

Consortium of Institutes on Family in the Asian Region (CIFA)

Chairperson's Report (1 January 2024 to 31 December 2024)

Introduction

It is my honour to present this Chairperson's Report for 2024, a year that marked both significant achievements and important milestones for the Consortium of Institutes on Family in the Asian Region (CIFA). Guided by our vision of strengthening family functioning and promote family health across Asia, we have continued to expand our influence, deepen collaborations, and amplify our impact at regional and international levels.

In 2024, CIFA embarked on a new chapter of leadership in Asian family well-being, serving as a vital bridge between the voices of our counterparts in Asia and the United Nations. This milestone brought not only recognition but also opened new opportunities for collaboration, joint projects, and regional campaigns that empower families and enhance our collective impact. With our extensive experience and expertise, CIFA is well-prepared to navigate this new era and to make a meaningful difference in shaping policies, practices, and initiatives that support families in diverse contexts.

Throughout the year, our initiatives reflected this commitment. The Asian Family Summit 2024 gathered over 700 participants from 17 countries and regions, while the Wofoo 3A Project continued to highlight innovation and excellence in practice in family services. The Charity Concert for Family Well-Being raised significant funds and uplifted spirits, and the Family We-time Campaign together with the commemorative publication "Towards a Better Tomorrow for Families" celebrated the 30th Anniversary of the International Year of the Family (IYF+30). Notably, CIFA's representation at the United Nations Expert Group Meeting on Families and Climate Change underscored our growing recognition on the global stage. These achievements were made possible through the dedication of our Council, committees, members, and partners, all united in advancing family well-being.

Corporate Governance

The Council

Through the collaborative efforts and dedication of the Council and committee members, we continued to strive for the common goal of enhancing family well-being with increasing recognition.

We are deeply grateful to Ms. Elsie Leung and Mr. Edwin Chiu, who have continued their roles as Honorary Advisor and Honorary Auditor respectively, offering invaluable guidance and timely support on numerous important matters. Over the past year, Ms. May Tsui stepped down as Honorary Legal Advisor, and we warmly welcome Ms. Noeline Lau, who has

graciously accepted our appointment as her successor. We sincerely appreciate their unwavering support and active involvement whenever their professional expertise is needed.

With high team spirit and close collaboration, the Council and various committees had been busily engaged in the various aspects of work of CIFA, with the support from the Secretariat. This involved a lot of coordination with concerned parties, including funding bodies, member organisations, collaborators in specific projects etc. In the spirit of accountability and transparency, reports to funders and information on events and announcement of upcoming activities had been included in CIFA-NET, the quarterly newsletter, and uploaded onto the CIFA website for information. All these were made possible due to good will and understanding in achieving a common goal to strive for improvement and excellence.

Financial Management

We are thankful to our supporters who continued to sponsor our activities. These include the Wofoo Social Enterprises (WSE), the Title sponsor of the Asian Award For Advancing Family Well-Being (3A Project) since this regional initiative was launched in 2010. We are also thankful to the Family Council for the provision of funds and to co-organise the Exchange Programs on Wofoo 3A Project throughout the years. With their generous support, we have been able to provide opportunities for sharing of knowledge, experience and good practice. Through close dialogue with concerned parties and monitoring by the 3A Committee, the funding bodies are satisfied with the deliverables and the financial management of the various activities under the Wofoo 3A Project umbrella.

This year, we are excited to receive the generous support of the Hong Kong Jockey Club Charities Trust (HKJCCT) with a total funding of HK\$5.93M for the Professional Development Initiative (PDI) on Advancing Family Well-Being for a Sustainable Future under Phase Two of the Jockey Club SMART Family-Link Project.

With prudent financial management and continued support from various quarters, I am pleased to report that we are in a healthy financial position. I wish to express my heartfelt appreciation to Ms. Lam Yee Mui, the Hon. Treasurer to work closely with the Secretariat in overseeing the financial management of CIFA.

We will continue to adopt a prudent approach in financial management as well as complying with the principle of transparency and accountability to gain the recognition and trust from our supporters and members.

Membership

In 2024, Ms. Eliza Lam, the chairman of the Membership Committee also chaired the Hospitality Committee under the Organising Committee of the Asian Family Summit (AFS) 2024. The Committee was effective in preparing and executing all responsibilities, drawing on a diverse pool of expertise from core members, invitees from CIFA, the NGO sector, and the business community, benefitting from broad representation which enhanced collaboration and diversity. All key events—including the welcoming dinner for VIPs, welcoming reception, opening and closing ceremonies, gala dinner, cultural performances, social activity, meal arrangements, coffee breaks, accommodation management, and VIP escorting etc. were successfully organised and managed. Souvenirs were provided to participants and

VIPs, with the committee's coordinated efforts ensuring a seamless and memorable summit experience for every participant.

Beyond hospitality, the Membership Committee also used AFS 2024 as a platform for member recruitment by operating a Membership Booth onsite. Collaboration between the Membership Committee and secretariat enabled efficient distribution of CIFA publicity materials and souvenirs, effectively introducing summit participants to the organisation and advancing outreach initiatives.

Wofoo 3A Project 2024

The 3A Committee under the chairmanship of Dr. Agnes Ng continued to sustain the efforts in the Wofoo 3A Project, with Wofoo Social Enterprise (WSE) as the Title Sponsor. As suggested by WSE, the project introduced a new element, "Abundance and Harmony," which added an additional award to recognise initiatives that best embody these values. An Exchange Program on Wofoo 3A Project 2022 and Launching of Wofoo 3A Project 2024 was organised on 21 February 2024. Award winning teams of Wofoo 3A Project 2022 shared their projects and reported on the progress made thus far to sustain the impact. During the Launching of Wofoo 3A Project 2024, I presented an overview and highlights of the Wofoo 3A Project since 2010 and Agnes announced the details of the competition. The response from participants was very positive, generating fruitful discussions on follow up action to build linkages and sharing of experience.

Throughout the year, the 3A Committee was fully engaged in processing entries for the competition, with a total of 23 submissions, going through the initial screening and second-round interviews, resulting in selecting 8 to enter the final round adjudication at the Asian Family Summit 2024 under the session of "Best Practices Sharing in Asia-Family Well-Being Project 2024. I am thankful to Ms. Virginia Chan, (Hong Kong), Ms. Bawany Chinapan (Malaysia), Professor Yeong-Hee Kim (Korea) and Professor April Shen (Taiwan) for joining me in the Adjudication Panel to go through the second and final round adjudication.

The Family Well-Being Project 2024 provided an excellent platform for eight teams from Hong Kong and Singapore to share their best practices. These projects covered a diverse range of topics, including empowering families with special educational needs (SEN) children, fostering inter-generational relationships and kinship support, providing perinatal bereavement support, transforming home environments, and enhancing child and parent mental well-being. Presentations were dynamic and engaging, featuring real-life scenario role-plays, video case studies, and informative PowerPoint slides. All the finalist teams had put up very impressive presentations to compete for the various awards, and appealing for the vote for My Favourite Project through online pooling. The spirit of Aspiration for Sustainability, Innovation, and Applicability (ASIA) was evident throughout the event, with enthusiastic participation from attendees who voted for their favourite project via Slido.

The Hong Kong Christian Service stood out by receiving both the Gold Award and the Best Collaborative Award for their project, "Empowering SEN Families – Paradigm Shift from Traditional SEN Rehabilitation Service towards Trans-Disciplinary Collaboration." Aberdeen Kai-fong Welfare Association Social Service Centre was honored with the Silver Award and the Best "Harmony & Abundance" Award for "The Jockey Club Kinship Support Project." whereas the Grace Port – Caritas Miscarriage Support Centre received the Bronze Award for

their “Caritas Jockey Club Perinatal Bereavement Care Project.” The collaborative project “Strategic Work in Parent Education in Mental Health Programme at Hong Kong Primary Schools: Enhancing Child and Parent Well-being” by TWGHs Ho Yuk Ching Educational Psychology Service Centre (Sha Tin), The Boys' and Girls' Clubs Association of Hong Kong Community and Creative Learning Centre & St. James' Settlement Youth Services was ultimately voted “My Favourite Project” by the audience.

The awards presentation ceremony was a highlight of the Asian Family Summit 2024, with Mr. Kwok-Ki Chan, Chief Secretary of Hong Kong, delivering a pre-recorded message at the Gala Dinner. It set the scene for the Wofoo 3A Project 2024 to continue to drive excellence in social service innovation, with a strong emphasis on collaboration, sustainability, and family well-being. The recognised projects serve as exemplary models for the sector and offer valuable insights for future initiatives, reinforcing the importance of partnership and creativity in addressing the evolving needs of families and communities.

Publicity and Fund-raising

The Publicity and Fund-raising Committee chaired by Ms. Alice Wan is pleased to share the key initiatives and activities undertaken in the year in enhancing CIFA’s community engagement and public presence while raising funds.

Charity Concert

CIFA was delighted to once again collaborate with the SAR Philharmonic Orchestra in presenting the Charity Concert for Family Well-Being 2024, which took place on 30 March 2024 at the Concert Hall of the Hong Kong City Hall. The concert was themed “Turn A New Page,” a meaningful reflection of society’s recovery from the Covid-19 pandemic and a celebration of renewed strength, resilience, and positive spirit to welcome a new page. Despite the Easter holiday period, which saw many residents traveling abroad, the event drew a strong turnout. The evening provided a joyful and relaxing atmosphere, with the audience treated to outstanding performances by the SAR Philharmonic Orchestra and guest artists Dr. Michelle Tsui, Dr. David Fang, and Mr. Warren Lee, while raising funds for CIFA.

To save trees and printing costs, an E-Program Brochure was produced in place of printed materials. This digital publication included messages from CIFA and the SAR Philharmonic Orchestra, acknowledgements of sponsors and donors, and a special section showcasing artistic works by Mrs. Susan Mak, Mr. Wong Ying Kit, Ven. Chang Lin, and Mr. Yim Yee-King (Ah Chung). It also featured contributions from service recipients of the Hong Kong Anti-Cancer Society, Salvation Army, New Life Psychiatric Rehabilitation Association and Family Network, all of which reinforced the concert’s theme of renewal and resilience. The brochure remains accessible online for the wider community to enjoy.

The concert was not only a cultural highlight but also a fundraising success. With the generous support of sponsors, donors, performers, CIFA members, and many other partners, approximately HK\$250,000 was raised, above the target set for the event.

This memorable evening was made possible through the dedication and collaboration of all involved. CIFA extends its heartfelt gratitude to the SAR Philharmonic Orchestra for their

invitation and outstanding performance, to the guest performers for their artistry, to the sponsors and donors for their generosity, and to the audience for their enthusiastic support.

Celebration of the 30th Anniversary of the International Year of the Family (IYF+30)

Regional Family We-Time Campaign

The “Family We-time” Campaign was initiated, organised and coordinated by CIFA in partnership with like-minded organisations across Asia to commemorate the 30th Anniversary of the International Year of the Family (IYF+30). Centered on the theme “Family daily: Spending quality time together in Clothing, Food & Nutrition, Living & Environment and Travelling & Leisure,” the campaign sought to promote family values and the importance of spending quality time with family members for building family bonds and resilience in the post-pandemic era. Between January and May 2024, families were invited to share photography and colouring works that captured meaningful everyday moments. This initiative drew strong response attracting more than 16,000 visitors and over 5,000 submissions from across the region.

On 15 May 2024, coinciding with the International Day of Families and the IYF+30 celebration, CIFA and the Child Welfare League Foundation hosted the Online Presentation Ceremony. The event opened with my welcoming remarks, and that of Prof. Joyce Feng, Vice-Chairperson of CIFA and Executive Board member of the Child Welfare League Foundation, Taiwan. Guest speakers, including Prof. Tsai Pei-Yuen of NCCU, Ms. Kikuchi Akiko of Douaikai and Aikawa Welfare Association, and Ms. Alice Wan of the Hong Kong Aberdeen Kai-fong Welfare Association, shared perspectives on the importance of family time in their respective communities.

The highlight of the ceremony was the unveiling of a photo collage in the Family We-Time Online Gallery at <https://familywetime.children.org.tw/en/gallery> and the UN’s official website on IYF+30, and presentation of the short video featuring submissions from families across Asia, including Brunei, Cambodia, China, Hong Kong, Indonesia, Japan, Jordan, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, Nepal, the Philippines, Singapore, South Korea, Taiwan, Thailand, Turkey, and Vietnam. The audience of the Ceremony was guided through the collage and short video showing creativity, diversity, and the heart-warming moments captured by the families. Around 50 participants joined the online event, which concluded with a celebratory group photo of officiating guests and attendees.

The campaign proved to be a resounding success, demonstrating the collective commitment of CIFA and its partners to strengthening family bonds and celebrating the joy of spending quality time together with their families. The Campaign’s success was further amplified when the photo-collage and the video were presented by Professor Vivian Lou on my behalf at the United Nations Headquarters in New York as part of the observance of the 2024 International Day of Families and celebration of IYF+30, which enabled the meaningful regional endeavour to reach a global audience. Very positive feedback had been received from Renata Kaczmarek of the Focal Point on the Family, Division for Inclusive Social Development of the Economic and Social Affairs, further strengthening the tie between CIFA and the United Nations, as further described in the following section.

CIFA would like to extend its sincere appreciation to all co-organisers, supporting organisations, guest speakers, sponsors, and participating families, whose contributions made this initiative a meaningful milestone in promoting family resilience and well-being across Asia.

Participation in the UN Expert Group Meeting on Families and Climate Change

CIFA was honoured to be formally represented for the first time at the United Nations, following its recognition as an organisation with Consultative Status by ECOSOC. Upon invitation from the Focal Point on the Family, Professor Vivian Lou participated in the Expert Group Meeting (EGM) on Families and Climate Change, organised by the Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA). This marked a significant milestone for CIFA, providing an invaluable opportunity to strengthen international connections and share insights on family well-being in the context of global challenges.

During the session titled “International Forum on IYF+30 Achievements and Future Directions”, Professor Lou delivered a comprehensive presentation highlighting CIFA’s key initiatives to commemorate the 30th Anniversary of the International Year of the Family (IYF+30). She showcased major thematic activities, including the Expert Group Meeting on Demographic Changes and Ageing of Population in Asia, co-organised with the National University of Singapore, the University of Hong Kong, and the United Nations in late 2023, with its report now published on the UN website. Another highlight was the regional “Family We-time” Campaign, which engaged families from 18 countries and regions across Asia to promote resilience and the importance of spending quality time together. Professor Lou presented a short video and a photo collage adopting the IYF emblem, vividly illustrating the campaign’s impact. She concluded by promoting the Asia Family Summit 2024 to be held in December in Hong Kong.

Her presentation was warmly received and commended by international participants, including representatives from Malaysia, Qatar, the International Federation for Family Development, the Netherlands, the Philippines, and various civil society organisations. This recognition underscored the relevance of CIFA’s work in advancing family well-being and resilience across Asia.

The subsequent sessions of the EGM explored diverse themes linking climate change and family well-being at macro, meso, and micro levels. Discussions covered demographic trends, intergenerational perspectives, migration and urbanisation, the role of new technologies, and the way forward for IYF+30. The meeting highlighted the importance of collaboration among governments, academia, civil society, families, and households in addressing these challenges. Renata Kaczmarek concluded the meeting by emphasising the complexity of climate change’s impact on families and advocating for continued research into ethics, family policies, and evolving definitions of family.

The meeting was a resounding success, amplifying the visibility of CIFA’s initiatives on an international stage and demonstrating the collective efforts of Asian families to strengthen bonds and resilience.

Production of Commemorative Publication on IYF+30

To echo the United Nations' call to celebrate the 30th Anniversary of the International Year of the Family (IYF+30) at local, regional, and international levels, CIFA successfully produced a commemorative publication entitled "Towards a Better Tomorrow for Families". This publication stands as one of the flagship activities of CIFA in 2024, reflecting its commitment to advancing family well-being and resilience across Asia.

The Editorial Group led by the two editors-in-chief, Prof. Joyce Ma and Prof. Kim, with members including Prof. Joyce Feng, Prof. Zhu Mei Hua, Ms. Bawany Chinapan and Ms. Tabitha Ho worked closely with me in meetings to work out the theme, contents, and invitation of contributions for the publication. With approximately HK\$65,000 allocated to cover design, printing, and postage, the publication was well supported financially, ensuring high-quality production and wide distribution.

The publication brings together contributions from expert academics and researchers across different Asian countries and regions, addressing the challenges faced by families in facing the megatrends as highlighted by the United Nations, including demographic changes, urbanisation and migration, climate change, and new technologies. It also features a dedicated section on CIFA's work over the years, and a heartfelt column titled "CIFA & I," where stakeholders, partners, and friends share their experiences and connections with CIFA, adding a personal and human dimension to the book.

The publication was officially published and distributed at the Asian Family Summit (AFS) 2024 in Hong Kong, and further shared with the United Nations, as well as other organisations and individuals at local, regional, and international levels. Its release was met with positive response, serving not only as a scholarly resource but also as a meaningful commemorative piece that celebrates family values and resilience in the post-pandemic era.

This achievement reflects the collective effort of contributors, editors, and supporters, and CIFA extends its sincere appreciation to all involved. The publication has amplified CIFA's voice on the international stage, reinforcing its role as a key advocate for family well-being and leaving a lasting legacy in celebration of IYF+30.

Asian Family Summit 2024

An Organising Committee co-chaired by me and Ms. Melissa Pang, chairman of the Family Council was formed on 28 July, 2023 with representative from co-organisers, namely Social Welfare Department, Connecting Hearts, the Faculty of Social Sciences of The University of Hong Kong, and Hong Kong Council of Social Services, was set up, underpinned by the Scientific Committee, Hospitality Committee, Communication & Public Relations Committee and Family Well-Being Expo Committee. We were thankful to have Mrs. Renata Kaczmarek, Ms. Elsie Leung, Mr. Bernard Chan and Dr. Lam Ching Choi to be our Honorary Advisors.

The Asian Family Summit (AFS) 2024, with the theme "Towards a Better Tomorrow for Families: Partnership, Collaboration & Action for Sustainable Development" was successfully held from 27 to 29 December 2024 at the University of Hong Kong, bringing together over 700 participants from 17 countries/regions, representing government, academia,

NGOs, and professional sectors, hitting a record high in attendance, marking a triumphant conclusion to the regional celebration of the 30th Anniversary of the International Year of the Family (IYF+30).

This landmark event was made possible through the generous support of the Hong Kong Jockey Club Charities Trust (HKJCCT) with funding under the Professional Development Initiative (PDI) on Advancing Family Well-Being for a Sustainable Future of the Phase Two of the Jockey Club SMART Family-Link Project. Notably, HK\$3.6 million had been allocated specifically to support the AFS, enabling its effective execution with the support of OMG, event management company and creating significant impact.

The Summit was honoured by the presence of Mr. John LEE, Chief Executive of HKSAR, and Mr. Junhua LI, UN Under-Secretary-General for Economic & Social Affairs, who delivered Opening Addresses highlighting the importance of family well-being in sustainable development. Their messages, echoed by UN representative, Mrs. Renata Kaczmarek, affirmed CIFA's alignment with global family policy priorities. We were also very thankful for the presence of Mr. LI Yongsheng, the Acting Commissioner of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the People's Republic of China in Hong Kong, and senior government officials from the Home & Youth Affairs Bureau, Housing Bureau and the Labour and Welfare Bureau, clearly indicating government's commitment to collaborate with concerned stakeholders in the various sectors to build a resilient and family friendly society in the midst of challenges brought about by the four megatrends. We are confident that the AFS has laid a foundation for further deliberation on policy formulation and service development to meet the challenges in the spirit of "Towards a Better Tomorrow for Families: Partnership, Collaboration and Action for Sustainable Development".

With the unfailing efforts of the Scientific Committee to identify suitable speakers for the Summit, we were pleased that the programme featured 4 keynote speeches, 12 and 41 presentations respectively in plenary and concurrent sessions, and 15 poster presentations, addressing the various aspects of the four megatrends—New Technologies, Urbanisation & Migration, Climate Change, and Demographic Changes—and their implications for family life. Distinguished speakers from across Asia and beyond shared insights and stimulated vibrant cross-cultural dialogue. Furthermore, four Post Summit workshops and agency visits provided opportunities for professional exchange and hands-on learning.

A series of social and cultural activities had been organised by the Hospitality Committee for networking and enjoying the Hong Kong hospitality for participants, especially those from overseas. These included welcoming reception for all participants, reception dinner for invited speakers and representatives from co-organisers, and the gala dinner, providing excellent opportunities for sharing and networking for future collaboration. A tram tour to allow overseas participants to ride through the streets of the island onboard one of the oldest means of transportation in Hong Kong. Participants had a wonderful time experiencing the bustling city life, with the tour guide to share stories of the development of different parts of the island.

To echo the theme of "Towards a Better Tomorrow For Families: Partnership, Collaboration & Action for Sustainable Development" and the four megatrends of the Summit, the Family Well-Being Expo was organised to offer family members a day of joy and excitement by the Family Well Being Expo Committee. We were honoured to have Dr. Lam Ching Choi to be the guest of honour at the Opening Ceremony to share his insights on family well-being. A

series of booth games, performances and workshops were arranged to enhance family well-being and raise awareness about the megatrends. The Expo welcomed over 1,000 participants, including 3 generational families, ethnic minority as well as able/disabled family members from 18 districts, offering interactive activities themed around the megatrends.

At the Closing Ceremony, an announcement of the CIFA Regional Symposium 2026 was made on the next regional event to be held in November in Kuching, Sarawak, Malaysia. Ms Bawany Chinapan, Vice Chairman of CIFA (Malaysia & Singapore) represented the National Coalition for Mental Well-being showed an attractive short video on Sarawak and extended invitation to participants to join. It generated much interest and excitement for the opportunity for continued sharing and collaboration, looking forward to another successful symposium in two year's time.

Thanks to the efforts and input of the Communication and Public Relations Committee, we were very encouraged by the wide media coverage, with 50 reports in TV news, newspapers as well as portal, featuring the highlights of the Summit and interviews with keynote speakers. It is encouraging that these have raised public awareness and call for action among concerned stakeholders. A video capturing the highlights of the Summit has been sent to the United Nations and uploaded onto the UN portal for wider viewing to share the work in Asia with the rest of the world.

The feedback from speakers and participants has been overwhelmingly positive and encouraging. A quote from Mrs. Renata Kaczmarek, "I wanted to reiterate my true admiration for the content and organisation of the Summit and the Expo. I was truly impressed by the quality of presentations, levels of participation and innovative approach of the event" sums up the overall feeling of the participants. All of them truly appreciate this platform to share the knowledge and experience among Asian countries. We believe the Summit has planted the seed for further action leading to a lasting impact in the region.

Website Revamping

Throughout the year, the WEP Development Committee under the chairmanship of Mr. Kwok Wai Keung had been working closely with the ITRC of HKCSS, with input from the Project Management Team (PMT) and Project Steering Committee (PSC) on the production of the revamped website. This collaborative effort ensured that the revamping exercise was carefully managed, with clear oversight and coordination among all parties involved.

However, due to staff changes in the ITRC and the delays on both sides in following up on the bug fixing and data verification process for data migration, the whole revamping exercise had been delayed. Although the WEP Committee, the PMT and PSC had held meetings to monitor the progress, and instructions had been repeatedly given to speed up the process, the progress had been unsatisfactory, with the result that the User Acceptance Testing (UAT) could not be completed within the original time frame, that is, in mid-April 2024 to tie in the announcement of the Asian Family Summit 2024.

Research & Training

Under the leadership of Professor Vivian Lou, the Scientific Committee of the Organising Committee of AFS 2024 played a pivotal role in ensuring the success of the Asian Family

Summit 2024 (AFS2024). All members contributed constructively, taking on responsibilities that included designing the scientific program, recommending sub-themes for concurrent sessions, issuing the call for abstracts, reviewing submissions, and proposing post-conference visits and workshops. Their active involvement extended to moderating sessions during the Summit, ensuring that the program was both comprehensive and engaging. The collective effort of the committee members resulted in a well-structured and intellectually stimulating Summit that addressed key issues in family well-being across Asia as reported in earlier sections.

In addition, the Research and Training Committee made significant contributions in supporting and coordinating the survey on the “Application of Information and Communication Technology in Family Services.” Initiated by the Hong Kong Professional Practice and Assessment Centre, the survey was conducted by Prof. Eric Chui and Dr. Herman Lo of the Hong Kong Polytechnic University. Members from Shanghai, Taipei, and Hong Kong facilitated data collection, demonstrating strong regional collaboration. The final report was submitted and circulated to the Council, and the findings were presented by Dr. Herman Lo at AFS2024, adding valuable insights to the Summit’s discussions.

CIFA WEP & CIFA-NET

Throughout the year, CIFA-NET continued to be published on a quarterly basis to include reports and announcements on CIFA activities and its member organisations. We are most thankful to CIFA member organisations for contributing articles to CIFA-NET.

Conclusion

The year 2024 was a year of progress and growing recognition for CIFA, affirming our mission of advancing family well-being. Through regional initiatives, international engagement, and collaborative projects, we strengthened our role as a platform for dialogue, innovation, and partnership. Our presence at the United Nations marked a new milestone, while the Asian Family Summit, the Wofoo 3A Project, and the Family We-time Campaign reflected our ability to unite communities, inspire resilience, and celebrate family values.

These achievements were possible only through the dedication of our Council, Committees, Secretariat, sponsors, partners, and supporters. With sincere gratitude for their contributions, we look ahead with confidence. CIFA will continue to build on this momentum, deepen collaborations, and remain committed to empowering families and advancing well-being. Together, we will carry this spirit forward to shape a brighter future for families across Asia and beyond.

Patricia CHU
Chairperson
CIFA

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