoyed a behind-the-scenes tour, a workshop on dealing with challenging people and difficult situations and a 'coaching on the coach' session! Thank you to Fraser Murray for facilitating and to Cathay for hosting a fabulous event.

TWF IN THE NEWS



TWF Seeks New CEO

Click [here](#) to read the SCMP's feature on Su-Mei Thompson stepping down as TWF's CEO in September after eight years in the role.



Congratulations to Natalie Ngai, TWF's 2015-2016 Cambridge Scholarship Recipient

Check out [Yahoo HK's feature](#) on Natalie Ngai Tsz Lam, TWF's 2015-2016 Cambridge scholarship recipient, on her inspirational personal story and professional goals after graduating from Cambridge with an MPhil in Gender Studies.

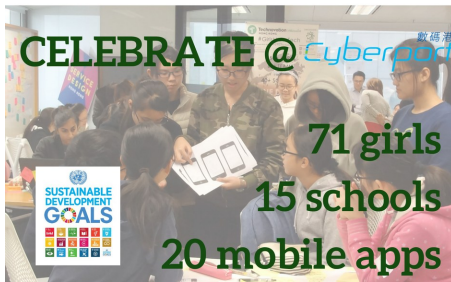
雖然在單親家庭長大，但Natalie不靠政府的資助，反而努力尋找獎學金，期望可以對弱勢社群作出更多貢獻。

IN THE COMMUNITY



Asia Women in Business Law

TWF was delighted to support last Thursday's Asia Women in Business Law forum. TWF Board Vice-Chair, Angelina Kwan, joined fellow panellists to discuss the representation of women on boards and in senior management.



TechnovationHK: #GirlsMakeTech Pitch Finals

Join TWF in supporting the [TechnovationHK: #GirlsMakeTech](#) pitch finals at Cyberport this Sunday, May 7. The event celebrates the 290+ Hong Kong girls from 40+ schools and 100+ mentors who participated in the global challenge which fosters technology and entrepreneurship especially for girls. This competition, augmented by workshops and company visits, was organised for the first time in Hong Kong by Young Makers & ChangeMakers. Click [here](#) for more information.

[Register Here to Join](#)

FUNDRAISERS FOR TWF!



Join the FACE Charity Walk in aid of TWF's Girls Go Tech Programme!

Bring your mother and your kids for a fun-filled Mother's Day morning with TWF! TWF is delighted to have been selected as the beneficiary of FACE Club and HK Computer Society's [Charity Walk and Family Carnival](#) celebrating the 2 year anniversary of FACE Club. Support TWF's Girls Go Tech Programme and organise a team of friends or family members to join us on Sunday, May 14 for this 2km walk and family fun carnival in Cyberport! Register [here](#) or email

Sarah.AbbottLadner@twfhk.org for more information about corporate sponsorship opportunities.

AWETHENTIC + GALLERY +

Celebrate HK Women with TWF at Awethentic Gallery!

Join TWF and Awethentic Gallery for a special night celebrating the amazing women of HK. Get the chance to view stunning works by Sean Lee-Davies and other amazing artists. A percentage of the proceeds from the event will support TWF's community programmes for women and girls in HK. We hope to see you there! *Drinks will be provided.*

DATE: Thursday, May 11, 2017

TIME: 6.30 - 9.00 p.m.

VENUE: Awethentic Gallery, Shop G28, Central Building, Central

Register by emailing

Sarah.AbbottLadner@twfhk.org by Friday, May 5. Spots are limited so book yours soon!

WHAT WE'RE READING

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

- [Can Grade-Skipping Close The STEM Gender Gap?](#) (The Atlantic)
- [How The Female Mind Can Bring Innovation To Established Industries](#) (Forbes)
- [Why Understanding Gender Is An Essential Part Of A Business Education](#) (Huffington Post)
- [In A Push For Equality, IOC Wants To Add Mixed-Gender Events To Olympic Program](#) (Washington Post)
- [How Ingrained Is Sexism In Silicon Valley? Ask The Women Trying To Get Funding](#) (New York Magazine)
- [How Our Words Can Dramatically Change A Young Girl's Life](#) (Refinery 29)

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