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SCWO Celebrates International Women's Day 2013

"Gaining Momentum"

SCWO-NUS Challenge Shield 2013

18 March 2013 SCWO and the National University of Singapore (NUS) Debate Team are proud to convene the SCWO-NUS Challenge Shield on Sat and Sun, 23rd & 24th March 2013, from 8am. This tournament is renowned as one of the most challenging and prestigious tournaments in the local debate calendar, and this year's tournament promises to be one of the biggest and best editions.

This annual tournament will not only involve the top Secondary school, Junior College, Polytechnic and University debate teams in Singapore, but also the best debate teams in the region. In addition to gathering the best debaters, the conveners will also be inviting the best adjudicators from the region to guarantee top-notch adjudication for the high quality debates that the tournament promises to provide.

This year's debate with NUS will see a special focus on women's rights and on issues facing women in the modern age. It is our belief that debate is the perfect conduit to examine these issues and to expose students to the realities facing women in the world today. It is our hope that having these issues unpacked and explored by the best and brightest minds in the region will not only enlighten and enrich all who are involved, but that everyone will be inspired and be moved to meaningful action.

Date: Sunday, 24th March 2013

Venue: National University of Singapore
Stephen Riady Centre, Auditorium 2
2 College Avenue West, (S) 138607

Program for the Finals on Sunday, 23th March 2013

1530	VIPS and Invited Guests Arrive Tea Reception
1630	Secondary School Finals
1730	Break
1745	Open Category Finals
1845	Closing Address
1900	Prize Giving

IWD 2013

This International Women's Day, the SCWO, as the national co-ordinating council of 57 women's organizations, is celebrating in several ways:

1. Friday, 8th March 2013 - A symposium on "Transitions – Life, Career & Talent", in collaboration with MDIS.
2. Saturday, 9th March 2013 - A symposium held on "Free to Be – What's Next", in collaboration with Halogen Foundation to celebrate *National Young Leaders Day – Women's Edition*. Ms Indranee Rajah, Senior Minister of State and Ministry of Law and Ministry of Education, graced the event as Guest of Honor.
3. Wednesday, 27th March 2013 - A dialogue with Goldman Sachs
4. Saturday, 30th March 2013 - A fundraising celebration dinner will be held at the Mandarin Orchard Hotel. Mrs Mary Tan, wife of President Tony Tan, will grace the event as our Guest of Honor.

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About SCWO

The Singapore Council of Women's Organisations is the National Coordinating body of women's organisations in Singapore. Our 57 Member Organisations represent more than 600,000 women in Singapore.

Incorporated in March 1980, the SCWO serves to unite the various women's organisations, clubs, committees, groups and women leaders together, working in accordance with its various aims and objectives. The SCWO also serves to coordinate these associations into a national movement and to act on their behalf in matters for which it is authorised by its members.

The SCWO is represented on various Government and inter-ministry committees where we contribute our views in the areas of family, women, and on children's issues. We are involved in government Feedback Sessions and other discussions on issues and policies

Our Services

Star Shelter—It is the only secular crisis shelter in Singapore, and is a safe temporary refuge for women and their children seeking refuge from a life of family violence. It is a place where they learn to re-build their lives, be independent, and prepare for a future free of violence.

Maintenance Support Central – The one-stop drop-in Centre that provides support and assistance for claimants who have difficulty recovering court ordered maintenance from their spouse.

Legal Clinics – Experienced lawyers from the Singapore Association of Women Lawyers (SAWL), and other volunteer lawyers are available twice a month to assist women without the means of basic legal advice and information. With the assistance and support of the Law Society of Singapore's Muslim Law Practice Committee, Muslim Law Legal Clinic is available at SCWO for Muslims seeking legal advice specifically on matters pertaining to the Syariah Law.

IT Hub— A Training Centre run by volunteers for women and their family members to become IT connected and updated.

New2U Thrift Shop—Sells pre-loved apparel, shoes, accessories and household items, with proceeds going to Star Shelter.

Function Rooms—The Bonny Hicks Education and Training Centre consists of six rooms ranging from 9 sqm to 88 sqm, equipped for training, seminars and meetings, available for rentals to member organisations and the public.

The Library— The Library is named after the late Justice F.A. Chua. It is an archival library for all women's organisations -local and international.

The Café – The café @ SCWO offers a range of tantalizing food, desserts and coffee.

Our Initiatives

WR—Women's Register is a platform for on-line Mentoring, Networking, Education and Inspiration, and reaches out to women and girls, from eighteen year and beyond.

BoardAgender – Provides a forum in Singapore to create greater awareness and understanding of the benefits of gender balanced business, and to facilitate the advancement of more women into senior leadership roles and onto boards.

Wall of Fame – In 2005, SCWO launched the Wall of Fame to honour the significant contributions of pioneering women activists who have helped shape the landscape of female advancement in Singapore.

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