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1. Introductory Information

The Macao Special Administrative Region is an inseparable part of the People's Republic of China.

The National People's Congress of the People's Republic of China authorizes the Macao Special Administrative Region to exercise a high degree of autonomy and enjoy administrative and legislative power, independent judicial power and final adjudication right in accordance with the provisions of this Law.

Macao SAR has a total area of 30.5 square kilometers and its total population is about 644,900 in 2016, among which 339,400 were female and 305,500 were male.

2. Challenges and problems for women and girls in Macao

- A. In Macao context, the term of "sexual harassment" is not specifically defined so such incidents were difficult to be identified and handled. More advocacy work have to be done to facilitate victims to seek help.
- B. In the younger generation, unwed pregnancy among girls could be found but relevant service is not sufficient. Specific service program have to be provide for girls and their parents and this may lead to the discussion of abortion. The cultural and religious background of Macao make this kind of service sensitive.
- C. About one fourth household in Macao have members work in gaming industry. They work on shifts and family tides are heavily affected. Extra-marital affairs, divorce cases and children welfare of divorced families are needed. The government is working on the social service in this aspect.

3. Establishment of Women and Children's Commission

The Macao SAR Government established the "Women's Affairs Advisory Committee" in 2005. After many years of practical experience, we revised the administrative regulations of the Commission in 2012 to adjust its composition and operation and rename it as "Women's Commission".

4. Macao Special Administrative Region to Protect Family Legislation Policy

- A. The Special Protection of Minors: Based on Macao criminal law, those who are over 14 but under 18 years old are defined as minors, those under 14 years old are defined as children, special

protections are offered against the sexual crime.

- B. For the problem of human trafficking, Macao has set a new set of laws to further fight against human trafficking in 2008.
- C. In Macao, the Law for Prevention and Combating Domestic Violence (Lei de prevenção e combate à violência doméstica) was effective on 5 October 2016. The Macao government legislated to regulate domestic violence so as to ensure that women are treated properly in the family.

5. Macao's employment rate of women

In 2016, betting service dealers, chip changers, etc., the ratio of men to women was 18.8% and 29.6% respectively. According to the above information, women are more involved in the gaming industry than men.

6. Right to bet open, two-family (shift), problem children, services appear

Since the return to China in 1999, the government has liberalized its gaming rights and many casinos have introduced Macao. Macao's economic development has therefore changed. As the gaming industry has relatively higher incomes than other industries at that time, Macao residents tend to join the gaming industry and even low-paid women, high school students attending school also gave up their careers and longing for careers. As a result, there was a group of well-educated but well-paid Macao residents. However, with the emergence of two-family families, parents need to work day and night on shift work so that they spend less time with their children and there are many child problems arising from peer influence. In view of this, the government and social organizations are aware of the seriousness of the problem. Therefore, some services have appeared .

7. Responses or actions have been taken by the Anglican Church in Macao

The Sheng Kung Hui Social Service Coordination Office has launched the following service in Macao in the past few years:

- A. We launched a 24-Hour hotline for “Combating Sexual Assault” in 2016 and conducted series of community education program, encouraging the victims to seek help.
- B. For the services on girls, our youth service social workers, in sex education aspect, work on case, small groups, teacher sharing and community education level. Also touch on the influence from internet and social media.

Regarding domestic violent cases, we worked closely with the government department, schools and other NGOs to serve the victims. We also provide service for abusers and affected males.

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