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Media are welcome to cover this visit

SCWO welcomes Mrs Mary Tan, wife of President Tony Tan for her first visit to SCWO

The Singapore Council of Women's Organisations' (SCWO) Chief Patron, Mrs Mary Tan will be visiting SCWO, and will be meeting the newly elected 17th Executive Board Members for a greater understanding of the services that SCWO and its volunteer board provides for women in Singapore. The Board members are each representative of the many different organisations, and include representatives from legal, medical and health, financial, educational, corporate and social sectors.

Also present at this visit will be Minister of State, Ministry of Community Development, Youth and Sports, Mdm Halimah Yacob. The Office for Women's Development is the main channel for SCWO's interaction with the Ministry.

Mrs Tan will be learning more about the work done by SCWO, and seeing it first-hand. The visit will include a tour of **Maintenance Support Central**; M.S. Central, set up in late 2011, is a One-Stop Drop-In Centre that provides support and assistance for claimants who have difficulty recovering court-ordered maintenance from their spouse, and information on the **Star Shelter**, the only secular crisis shelter in Singapore, for women and their children seeking refuge from a life of family violence.

Details of Visit:

Date: 04 September 2012

Time: 1600hrs

Address: SCWO Centre, 96 Waterloo Street, Singapore 187967

For more information, to confirm attendance or arrange interviews please contact, Ms Selina Gan, email: selina@scwo.org.sg

About SCWO

The Singapore Council of Women's Organisations is the National Coordinating body of women's organisations in Singapore. Our 54 Member Organisations represent more than 500,000 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) are available twice a month to give basic legal advice and information to assist women unable to afford private legal service.

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 young women in Singapore 18 years old and above, to support them with mentors, provide internship opportunities, enhance community involvement and advice on building networks of their own.

BoardAgender – aims to provide a forum in Singapore to facilitate a greater awareness and understanding of the benefits of gender balanced business, and for the advancement of more women into senior leadership roles and boardrooms of public and private corporations.

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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