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Crowleys DFK partner speaks at launch of International Women's Day 2009

Dublin 6 March 2009 – On Sunday 1st March 2009 Crowleys DFK Partner, Janice Lau-Burke, was a guest speaker at the launch of the programme of events organised by Dublin City Council in celebration of International Women's Day 2009.

The event, which was opened by Dublin City Lord Mayor Eibhlin Byrne at the Mansion House, acknowledged and promoted the contribution of women to life in Dublin City. Invited speakers presented their experience of community regeneration, inter-culturalism, senior citizenship, and the history of achieving social, political and economic equality for women.

As a female partner in a major accounting firm, Janice Lau-Burke is in the minority. But as a Malaysian woman of Chinese origin working in a Dublin firm, it's probably safe to say that she's one of a select few.

Speaking at the event Ms Lau-Burke said "my parents were firm believers in the necessity for a good education as a foundation to prosperity and sent me and my siblings to be educated at the highly-regarded Anglo Chinese School in Perak, Malaysia. Being there certainly gave me an insight into life in the west".

In 1980 Ms Lau-Burke moved to Ireland. "Ireland is essentially a very different country to the one I arrived in 28 years ago. It has dramatically changed into a multi-racial country. It's inspiring to see increasing numbers of both Irish and International women succeeding in this country".

After finishing her second level education she went on to study Accountancy and became a member of The Institute of Certified Public Accountants in Ireland. Commenting on her profession she said "even though the accountancy profession continues to be very male-dominated at the top levels, I am pleased to see increasing numbers of women breaking through the glass ceiling and juggling career and family".

In 2004 Ms Lau-Burke became partner at Crowleys DFK, the progressive Cork and Dublin based firm of chartered accountants and business advisors. "I have been fortunate to work for an organisation that has embraced my origins and has encouraged me to develop it as part of our overall business model. With my team in Crowleys DFK, I work closely with the many Chinese owned businesses".

Ms Lau-Burke concluded "I truly feel like an International Woman! I am proud to call myself both Malaysian and Irish".

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Picture attached. Caption to read 'Janice Lau-Burke, Partner at Crowleys DFK'

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