

MOMENTUM

IWD 2013 30TH MARCH 2013 GRAND BALLROOM, MANDARIN ORCHARD HOTEL

Our Guest of Honour, and Patron of SCWO, Mrs Mary Tan, Our Special Guests, Speaker of Parliament Mdm Halimah Yacob, Minister, Prime Minister's Office, Second Minister for the Environment and Water Resources and Second Minister for Foreign Affairs Ms Grace Fu, Acting Minister, MSF & Senior Minister of State, MINDEF Mr Chan Chun Sing, Ambassadors, High Commissioners, Members of Parliament, Presidents and fellow members of the SCWO federation, all our distinguished guests, sponsors, donors and supporters. It is with the greatest pleasure that I welcome all of you here tonight. SCWO is honoured by your presence, and your support.

The dance performance you have just seen by the Singapore Dance Theatre is a brilliant work titled Momentum, choreographed by Singapore's best known choreographer, Goh Choo San. What better way to embody the theme for IWD 2013, which is Momentum! In this work we see the mass of energy of the group, and then the exquisite balance of strength and grace from a pair of dancers. In our Momentum of women moving ahead, arising, we want to achieve this with the harmony and balance that this work portrays. We should not, cannot let the momentum of women's development stall, and especially, the momentum for women in leadership positions, to play their part at the helm of the economy and in politics. We see your engagement in this as a process that can only bring benefits to the combined strength of our nation, in this increasingly competitive global landscape.

My sincere thanks to the SCWO Board and the dedicated staff of the SCWO secretariat for the many IWD events that have taken place this March including this evening and throughout the rest of the year.

To our volunteers and members of Committees, thank you, and please keep up the momentum!

LAURA HWANG

PRESIDENT, SCWO