

Dear Friends and Colleagues,

Dr Ela Bhatt, the founder of the Self Employed Women's Association (SEWA), will accept an Honorary Doctorate from the Hong Kong Institute of Education on 19 November 2010. Her representative, **Ms Namrata Bali**, will accept it on her behalf and has kindly agreed to give a talk to those interested in its work. Ms Bali has been the Director of the SEWA Academy for 20 years, the main training centre of SEWA in training, research and communications. She is also the Managing Trustee of the Indian Academy for Self Employed Women.

You are cordially invited to meet with Ms Bali who will share with us the work and philosophy of SEWA, how SEWA enabled women in poverty, and the innovative projects implemented in the SEWA Academy.

Sharing Session of the Self Employed Women's Association (SEWA), India

Jointly organized by

The Hong Kong Federation of Women's Centres

and

Centre for Governance and Citizenship, The Hong Kong Institute of Education

Date : 20 November 2010 (Saturday)

Time : 2:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Venue : Lai Kok Centre, The Hong Kong Federation of Women's Centres

**Address : Units 305-309, Lai Lan House, Lai Kok Estate, Cheung Sha Wan, Kowloon
(near Cheung Sha Wan MTR Exit A)**

Seats Reservation: Please fill in the enclosed registration form and return to the Hong Kong Federation of Women's Centres via email to admsec@womencentre.org.hk, or via fax to 2728-0617.

Background of SEWA:

Founded in 1972, SEWA is an organization of poor, self-employed women workers who earn a living through their own labour or small businesses. Constituting 93% of the labour force, these are workers of the unorganized sector. Of the female labour force in India, more than 94% are in the unorganized sector. However their work is not counted and hence remains invisible. SEWA's main goals are to organize women workers for full employment and self reliance through the strategy of struggle and development. The struggle is against the many constraints and limitations imposed on them by society and the economy, while development activities strengthen women's bargaining power and offer them new alternatives.

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on Saturday, 20 November 2010 at 2:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

() I / We* would like to attend the Sharing Session.

(* Please supplement the list of participants if more than one person coming.)

Name : _____

Title : Mr. /Ms. / Dr. / Prof. / Others* (Please specify) : _____

Organization : _____

Position : _____

Contact Tel. No. : _____ E-mail : _____

R.S.V.P. before 12th November 2010 via email: admsec@womencentre.org.hk or fax: 2728-0617.

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