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Here comes further sharing from Ah Chung:



亦柔亦剛  
可圓可方  
修心若水  
領我前航

能靜能動能應變能包容.....  
水做得到。

To learn life's lesson from water:  
It's tender and it is forceful, it is round and angular.

To be still, to be mobile, to be versatile, to be embracing – water does it

萬物有情皆可愛  
不怕旁人笑我癡

隨大隊走有安全感，  
但有時還是自己走好玩。

Compassion makes everything adorable.  
Am I silly, who cares?

It may feel safe to follow the crowd; but  
it's more fun to go my own way.



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## What You Need to Know about CIFA

### 1. Radio interview on RTHK channel 2 “甜心家族” on 13 February, 2012

With the assistance of the Secretariat of the Family Council, Mrs. Patricia Chu, Chairperson of CIFA, Ms. Agnes Ng, Convenor of the 3A Working Group, Ms. Lo and Ms. Cheung from Hong Kong Family Welfare Society (Gold Award Winner of 3A Project 2010) joined the program “甜心家族”, hosted by 王書麒, 程潔瑩, 何嘉露 on RTHK channel 2 on 13<sup>th</sup> February, 2012 to promote CIFA's work, the 3A Project 2012, as well as sharing of the award winning project of Family Oasis with the public.

For further information and the program replay, please go to:

<http://programme.rthk.hk/channel/radio/programme.php?p=3977&e=168729&d=2012-02-13&m=episode>

### 2. Membership Renewal for the year 2012 & 2013

The membership renewal exercise is due. Members who have not completed the renewal procedure are reminded to do so in order to extend their membership for the year 2012 & 2013 by returning the completed membership renewal form with cheque payable to “**Consortium of Institutes on Family in the Asian Region Limited**” to 6/F, Tsan Yuk Hospital, 30 Hospital Road, Sai Ying Pun, Hong Kong **as soon as possible**.

To facilitate future reference, e.g. getting reduced registration fee for the Symposium and other CIFA activities, a **Membership Number** will be assigned to FMs and AMs. The membership certificate will be forwarded to members via email once payment of membership fee is received.

Other interested individuals and organizations are also welcome to join the CIFA family. The fee for Full Member and Associate Member is respectively HK \$2400 and HK \$240 (or US \$300 and US \$30) for 2 years.

Being an Associate Member or Full Member organization of CIFA, you will enjoy the exclusive benefit including **reduced registration fee for the 3rd CIFA Regional Symposium** (up to a maximum of 10 staff from each Full Member organization), and professional exchange activities organized by CIFA.

[Click here](#) for the Membership Renewal Form for the year 2012 & 2013.

[Click here](#) for the Application form for CIFA membership.

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### 3. Asian Award for Advancing Family Well-being 2012 (3A Project 2012)

The deadline for submission of the initial entry for the 3A Project 2012 falls on 24<sup>th</sup> February, 2012. If your service group/organization/academic institute/company have a good project in advancing family well-being, do not hesitate to join the 3A Project 2012 and share your experience with the rest of the region.

Simply complete the application form and forward it to the CIFA Secretariat at [info@cifa-net.org](mailto:info@cifa-net.org) or via mail. Please also help to spread the message among your associates.

Please [click here](#) for more information.

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### 4. 3rd Regional Symposium at National University of Singapore (11-13<sup>th</sup> December, 2012)

Preparation work for the Symposium is in progress, with the Scientific Committee finalizing on the sub-themes and program, updating on website on latest development etc. Please mark your diary and join this exciting event.



#### The 3<sup>rd</sup> Regional Symposium Asian Families: Innovations in Practice and Policies

11<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup> December 2012

National University of Singapore Shaw Foundation Alumni House

<http://www.cifasymposium2012.org>

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## 3<sup>rd</sup> CIFA Regional Symposium

Date: 11<sup>th</sup> - 13<sup>th</sup> December 2012

Venue: National University of Singapore (NUS)

Theme: Asian Families: Innovations in Practice and Policies

For more details, please look at: <http://www.cifasymposium2012.org>

## 5. Revamping of the CIFA newsletter

The newly formed editorial group is in the process of exploring ways to improve the CIFA newsletter with the view to present a proposal to the CIFA Council at its meeting on 9<sup>th</sup> March. The group would like to receive YOUR views, ideas and suggestions for improvement of the newsletter.

Please feel free to send your thoughts to the CIFA secretariat at [info@cifa-net.org](mailto:info@cifa-net.org).

### CIFA Members Share:

*If you have recently attended a conference/workshop and would like to share your experience, or would like to share any news about your work that may be of interest to the community, please e-mail to: the secretariat of CIFA, [info@cifa-net.org](mailto:info@cifa-net.org)*