

## NATWA 2005 WHO Delegates

### *From the Captain--- Vivian Fu*



As you must have heard from the news, we decided to go to the Health Missionary of China to deliver to them a petition on 5/17 before the General WHO meeting. (My application to the Geneva Police Department for a demonstration in front of the China Missionary was rejected)

The "WHO bid" hopeless situation was really beyond anyone control. We just wanted to do something extra no matter how insignificant it seems. All 14 of us plus Dr. Chang from Boston and Ai-Lan Wang from NJ went and stood in the rain for about one half of an hour across from the Missionary. Jean and I rang the doorbell. People inside all gathered in the front porch of the building beyond the gate to survey us. It must took them a good 10 minutes before sending one person to the gate to ask us what we want. When we handed him the letter, he refused to take it and said he was not authorized and closed the gate immediately. So, at the end, we just had to leave the letter in the mailbox.



You must have seen from the news of the out come of the meeting and of the heavy rain falling that whole day. Hearing the China lied again over the MIC during the agenda discussion was a shock to many of us that attended for the first time. I am sure the experience must have added more determination and understanding to many of us of the bullying of China. It was a very sad day. When Hahann Wang performed on stage during the evening, the soothing music was just what every one needed.



We left Geneva on the 18th to start our tour. On the evening of the 18th, we chartered another bus to go back from Bern to Geneva to attend the Dinner Buffet organized by the Department of Health of Taiwan. I was so glad that I was able to get invitation for all 14 of us. This was probably the most memorable event of the Geneva stay.



Before leaving for the Geneva, I asked FAPA to help me prepared an outline of "speeches" for our members to study. I was really touched to see that our members took it so seriously. Many of us were reading and practicing on the bus on the way there. I couldn't be more proud of our members that evening. We spread out and really acted as host to entertain the delegates from other countries. It was what I told them when asking for the invitation: we are fluent in English and experienced in diplomatic works and it certainly is an asset to the event.



Before we parted in Lucerne, our members decided to put together a collection of US\$300.00 to be donated to the Foundation of Medical Professional Alliance in Taiwan. They really paid for the meeting and also the dinner during the Taiwan night. This is just a small token of our appreciation. The Foundation has also helped us coordinate the trip for the Petition and the letter itself.

This has really been a very meaningful and fun trip for me. I learned a lot by coordinating the trip and leading the group. I would suggest that we make this an ongoing project. I quote from Dr. Chu-Ming Wu's words: "NATWA involvement came just when many of the US organizations are getting in-enthusiastic about their participation. You are like a new blood to this important fight."