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Department of Applied Social Studies
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Workshop Outline:

**Women Abuse in Chinese Communities:
Prevalence, Prevention, Intervention, and Program Evaluation**

Speakers and Affiliations:

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Dr. Tam is an Assistant Professor with the School of Social Work in King's University College at the University of Western Ontario and an Adjunct Research Professor with School of Social Work at Carleton University. She has been involved in international, cross-provincial and local research activities and publications on issues of health and poverty among women and children in violent relationships, and oppression against vulnerable groups.

Rationales:

Women abuse occurs across different cultures and socio-economic backgrounds and exhibits in various forms. In February 2008, United Nations has launched a multi-year global campaign to end violence against women. One of the objectives of this multi-year campaign is to develop effective practices, which have incorporated proper program evaluation on the interventions. China and Canada have signed the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action in 1995, which indicates the two governments' commitments to eliminate violence against women. Social workers play an essential role in empowering women; and assisting women and their children to leave the abusive relationships and overcome short-and-long term health impacts of the abuse. However, there is still a lack of rigorous evaluation to evident effective practice.

Objectives:

Upon completion of this workshop, participants are expected to achieve the followings:

1. To understand the multifaceted nature of women abuse from an international perspective;
2. To be aware of the scope of women abuse in Chinese communities;
3. To familiarize with the Strengths Based Approach in working with abused women;
and
4. To master the use of the Single-Subject Design for evidence-based practice.

Methods of Teaching:

The workshop will use an interactive approach including lecture, small group discussion, and visual aid materials to engage participants to share and discuss issues on domestic violence.

Length and Language:

The workshop includes two 1.5 hour sessions with breaks and will be conducted in **Cantonese** and supplemented with **Mandarin** when necessary.