


Memorandum

To : Member Agencies and Service Units
Relevant Government Departments
Dept. of Social Work/Social Sciences/Social Administration of
Institutes

From : Chua Hoi-wai 
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Re : **Developing the Local Agenda for Social Work and
Social Development: Reflection Seminar**

Date : 21 December, 2009

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“2010 Joint World Conference on Social Work and Social Development” will be held in Hong Kong from 10-14 June, 2010. Over 2,000 professionals and concerned parties will meet and exchange at the event. Leveraging this international occasion, the Conference Organizing Committee hopes to develop a Local Agenda, to provide a framework and directions for local social work and social development in the next decade.

We invite you to be part of the process of envisioning and shaping the agenda by participating in the **Reflection Seminar of Developing the Local Agenda for Social Work and Social Development** on 30 January, 2010 (Sat). The Seminar primarily aims to engage the sector to establish the Hong Kong Agenda, build consensus on it within the sector, and explore strategies to respond to a complex and ever-changing social environment. Specifically, through this seminar, we hope to:

- Lead a rational discussion on a joint action plan for the next decade in the field;
- Mobilize the sector and community stakeholders to advocate the Local Agenda in the years to come.

We hope that the Local Agenda developed can lead to some actionable initiatives to realize the vision of promoting balanced and sustainable development, and building a

plural, equal, just, and caring Society.

To start the discussion on “Local Agenda for Social Work and Social Development”, 10 preliminary concerned agenda areas were raised by a working group under the Organizing Committee of the Conference. Different organizations are invited to draft the agenda and to conduct group discussion in the captioned seminar. The 10 concerned agenda areas are:

1. Social work education and practice, and continuous professional development
2. Social work professional autonomy and personal commitment
3. Population ageing and societal response
4. Family functioning, disintegration and domestic violence
5. Poverty and social inclusion
6. Holistic development of Children and youth and accumulation of human capital
7. User participation and response of the profession
8. Financing and development of social welfare system
9. Mental health and services
10. Building a social protection system

We look forward to you and your colleagues' active participation in the Seminar as well as the process of developing the Local Agenda. Enclosed please find the Programme Rundown for your reference. To enroll for the seminar, please submit your application form at http://www.swsd2010.org/en/reflection_seminar_app_form.html **on or before 20 January, 2010**. Should you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact our Programme Executive, Ms. Maggie CHUM at 2864 2997 or info@swsd2010.org.

For the most updated information about the **2010 Joint World Conference**, please visit www.swsd2010.org. Thank you for your attention.

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