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HER ROYAL HIGHNESS PRINCESS MAHA CHAKRI SIRINDHORN

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er Royal Highness Princess Sirindhorn Debaratanasuda was born on 2 April 1955, the third child of His Majesty King Bhumibol Adulyadej, King Rama IX, and Her Majesty Queen Sirikit of Thailand.

After completing high school from Chitralada , HRH continued her studies and graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree, first class honor, gold medal in History from Chulalongkorn University, M.A. in Oriental Epigraphy (Sanskrit and Cambodian) from Silpakorn University , M.A. in Pali and Sanskrit from Chulalongkorn University and a doctoral degree in Development Education from Srinakharinwirot University. In addition to her formal degree programs, HRH has attended several training courses and workshops to enhance her knowledge and skills in effective integrated development. These subjects include computer, cartography, meteorology, survey and photogrammetry, remote sensing and geographic information system and nutrition. Her Royal Highness Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn has rendered public service continously since her early youth by regularly accompanying Their Majesties on visits to remote areas. Due to her work dedication, on the occasion of the 50th Birthday of His Majesty the King, 5 December 1977, His Majesty the King conferred the Royal title of Somdech Phra Debaratanarajasuda Chao Fa Maha Chakri Sirindhorn Rathasimagunakornpiyajat Sayamboromrajakumari upon her.

HRH runs several philanthropic organizations and foundations. She is Executive Vice President of the Thai Red Cross Society since 1977; Executive Chairman of the Chaipattana Foundation Ananda Mahidol Foundation, the King Rama II Foundation, President of the Sai Jai Thai Foundation, Prince Mahidol Award Foundation and Adviser of the Committee of Thai Junior Encyclopedia Project by Royal Command of H.M. the King.

At present, in addition to undertaking the programmes in Thailand, Her Royal Highness also has the initiatives in collaboration with other countries, such as the experiental exchange programmes to improve the life's condition of people between Thailand and Lao People's Democratic Republic, Myanmar, Cambodia and Mongolia. Budget for implementing most programmes comes mainly from her personal funds, as well as the annual budget of relevant government agencies. Partial support also comes from individual benefactors, associations, private sector donors, philanthropic societies and other organizations such as UNESCO, WHO, FAO, UNBRO, JOHNS HOPKINS UNIVERSITY, INTERNATIONAL CARREFOUR FOUNDATION, SUEZ FOUNDATION, BRITISH COUNCIL, AIR FRANCE etc.

Upon being acknowledged of her distinguished service to the nation and to humanity worldwide, His Majesty the King has graciously conferred the Orders of the Kingdom of Thailand upon Her Royal Highness Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn, who has also received the Orders of Other Nations which were conferred upon her in recognition of her significant contribution to relations between nations.

Her accomplishments have been acclaimed by many universities, both local and international, through their bestowal of Honorary Doctorates in several disciplines upon her. In addition, Her Royal Highness' dedication is also acknowledged worldwide, she therefore was granted Honorary Awards and Honorary Titles from many institutions and organizations which include International Union of Nutritional Sciences Award from Austria, the Ramon Magsaysay Award for Public Service from the Philippines, People's Friendship Ambassador from China, Indira Gandhi Prize from India, International Education Leadership Award from University of Pennsylvania, U.S.A., Special Ambassador for "Empowerment of Minority Children through Education and through the Preservation of Their Intangible Cultural Heritage"

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HER ROYAL HIGHNESS PRINCESS BAJRAKITIYABHA MAHIDOL Thailand's royal diplomat, lawyer, advocate

RH Princess Bajrakitiyabha is the oldest child of King Maha Vajiralongkorn Bodindradebayavarangkun and Princess Soamsawali and the first grandchild of the late King Bhumibol Adulyadej and Queen Sirikit.

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HRH had served at the Permanent Mission of Thailand to the United Nations in New York, covering various issues of the Third and Sixth Committees of the General Assembly. Her Royal Highness's involvement in the work of the 60th General Assembly highlighted her genuine interest in the nexus between legal affairs and reform and multilateral diplomacy.

In 2008, she was appointed a goodwill ambassador in Thailand for the U.N. Development Fund for Women. She also founded another prison project: Enhancing Lives of Female Inmates. In 2010, at the 65th U.N. General Assembly, her work with ELFI contributed to the adoption of the U.N.'s Rules for the Treatment of Women Prisoners and Non-custodial Measures for Women Offenders, known as the "Bangkok Rules," which supplemented U.N. regulations for prisoners dating from 1955.

From 2012 to 2014, Her Royal Highness served as Thailand's Ambassador to Austria and Permanent Representative of Thailand to the United Nations at Vienna, where she chaired sessions of UNODC's governing bodies the Commission on Narcotic Drugs, and the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice, which are part of the Economic and Social Council of the UN General Assembly.

In February 2017, The United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime appointed Her Royal Highness Princess Bajrakitiyabha Mahidol of Thailand as Goodwill Ambassador on the Rule of Law for Southeast Asia. HRH brings a wealth of experience and engagement on issues related to crime prevention, criminal justice and the rule of law to her role as UNODC Goodwill Ambassador. Her Royal Highness has served for a number of years in the Office of the Attorney General of Thailand. She also serves as the Chairperson of the Special Advisory Board of then Thailand Institute of Justice, an agency that aims to promote excellence in research and training in the field of crime prevention and criminal justice domestically, regionally and internationally.

Her Royal Highness's interest in justice reform and the rule of law also has academic roots. She has studied criminal law, receiving a Doctor of Juridical Science (J.S.D.) Degree from Cornell University in May 2005, in which her dissertation focused on the protection of the rights of the accused. She also holds a Master of Laws (LL.M.) Degree from Cornell Law School and a Bachelor of Laws (LL.B.) Degree from Thammasat University. In addition to her legal studies, Her Royal Highness also received a Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) in International Relations from Sukhothai Thammathirat University.

In a more personal capacity, HRH founded the Princess Pa Foundation with her mother in 1995 to help victims of flooding and natural disasters and also initiated a royal project entitled "Kamlangjai" (support and encouragement) to support vulnerable groups who encounter the criminal justice system, including women in prison and pregnant inmates, and children born to inmates. Previously, she was elected Chairperson of the United Nations Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice at its 21st session (2011 - 2012).

Princess Bajrakitiyabha has expressed strong views on sustainability, as well as on the rule of law and its effect on development. "Long-term sustainable economic and social development and the establishment of a functioning, efficient, effective and humane criminal justice system have a positive influence on each other"





HER ROYAL HIGHNESS PRINCESS SOAMSAWALI

er Royal Highness Princess Soamsawali was born on Saturday the 13th of July B.E. 2500 (1957) at Guy's Hospital, London, England, being the elder of two daughters of Mom Rajawongse Adulkit Kitiyakara, son of General His Highness Prince Chandaburi Suranath and Mom Luang Bua (Mom Luang Bua Snidvongse) Kitiyakara, and Thanphuying Bhansawali Kitiyakara (Her Serene Highness Princess Bhansawali Yugala), daughter of Major-General His Royal Highness Bhanubandhu Yugala and Princess Soiraya Yugala.

On 12 August 1991, His Majesty King Bhumibol Adulyadej graciously promulgated her new title to be HRH Princess Soamsawali, the Princess Mother of the King's First Grandchild. HRH Princess Soamsawali has performed a number of royal duties for the sake of Thai citizens. In addition, she is usually designated by Their Majesties the King and Queen, Her Royal Highness Crown Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn, Her Royal Highness Princess Chulabhorn, and Her Royal Highness Princess Bejaratana to perform royal duties on their behalf.

HRH Princess Soamsawali has also been playing very important roles in public health and social welfare, especially in the Thai Red Cross Society. She has been giving frequent contributions and dedication in keeping a number of projects under her royal patronage, notably those for patients and infants suffering from HIV/ AIDS. 'Reducing AIDS Infection from Mother to New-Born Baby' Program, 'Milk funds for infants', 'Medical Funding for AIDS patients', 'Funding for Reducing AIDS infection from Mother to the New-Born Baby', and 'Program of Life Giving to the Parents of AIDS-infected Babies'-- to name just a few-- are among her projects truly appreciated by Thai citizens.

Examples of some other non-HIV/AIDS projects under her royal patronage are the Thalassemia Foundation of Thailand, the Funds for Cancer Treatment in Children, the Bangkhae Home Foundation for senior citizens, the Association for the Promotion of the Status of Women, and the Princess Pa Foundation. The Princess Pa Foundation has been active since 1995 with the mission to help victims suffering from severe natural disasters. Up until present, HRH Princess Soamsawali is the honorary lifetime president of the foundation, while her daughter HRH Princess Bajrakitiyabha is the president.

Her Royal Highness Princess Soamsawali is a kind, polite and well-mannered person who is held in affection by all. The Princess has displayed much ability in the fields of arts, music and domestic science, and is also very much interested in history and enjoys reading books on that subject in her spare time as well as visiting historical sites.

Her Royal Highness, as a volunteer worker of the Sai Jai Thai Foundation under the Royal Patronage of His Majesty the King, pays regular visits to the Phra Mongkutklao Hospital in order to bring food and pecuniary assistance from the Sai Jai Thai Foundation to the wounded servicemen who have been sent there for treatment and recuperation. In her capacity as the Patron of "Health Care during Rehabilitation at Home by Volunteers" Project. Her Royal Highness also visits annually many patients who have returned to their own homes for rehabilitation, Moreover, as the Patron of the Foundation of Child Welfare of the Juvenile Court, Her Royal Highness has been very active in helping the Foundation to provide sufficient education and sports equipment for children. Her Royal Highness has often visited the elderlies at the Bangkae Home for the Aged, of which She is also the Patron.

Her Royal Highness' devoted work has been widely acknowledged by her being conferred many Honorary Degrees and Decorations both Thai and foreign on numerous occasions, as well as by countless people in and out of Thailand who share similar concerns.









	Her Royal Highness Princess Bajrakitiyabha's Special Keynote Address
8	"Empowering Women to Realize Sustainable Development Goals"
A	BPW International Asia-Pacific Regional Conference 2018 The Grand Ballroom, Grand Hyatt Erawan Bangkok Hotel, Patumwan, Bangkok
	On Wednesday, October 31, 2018
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	Patumwan, Bangkok.
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	Business & Professional Women's Associations of Thailand under the Royal
	Patronage of Her Majesty The Queen (BPW Thailand) - Dr. Porametee Vimolsiri, Permanent Secretary of Social Development and
	Human Security, Thailand
	- Dr. Amany Asfour, BPW International President
	 Dr. Narudee Kiengsiri , BPW International Asia-Pacific Regional Coordinator Dr. Chonchanok Viravan, BPW International Past President
	- Executives of Grand Hyatt Erawan Bangkok Hotel
	- Presenting the flower garland to HRH Princess Bajrakitiyabha
	 Photo Session with the Members of BPW International HRH graciously enters the Grand Ballroom
	- Presenting the Conference Booklet &Token of Appreciation
	- Report on the Objectives of the Conference by President of BPW Thailand
	 Report on the Role of BPW International by President of BPW International HRH kindly bestows the Souvenir Brooches to the honorable guests
	- Video Presentation
	 President of BPW International presents token of her appreciation to HRH HRH delivers the Special Keynote Address
	- HRH visits the Exhibition
	- Official photograph session with HRH (by invitation only)
	- HRH departs the Conference
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	Presides over the Gala Dinner
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	- Mr. Pasu Loharjan, Permanent Secretary of Ministry of Industry, Thailand
	- Dr. Amany Asfour, BPW International President
	- Dr. Narudee Kiengsiri, BPW International Asia-Pacific Regional Coordinator
	- M. L. Preeyapun Sridhavat, BPW Thailand Vice President - Presenting the flower garland to HRH Princess Soamsawali
	- Official Photo session with HRH (by Invitation only)
	- HRH visits the Exhibition
	- HRH graciously enters the Grand Ballroom
	- HRH will be seated at the Head Table
	- Presenting the Conference Booklet, the charity fund & Token of Appreciation
	- Report on the Background & Objectives of the Conference by President of
	BPW Thailand
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Message from His Excellency General Prayut Chan-o-cha (Ret.) Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Thailand

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At present, women development and promotion receive widespread attention both nationally and internationally. It is because women represent an important sector that plays a vital role in the development and advancement of economies, society, and politics. Thailand recognizes that women's participation is a strategic imperative. Thai government has implemented many policies and plans to develop facilities and advance women's development in the social, economic and political spectrum. These ongoing initiatives provide a continuous flow of women's participation at all levels of the economy and are aligned with United Nations Sustainable Development Goals of raising the status of women nationally and globally.

The Federation of Business and Professional Women's Association of Thailand Under the Royal Patronage of Her Majesty The Queen (BPW Thailand) is part of a leading global network of business and professional women that plays an important role in empowering and inspiring women to develop their professional and leadership potential as well as contribute to social development. This is done so that business and professional women would realize their responsibility in using their knowledge to benefit the common goods at national and international levels, to improve status of women and to honor women who serve as role models. These role models are either women who achieve success through their perserverance or influential women leaders who guide and inspire other women on the ways to manage their businesses.

On this occasion, I applaud and congratulate BPW Thailand on being selected the host of BPW International Asia Pacific Regional Conference 2018 during October 30 - November 1, 2018 at the Grand Hyatt Erawan Bangkok.

Finally, I would like to wish you a successful conference. I wish this conference would inspire and encourage Thai women and all other women in the world to realize their roles to continue to contribute to the societies and their countries

General Loget Ohod (Ret.)

(Prayut Chan-o-cha) Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Thailand







Message from H.E. General Anantaporn Kanjanarat Minister of Social Development and Human Security

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Ministry of Social Development and Human Security is mainly responsible for social development and welfare management, human security, and rights protection of target groups, including women promotion and development. It is realized that women's power as a powerful force for strengthening family which is the basis of society and the important role of economy and social development so as to achieve tangible results. The Ministry is committed to promote the role of women to participate in decision – making at all level collaborate with women networks mechanism, in accordance with Women Development Strategic (2017 - 2021) "gender equality society, without discrimination, good quality of women life, security, and creating the modern state"

The Federation of Business and Professional Women's Association of Thailand Under the Royal Patronage of Her Majesty the Queen (BPW THAILAND) is part of a leading global network of business and professional women, whose objectives are to strengthen and develop women's professional and leadership potential to take on professional responsibility at all levels in the economy, politics and society. It supports women empowerment, the advancement of women in various roles, and increase women's participation to make a difference both nationally and internationally.

On this occasion, I applaud and congratulate The Federation of Business and Professional Women's Association of Thailand Under the Royal Patronage of Her Majesty The Queen on being selected the host of BPW International Asia Pacific Regional Conference 2018 during October 30 – November 1, 2018 at the Grand Hyatt Erawan Bangkok where Business and Professional Women from over 35countries will participate, network and exchange knowledge and experiences.

Finally, I wish you have successfully in upcoming conference in order to encourage and inspire women across the globe by empowering them and promoting their creatively participation in the roles of women to contribute to the economic prosperity of society.

H.E. General Anantaporn Kanjanarat Minister of Social Development and Human Security







Message From H.E. Mr. Weerasak Kowsurat Minister of Tourism and Sports

The Ministry of Tourism and Sports is responsible for the development and promotion of tourism, sports and recreation industries to be a mechanism that drives the economy and sustainable social development. The Minister is also committed to integrate, manage, and encourage participation from all sectors in the development of tourism, sports and recreation of the country, as well as set a guideline for resource allocation to support all sections to ensure efficiency.

The Federation of Business and Professional Women's Association of Thailand under the Royal Patronage of Her Majesty The Queen (BPW Thailand) is a leading network that promotes knowledge, develop career and business skills to women at all levels and which also contributes to the social development of the country. While at the same time, instilling the sense of value, duty and responsibility for women to utilize their knowledge, professional skills and abilities to benefit society both at the national and international level. BPW Thailand also recognizes, celebrates and honors women's work, contributions and achievements as these women with their perseverance, discipline, determination and drive are the leading role models to inspire and empower other women in their endeavors.

On this occasion, I would like to congratulate The Federation of Business and Professional Women's Association of Thailand under the Royal Patronage of Her Majesty The Queen (BPW Thailand) for being selected as host for International Federation of Business and Professional Women (BPW International) Asia Pacific Regional Conference 2018, from October 30 – November 1, 2018 at the Grand Hyatt Erawan Bangkok.

Finally, I wish you a great success in the Conference and hope this event will further strengthen your work and collaboration in your continued pursuit to encourage Thai and international women's role in contributing to the society as a whole.

> H.E. Mr. Weerasak Kowsurat Minister of Tourism and Sports







Message From H.E. Mr. Vira Rojpojchanarat Minister of Culture, Thailand

Empowering Women to Realize Sustainable Development Goals

I would like to first convey my heartfelt congratulations to the Federation of Business and Professional Women's Associations of Thailand for their efforts in conceptualizing the BPW International Asia-Pacific Regional Conference 2018 in Bangkok to promote and demonstrate their commitment to the issue of women's rights and gender equality.

In 2015, more than 150 world leaders agreed on the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, with 17 global goals known as the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Women's equality and empowerment is one of them, and they are vital to all dimensions of sustainable development. Women play key roles in regards to economic wealth and their involvement in the economy leads to a better quality of life for families and communities.

As for the cultural sphere, women are inspiring creators and consumers of culture, and they should be able to play an equal role. As part of the 20-year national strategy, the Ministry of Culture implements cultural policies that promote gender equality in culture with the objective for women to reach their full potential as productive members of society side by side with men as well as to make progress towards empowerment and equality for all.

I hope that this distinguished conference will contribute to build the best understanding of strategic ways forward to ensure women's empowerment and gender equality in our society. Thank you very much.

H.E. Mr. Vira Rojpojchanarat Minister of Culture, Thailand







Message From Police General Adul Sangsingkeo Minister of Labour

Today's generation of women become empowered globally. They are increasingly playing a crucial role particularly in the workforce rendering in higher growth and advance in economy as well as national development. Notably, Thailand ranks among the countries that provide the greatest opportunities for women in the workforce and as entrepreneurs. 16.89 million out of 37.79 million Thai workforce are female. Since 1995, the status of women in Thailand has developed significantly, resulting in more women in the workforce and promotion of equality opportunity. As the country's gap of social and sexual disparities is well decreasing, an increase in female labour force participation benefits from current favourable social phenomenoa, including feminist movements, equal opportunity legislation, increasing access to education, broader range of new career sectors and evergrowing digital economy. Yet they are the most vulnerable of the workforce to labour rights violation.

The Ministry of Labour, as the national labour administration organisation, is thereupon seriously take steps to oversee labour protection, promote skill development, provide job opportunity and ensure that workers regardless of their nationality, race and sex are equally access to decent work. In response to the 20-year-National Strategic Plan (2017 - 2036) and the 12th National and Economic Development Plan (2017 - 2021), we are attempting to secure the promotion of labour rights throughout the cycle, beginning from human resource development in order that labour force is equipped with skills that match with labour market demand and in line with Thailand 4.0 Policy, access to equal opportunity and labour right protection to promotion of competitiveness of labour force in regional and global economy.

To assure that women can live independently with dignity, the Ministry of Labour supplementarily, at international level, ratified the ILO Convention 111 on Discrimination (Employment and Occupation), 1958 to promote women engagement, non-discrimination on occupation, opportunities for skills development and career advancement. At national level, promotion of skills training for those involved in MSMEs is pushed forward to enhance female competitive capabilities. Moreover, the Outstanding Women Awards has been established to honour female workers, raising awareness of Thai society to realise the importance of working women.

Each and every single effort is to assure no one being left behind, labour rights protection living up to meet international standards as well as sustainable development being accomplished.

On the occasion of the BPW International Asia Pacific Regional Conference 2018 during 30 October – 1 November 2018 at the Grand Hyatt Erawan Bangkok, I would like to congratulate the Federation of Business and Professional Women's Association of Thailand under the Royal Patronage of Her Majesty the Queen (BPW Thailand) on being selected to host the above mentioned Conference. The BPW Thailand is part of a leading global network of business and professional women to strengthen and develop women's professional and leadership potential to take on professional responsibility at all levels in the economy, politics and society, to support women empowerment and women's participation in various roles.

With the similar goals, I do believe that the Ministry of Labour in cooperation with BPW Thailand can altogether empower and protect female workers' rights towards increasing credibility and sustainability of female workers' network nationwide and even across the region.

Last but not least, I extend my warmest best wishes for an overwhelming success of BPW International Asia Pacific Regional Conference 2018, as it will further strengthen the roles of women in society and build upon previous success.

Police General Adul Sangsingkeo Minister of Labour





Message From Dr Amany Asfour BPW International President 2017-2020



My very dear sisters of Regional Asia Pacific conference,

It is my real pleasure to join you in this great event with all our Affiliates from Asia Pacific region.

I would like to thank the host Federation BPW Thailand under the leadership of President Khunying Natthika Wattanavekin Angubolkul and would like to address an official thanks to Asia Pacific Regional Coordinator Dr. Narudee Kiengsiri. We would also address an official thanks to Their Royal Highnesses Princesses of Thailand for supporting this BPW Regional Congress.

As you all know that our theme for the Triennium is "Empowering Women to realize the Sustainable Development Goals". I have seen many great projects that your affiliates are engaged in and how they contribute to the Global Agenda: Ending poverty ,Zero hunger,Access to health,quality education and Gender Equality and Women Empowerment. All these SDGs are very relevant to all the objectives and Advocacy pillars of BPW International. These would include Women entrepreneurship, Women on Board, Women Financial Inclusion, Women Empowerment Principles, Government and Corporate Procurement Policies, Women and young Girls in STEM Education, Equal Pay and many other sectoral and special advocacy pillars.

I would really encourage you all to register your projects on the special link and also register your experise to have a special data base on our women experts in different fields.

I really wish you a great conference and as I always finish my speeches with an African Proverb: "If you want to go fast go alone and if we want to go far we go together."

We all have to unite and work for women empowerment and be inspired by our founder Dr Lena Madisen Phillips who started our organization in 1930 with a great vision of uniting the world in peace through women no matter colour, religion, language, race or ethnicity.

And so it is of crucial importance that we look for our BPW Sustainability and work together to have an impact on the daily life of our women across the world.

Dr Amany Asfour BPW International President 2017-2020







Welcome Address by Khunying Natthika Wattanavekin Angubolkul President, BPW Thailand Chairperson, Organizing Committee BPW International Asia-Pacific Regional Conference 2018

The Federation of Business and Professional Women's Associations of Thailand, under The Royal Patronage of Her Majesty The Queen, warmly welcomes each delegate and participant to BPW International Asia-Pacific Regional Conference 2018. It is our third hosting in twenty four years and we are proud to have you in our wonderful country for this auspicious event.

We have been greatly honored to have the presence of three eminent and beloved members of our royal family at this conference on three separate occasions: Her Royal Highness Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn, Her Royal Highness Princess Bajrakitiyabha Mahidol, and Her Royal Highness Princess Soamsawali. We are truly and profoundly grateful for Their Royal Highnesse' valuable support.

BPW International now has 95 affiliates world-wide working closely with the United Nations, various governments and international and national agencies. In Thailand, the initial 3 affiliates in 1973 have now grown to 21. This expansion -- an eloquent testimony of BPW's accomplishments and impact -- has mirrored the historic global paradigm shift with regards to the role of women in society.

Home to about two-thirds of the world's population, the Asia-Pacific region is one of the most dynamic and diversified in the world. This is well reflected in the many multi-nationals and brand-name products flourishing in our region. Nevertheless, in certain localities poverty, lack of education, economic instability, gender inequality, environmental issues and other major challenges have prevented our region from reaching its full development and transformation. Indeed, we view these challenges as catalysts upon which we can strengthen our vision and our networking so that they become opportunities whereby we can shape a common future that is inclusive, equitable and flourishing.

This is a vibrant gathering of some 450 women from 38 countries who are powerful achievers, leaders and influencers who know that success is born from dreams that go hand in hand with determination and hard work. They have successfully shown the world that women can excel and become integral and indispensable contributors to progress. Of a certainty, a new woman has emerged from the constraints of the past. She knows that her unique character traits as a woman are part of her strength, and were never her weakness. She is strong, brave, and confident. She is an achiever and a leader. She can not only walk, but she can run and fly! From this position of strength, let us synergize our efforts and present to the world the unique contributions we alone, as BPW women, can bring to the table.



Our conference theme is *"Empowering Women to Realize Sustainable Development Goals"*. This we can surely achieve by: E - Elevate self-worth and evaluate our progress; M - Motivation and good mindsets; P - Prioritize practical and sustainable solutions; O - Open channels for networking and community service; W - With dignity and devotion; E - Encourage our youth, for they will one day carry this torch after us; and R - in Righteousness and with reason.

This conference was made possible through the overwhelming support we have received from the government and private sectors. Of particular note, I would like to sincerely thank His Excellency Prime Minister of Thailand, General Prayut Chan-o-cha, the Deputy Prime-Minister, the Minister of Social Development and Human Security as well as his Permanent Secretary, the Minister of Tourism, the Minister of Culture and the Minister of Labour, the Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Industry and many other high-ranking officials and government officers, for their most kind assistance. Our appreciation also goes to many individuals for their selfless contributions – not the least of which are the efforts of the board and members of BPW Thailand, and our world-renowned guest speakers.

I sincerely hope everyone will enjoy our warm hospitality and rich culture during your visit to this City of Angels and the Land of Smiles. Thank you for joining us. It was Helen Keller who said, "Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much". There is a worldwide crusade of women uniting and fighting with their best weapon: success that has proven that inclusive opportunities for women equal forward progress. Together we can forge ahead towards attainable and sustainable world peace, harmony and prosperity. The growth and development of people is the mandate of leadership. It is the greatest sign of true success and it is our lasting legacy to future generations.

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(Khunying Natthika Wattanavekin Angubolkul)

President of the Federation of Business and Professional Women's Associations of Thailand under the Royal Patronage of Her Majesty the Queen and Chair of APRC 2018 Organizing Committee







Message From Dr. Narudee Kiengsiri BPW International Asia-Pacific Regional Coordinator 2017-2020

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BPW sisters world-wide Welcome to Thailand!

As Asia-Pacific Regional Coordinator for 2017-2020 triennium, I would like to warmly welcome you to BPW International Asia-Pacific Regional Conference 2018. In the past four decades, this is the third time BPW Thailand has the honor to host this special event.

Currently there are 25 BPW member countries in Asia-Pacific, which is grouped into 5 sub-regions, namely: ASEAN, East Asia, Oceania, South Asia and West Asia. All five sub-regions are represented at this conference. Each sub-region also has sub-regional coordinator.

- For ASEAN, the sub-regional coordinator is Chularat Israngkool Na Ayutthaya. This sub-region includes Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand.
- For East Asia, the sub-regional coordinator is Caterina (Hyun) Park. This sub-region includes Chinese Hong Kong, Japan, Mongolia, South Korea, Taiwan.
- For Oceania, the sub-regional coordinator is Carolyn Savage. This sub-region includes American Samoa, Australia, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea.
- For West Asia, the sub-regional coordinator is HRH Dr. Shiekah Hissah Saad al Sabah. This sub-regional includes Bahrain, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, United Arabs Emirate, Yemen.
- For South Asia, the sub-regional coordinator is Nasreen Mahdi. This sub-region includes Bangladesh, India, Nepal, Pakistan, Sri Lanka

I am pleased to welcome BPW members from Africa, Europe, Latin America, North America and the Caribbean who are also attending this Conference.

I believe you will enjoy the conference program and warm hospitality during the visits in Bangkok and other places in Thailand. Our Conference program includes session with world-class speakers and interweaving with Cultural programs and Entertainments. Best Wishes for your wonderful time in Thailand.

Warm regards,

Dr. Narudee Kiengsiri BPW International Asia-Pacific Regional Coordinator 2017-2020





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The International Federation of Business and Professional Women (BPW International) was founded by Dr. Lena Madesin Phillips in 1930. BPW International is one of the most influential international networks of business and professional women with affiliates in about 100 countries in five continents. Its members include influential women leaders, entrepreneurs, business owners, executives, professionals and young business and professional women.

Mission: BPW develops the professional, business and leadership potential of women through skill building, networking advocacy, mentoring around the world.

Aim: To develop professional and leadership potentials for women at all level.

UN Connection: The root of BPW's advocacy is embedded in the work with the United Nations. BPW lobbied for the formation of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) and supported many women's issues. BPW was awarded a Peace Messenger Certificate from UN Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar in 1987. Esther Hymer, BPW representative at the UN, was the first Chair of NGO CSW committee and was named as one of three women playing a significant role in the work of the UN Commission by Secretary-General Kofi Annan in 1997.

Today, BPW continues its representation at UN Headquarters in New York, Vienna, Geneva; UN regional offices (UNECA, UNECE, UNESCAP, UNESCWA, UNECLAC); UNESCO, UNICEF, ILO, WHO, UNCTAD, UNIDO, FAO, UN DPI; Council of Europe; European Women's Lobby and continues to work closely with UN Women

Status:

- Consultative status with the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) since 1947,
- Consultative status with the Council of Europe since 1977
- Member of Civil Society of Organization of American States (OAS) since 2009

Partnerships / Coalition:

- UN Women
- UN Global Compact
- International Trade Center
- Global Summit of Women
- Conferences of Non Government Organizations (CoNGO)
- Project Five-O

Dr. Lena Madesin Phillips, Founder of International Federation of Business and Professional Women



Past International Presidents from Asia and the Pacific



Patience R. Thomas, OBE Australia, 1968-1971



Beryl Nashar, AO, OBE Australia, 1974-1977



Dr. Patricia Harrison, Australia, 1999-2002



Dr. Chonchanok Viravan, Thailand, 2005-2008



Freda Miriklis Australia, 2011-2014

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Europe Regional Coordinator, Pinella Bombacci, Italy



Latin America Regional Coordinator, Diana Barragan, Ecuador





A Brief History of BPW & UN Commission on Status of Women

by Dr. Chonchanok Viravan International President 2005-2008 & VP UN 2002-2005 for BPW International

"For half a century, as the representative of the International Federation of Business and Professional Women at the United Nations, you actively promoted the concerns of women. Your untiring efforts influenced almost all the resolutions of the General Assembly and its subsidiary bodies which affect the status of women."

> Kofi Annan, Secretary-General of United Nations In a letter to Esther Hymer, IFBPW Representative to United Nations on her 100th Birthday in 1999.

When I was a young BPW who went to New York to attend UN Commission on Status of Women (UN CSW) for the first time with then BPW International President Dr. Pat Harrison, I was in awe of the depth and breadth of women issues covered in UN sessions as well as hundreds of parallel sessions organized by NGOs in or around the United Nations Headquarter. There was no conference fee, but one must be a member of an Organization with Consultative Status to the United Nations, like International Federation of Business and Professional Women, in order to attend. Dr. Pat Harrison became my mentor on UN matters. In several years following, I attended UN CSW as delegate of Thai government twice and as recipient of a scholarship from Division on Advancement of Women once. I always brings a book "The Bus to 42nd Street" written by Past International Presidents Sylvia Perry and Livia Ricci to UN CSW with me to keep me inform and inspire.





BPW International Presidents and International Vice President for United Nations always promote BPW members to be involved in UN works. During 2002-2008 when I served BPW International Vice President for UN and later on as International President, I continued Dr. Pat work in promoting more BPW members to UN CSW. I learned more about BPW works with the UN through BPW permanent representatives and by attending the meetings myself. By 2008, over 200 BPW members attended UN CSW annually.

Yet, not many BPW members knew how deeply involved International Federation of Business and Professional Women is with the work of UN Commission on Status of Women since its conception. This brief history of BPW and UN CSW aims to enlighten people on how BPW contributed to the United Nations, especially through the leadership positions in the United Nations and in NGO-CSW in New York and Vienna.

1940s

IFBPW was among the first group of NGOs to gain consultative status with the UN Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) in 1947. This happened because of the foresight of Esther Hymer (1898 – 2001) who attended the founding of the United Nations and ceased the opportunities to influencing or influenced depending on other word queried the policies of the newly formed United Nations. IFBPW applied for Consultative Status with the UN ECOSOC in 1945.

When the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) was founded in June 1946, the Commission's mandate was to "prepare recommendations and reports to the Economic and Social Council on promoting women's rights in political, economic, civil, social and educational fields" and to make recommendations "on urgent problems requiring immediate attention in the field of women's rights."

The Commission forged a close relationship with non-governmental organizations in consultative status with ECOSOC were invited to participate as observers. This, of course, includes IFBPW.

1950s

IFBPW voices began to be heard at the UN CSW through written statements by Esther Hymer IFBPW Representative to UN.

1960s

The Commission focused on promoting the participation of women in Development.

Helvi Sipilä (1915-2009), a representative from Finland as well as member of BPW Finland, served in the United Nations CSW as its Vice-Chairperson and Chairperson (the post she held until early 1970s). In 1968, she was nominated as Special Rapporteur for the Status of Women and Family Planning project and launched numerous studies on this subject.





1970s

This is the Golden Decade for IFBPW in working with the United Nations. IFBPW played important roles at both the International Women's Year and the First Women World Conference in Mexico.

Helvi Sipilä became the first woman to be appointed Assistant Secretary-General in 1972. She also served as the Secretary-General for the First World Conference on Women held in Mexico City in 1975. The CSW served as secretariat to organize this conference. In her opening statement she expressed her hope that it would set a precedent for equal representation of women and men in all future international meetings, whether on political or economic affairs, on disarmament, trade or human settlement.

Esther Hymer became the first chair of NGO Committee on Status of Women New York (NGO CSW New York) in 1972. On behalf of IFBPW, Esther, along with others, called for an International Women's Year in 1975. She was also elected chairperson of the NGO Committee of the International Women's Year in 1975, a post she held from 1972-1982.

As a follow up to a recommendation from the first Women World Conference, United Nations declared 1976-1985 the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace. Esther was appointed Chair for the Decade for Women, a post she held from 1976-1985.

In this Decade of Women, the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW) was drafted by the Commission and adopted by the General Assembly in 1979. The NGO Committee on Status of Women Geneva (NGO CSW Geneva) was founded in 1973 (initially it was formed as a sub-committee).

1980s

The Second Women World Conference was held in Copenhagen in 1980. The Third Women World Conference was held in Nairobi in 1985 to Review and Appraise the Achievements of the UN Decade for Women. The CSW served as secretariat to organize both conferences.

During the Decade of Women, three more UN entities working on Women's issues were established: The Division for the Advancement of Women (DAW), The United Nations Fund for Women (UNIFEM) and the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women (INSTRAW).

Helvi Sipilä was instrumental in the founding of UNIFEM, then known as the United Nations Voluntary Fund for the Advancement of Women.

Claire Fulcher, IFBPW representative to the United Nations who was trained personally by Esther Hymer, was also the founding convener of the NGO Committee on UNIFEM, where she served until 1994.





In 1982, the NGO Committee on Status of Women Vienna (NGO CSW Vienna) was founded. In its first four years, Marlene Parenzan, a member of BPW Austria, served as Vice Chair of Vienna NGO Committee on Status of Women, though she was then representing World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts (WAGGG).

During 1986-1991 Marlene Parenzan became Chair of Vienna NGO Committee on Status of Women for two consecutive terms from 1986-1991. Division on Advancement of Women (DAW) was still based in Vienna. She worked on organizing the first NGO consultations prior and/or parallel to meetings of the CSW. She met and worked with Esther Hymer who attended most CSW meetings then. As preparations for the Fourth World Conference on Women in Beijing in 1995 started at DAW in Vienna, she has the honor of serving as NGO-Co-ordinator to accompany the UN delegation to Beijing and discuss NGO participation with the Chinese hosts following intensive contacts with the Mission here in Vienna. Her work as NGO co-ordinator for the Planning Committee ended when the CSW moved to New York in 1993.

In 1987, Esther Hymer accepted the "Peace Messenger" certificate from UN Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar in 1987 on behalf of IFBPW in recognition of a significant contribution to the programme and the objectives of the International Year of Peace.

1990s

The Commission and its secretariat led the preparation of the Fourth Women World Conference, which was held in Beijing, China in September 1995. It coordinated the negotiations on the draft Beijing Platform for Action in a very participatory and comprehensive manner, including five regional preparatory meetings in 1994 and several NGO meetings.

Helvi Sipilä and the then BPW International President Livia Ricci, Yvette Swan, Immediate Past BPW International President, Sylvia Perry, Regional Coordinator Europe, Pat Harrison, Regional Coordinator Asia Pacific, Claire Fulcher, and many other BPW members were among the approximately 30,000 individuals who attended the independent NGO Forum 1995 held in Huairou, 50 miles from the main UN Conference in Beijing.

In 1996, Claire Fulcher founded the NGO Committee on Mental Health (New York).

In 1997, *Esther Hymer* was named as one of three women playing a significant role in the work of the UN Commission by UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan. In thanking her for her contribution he said,

"Still active in promoting women's equality, Mrs Hymer represents the best tradition of NGO activism in the United Nations."

This was the same year that the Office of the Special Adviser to the Secretary-General on Gender





Issues and Advancement of Women (OSAGI) was established.

BPW International Presidents and Vice Presidents for UN began to attract more BPW members to attending CSW, even when they were not the official IFBPW representatives to United Nations

2000-2010

In 2002, *Eva Richter* joined BPW New York and under the guidance of *Claire Fulcher*, became IFBPW representative at the UN in 2003. In 2008, *Eva* also recommended and guided *Susan O'Malley* to become IFBPW representative at the UN in New York. Susan later on became the current Chair of NGO-CSW New York.

Marlene Parenzan, IFBPW Representative to UN Vienna and member of BPW Austria, was again elected to serve as Chair of NGO CSW Vienna (VNGOCSW) during 2009-2011. Besides business as usual and attending the CSW in NY, she actively participated in the Global Conference on AIDS and the Conferences on Gender Medicine, spoke at the Civil Society Forum about "Women and Education for Leadership" and organized celebrations for "100 Years of International Women's Day".

In 2008 *Claire Fulcher* was honored in 2008 for 20 years of work and as the founding member and convener of the NGO Committee of UNIFEM 1988-1994.

Through the promotion by BPW International Presidents and Vice Presidents for UN and (then) the flexible UN regulation that allowed unlimited number of members of NGOs to participate at UN CSW, the total number of BPW members world-wide who attended the annual UN CSW grew from less than 20 to over 240 persons. They have enjoyed attending hundreds of side-events organized by governments and/or NGOs and later also organized workshops both inside and outside the UN Headquarters in New York. Other BPW activities were organized for those who came to UN CSW including the BPW dinner (which later was named "Claire Fulcher Dinner") and the BPW Leaders' Summit.

At regional level, BPW members also participated in meetings to follow up on the Beijing Platform for Action such as Beijing+5 (year 2000), Beijing+10 (year 2005) and Beijing+15 (year 2010).

2011-present

In 2011, the four parts of the UN system (DAW, INSTRAW, OSAGI and UNIFEM) merged to become UN Women. UN Women is now the secretariat of the Commission on the Status of Women. In 2015, the Summit on Sustainable Development in New York agreed on the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) to be reached by 2030. Gender Equality was one of the 17 goals. In 2014, *Eva Richter* was honored for her UN work by BPW in 2014 and received the Esther W. Hymer Award in 2015 for her outstanding commitment and her contribution as Permanent UN Representative in New York during 2003-2014.





In June 2015, *Susan O'Malley*, IFBPW representative at the UN in New York, was elected as the 11th Chair of NGO CSW/New York. She was again re-elected in 2017 to serve for two more years. During her first two years, she increased the participation of BPW members, educated them more about issues at the UN and involved them in the Planning Committee for CSW and the monthly meetings on issues of importance on the empowerment of women. She helped working on establish NGO CSW in 5 regions of the world, parallel CSWs to Geneva, Vienna and New York. Through these CSWs, Advocacy training sessions were organized in the 5 global regions. Through her leadership, NGO CSW/New York published A Guide for NGOs and Women's Human Rights Activists at the UN and CSW, which has been translated into Spanish, French, Russian, and Arabic. Usage of technology to ease the access of information on hundreds of parallel events which made a debut for UN CSW 62nd session were highly appreciate by thousands of participants.

In this decade, United Nations has changed the regulations to limit NGOs participation to CSW to 20 persons per organization (D20), over a hundred BPW members still come to New York prior to and at the same time to organize and attend varieties of BPW side events as well as attending BPW Leaders' Summit.

Today BPW still continue to improve the status of women and continue to work closely with the United Nations and work partnership with many international organizations. Our 2017-2020 Triennium theme is "Empowering Women to realize the Sustainable Development Goals". Much more works remain to be done.

Written by Dr. Chonchanok Viravan BPW International President 2005-2008

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PW THAILAND

CONNECTING AND EMPOWERING WOMEN IN BUSINESS AND SOCIETY

The Federation of Business and Professional Women's Association of Thailand Under the Royal Patronage of Her Majesty the Queen

The Federation of Business and Professional Women's Association of Thailand was established in 1973 and a member of the International Federation of Business and Professional Women since 1976. In 1981 the Federation received Her Majesty the Queen's gracious support, thus it became "The Federation of Business and Professional Women's Association of Thailand Under the Royal Patronage of Her Majesty the Queen," also known as BPW Thailand. As a member of the International Federation of Business and Professional Women (BPW International) with affiliates in 100 countries worldwide, BPW Thailand develops the professional, business and leadership potential of women through skill building, networking advocacy, mentoring around the world.

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Ms. Pornsiri Dirabhatana







CELEBRATING BPW SISTERHOOD GLOBALLY THROUGH CANDLE LIGHTING CEREMONIES



MEMBER CLUBS ACROSS REGIONS OF THAILAND



FOUNDING FEDERATION CLUBS

- Bangkok
- 2. Chiangmai
- Songkla

MEMBER CLUBS

- 4. Ubon Ratchathani
- 5. Roi Et
- 6. Khon Kaen
- 7. Lampang
- 8. Kalasin
- 9. Chiangrai
- 10. Yasothon
- 11. Phrae
- 12 Phuket

- Samutprakarn
- 14. Udon Thani
- 15. Nakhon Ratchasima
- 16. Pratumnon
- 17. Phitsanulok
- 18. Maha Sarakham
- 19. Lamphun
- 20. Surat Thani
- 21. Sukhothai

At present, **BPW Thailand** consists of 21 member clubs located nationwide in various provinces and the members clubs operate under **BPW Thailand's** principles and policies.

BPW THAILAND KEY PROJECTS AND PROGRAMS

The Association has organized many key activities, programs, projects and awards to honor women and improve status of women in business and professional dimensions. A Strong sense of commitment from our clubs, its member and our partners has enabled us to drive forward these important projects.



The Financial Discipline Program

Addressing a national growing concerned of an increase in the high level of household debts and an aging society population where most have insufficient funds for retirement, BPW Thailand, its member clubs and five leading organizations from the private and government sector signed an MOU to support, facilitate and champion the Financial Literacy Program to commemorate Her Majesty Queen Sirikit, Reign of King Rama IX of Thailand, on the occasion of her 84 th Birthday on August 12, 2016. These organizations are The Ministry of Social Development and Human



Security, The Stock Exchange of Thailand, The Thai Chamber of Commerce, The Thai Bankers'Association and National Council for Child and Youth Development Under the Royal Patronage of HRH Princess Mahachakri Sirindhorn. The collaboration of these major parties during a 3 year timeframe has resulted in the participation of many pilot companies and has trained over 600 mentors. The success of this program has been immense and as a result, the six parties have agreed to extend the cooperation and implementation period into the next three years (2018-2021) in order to increase and expand the outreach into society.



Better Fabric, Better Women's Life BPW Power to Make a Difference - Excellent Projects Award 2017 from BPW International

For more than four decades, BPW Thailand has been preserving the cultural heritage art of Thai fabric which is aligned with the wishes of Her Majesty Queen Sirikit of King Rama 9:

- · To preserve the art of Thai fabric weaving
- To continue to improve the fabric quality, design and marketability.
- To professionally develop fabric weaving careers for local women to financially sustain themselves.

BPW Thailand Member Clubs have been empowering women in their regions to financially sustain themselves in the trade by conducting training for local women to weave varieties of Thai fabric and introducing technology to create better fabrics and improve the quality and design. Our members help create demand by promoting the use of Thai fabrics through various campaigns and events to help ensure the preservation and sustainability of Thai fabric.









Give Women a Second Chance BPW Power to Make a Difference - Excellent Projects Award 2008 from BPW International

For the 15 th consecutive year, BPW Thailand has been involved in the vocational training, weaving and handicraft, education and self-esteem training to women inmates in Central Women Correctional Institutions. This project gives women inmates the chance to learn and develop new skills, to do small businesses and prepare themselves to re-enter society.











Outstanding Business Woman Outstanding Professional Woman Outstanding Woman Leaders for Green Growth Outstanding Young BPW Financial Discipline Awards









Promote Green Growth Strategy

The Federation of Business and Professional Women's Association of Thailand under the Patronage of Her Majesty the Queen (FBPW) is aware of the roles of women in environmentally-friendly business development. In 2014, with the support from United States Agency for International Development (USAID), BPW initiated the first award "The Best Outstanding Women Leaders for Green Growth Award". The effort and support grew in 2015 as BPW Thailand worked in alliance with USAID, the Ministry of Industry and Ministry of Social Development and Human Security. In 2016, the Award adopted a new title "Outstanding Women Leaders for Green Growth Award" and offered 10 awards to women leaders in private sector and the community. The 2018 Award was supported by UNDP and the Ministry of Social Development and Human Security. The significance of the award not only recognizes the efforts of visionary women entrepreneur, it also inspires other women leaders to integrate the concept of Green Growth Strategies and Environmental Conservation to their organizations.










ASEAN WOMEN ENTREPRENEURS NETWORK (AWEN)

The ASEAN Women Entrepreneurs' Network is a regional network of women 's organizations or coalitions of women's organizations, representing women in all economic sectors in the ASEAN Member States.



AWEN is a network of business women in the Southeast Asian Region, operating to exchange knowledge and experience; develop and propose initiatives to promote economic and trade activities in order to enhance gender equality, empower and strengthen entrepreneurship skills for women in ASEAN Community; create favorable environment for female-led enterprises and support for women entrepreneurship in the region. The Ministry of Social Developement and Human Security has appointed BPW Thailand as the Official AWEN Focal Point and BPW Thailand has also been elected Chair of AWEN for 2018-2020. The Handover Ceremony took place in May 2018.













Thailand's Sufficiency Economy Principles & The SDGs



SEP at a Glance

The Sufficiency Economy Philosophy (SEP) is a decision-making framework that can guide us in living sustainably, using both knowledge and virtues. SEP is based on the principles of moderation, reasonableness and prudence. They translate into appropriate ways to solve problems or take action in different situations. SEP stresses balance in the use of economic, social, environmental and cultural capital, while underlining the importance of preparedness in dealing with changes in these four dimensions. Progress with balance promotes stability and, ultimately, provides a basis for sustainability. That can be as true for national development programs as for our own agenda in life.

Source : "A PRACTICAL APPROACH TOWARD SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT" Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Kingdom of Thailand



How does SEP get us to "sustainability"?

We make sure that our decision-making is in line with three basic principles:



We use SEP in making decisions, according to our knowledge and virtues:



We aim, as a result of our decisions, to mark progress toward sustainability with balance in the four dimensions of life:

PROGRESS WITH BALANCE IN LIFE'S FOUR DIMENSIONS



source: "A Practical Approach toward Sustainable Development, Thailand's Sufficiency Economy Philosophy", Ministry of Foreign Affair, Thailand





United Nations Sustainable Development Goals



End poverty in all its forms everywhere.

End hunger, achieve food



security and improved nutrition and promote sustainable agriculture.



Ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all at all ages.



Ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunity for all.



Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls.



Reduce inequality within and among countries



Make cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable.



Ensure sustainable consumption and production patterns.



Take urgent action to combat climate change and its impacts.



Conserve and sustainably use the oceans, seas and marine resources for sustainable development.



Ensure availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation for all.

Ensure access to

energy for all.

affordable, reliable,

sustainable and modern



Protect, restore and promote sustainable use of terrestrial ecosystems, sustainably manage forest, combat desertification and halt and reverse land degradation and halt biodiversity loss.



15 LIFE

Promote peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development, provide access to justice for all and build effective, accountable and inclusive institutions at all levels.



Promote sustained, inclusive and sustainable economic growth, full and productive employment and decent work for all.



Build resilient infrastructure, promote inclusive and sustainable industrialization and foster innovation.



Strenghten the means of implementation and revitalize the global partnership for sustainable development.



Source: https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org



Program of BPW International ASIA-PACIFIC REGIONAL CONFERENCE 2018

"Empowering Women to Realize Sustainable Development Goals"

Grand Hyatt Erawan Hotel, Bangkok, Thailand 29 October – 1 November 2018

Monday 29 Octol	ber 2018	
9:00 – 20:00 hrs.	Registration Venue: Lecture Hall of the Campus, Lower Lobby Floor (LL)	
11:30 – 13:00 hrs.	Lunch for International Executives and Past International Presidents (by invitation only) Venue: The residence room 302, Mezzanine Floor (M) Host by BPW Thailand	
14:00 – 17:00 hrs.	 BPW International Asia-Pacific Presidents' Meeting (invitation only) Venue: The Residence room 303 & 304, Mezzanine Floor (M) Welcome Messages Plan & Progress Reports from Regional and Sub-Regional Coordinators Presentations BPW Business Matters Briefing on Royal Protocol 	
18:00 hrs.	 The Opening of BPW-APRC and SME Trade Show 2018 Venue: MBK Center, 6th Floor, Zone D at the Craft Village zone Opening of Trade Fair Presided over by General Adul Saengsingkaew, Minister of Labour, Thailand 	
Tuesday 30 Octob	per 2018	
7:00 – 16:00 hrs.	Registration Venue: Lecture Hall of the Campus, Lower Lobby Floor (LL)	
8:00 – 9:30 hrs	Coffee Break Venue: The Tables Grills Restaurant, Mezzanine Floor (M)	
8:00 – 9:30 hrs	Participants meet in Grand Ballroom on the Lobby Floor to prepare for the arrival of HRH Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn in accordance to the Royal protocol.	
10:00 – 11:20 hrs.	Opening Ceremony ¹ Graciously Presides over by HRH Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn Venue: Grand Ballroom	
	HRH visits the Exhibits in front of the Grand Ballroom. Official photograph session with HRH (by invitation only)	

¹ This session will be broadcast live nationally on NBT Channel 11 and Radio Thailand. It would also be broadcasted to 176 countries globally on Thai Global Network.



11:20 –11:25 hrs.	Group Photo Session with all participants	
11:25 –11:30 hrs.	Opening Remark by Dr. Amany Asfour, BPW International President	
	Opening Remark by Dr. Narudee Kiengsiri, Asia-Pacific Regional Coordinator	
11:30 – 12:45 hrs.	 BPW Business Session I: Venue: Grand Ballroom Chair: Dr. Narudee Kiengsiri, Asia-Pacific Regional Coordinator Reports from BPW International President, Vice Presidents and Asia-Pacific Regional Coordinator Country Reports by Presidents of BPW Affiliates in Asia-Pacific: American Samoa, Australia, Bahrain, Chinese Hong Kong, Jordan, Japan, Republic of Korea, Lebanon, Malaysia 	
12:45 – 13:45 hrs.	Lunch Venue: Residences Room 301-305 and the Tables Grill restaurant, Mezzanine Floor (M)	
13:45 – 14:45 hrs.	 Panel I: "Women Accelerating Advancement toward Sustainable Development Goals In Asia and the Pacific" Venue: Grand Ballroom Moderator: Dr. Catherine Bosshart, BPW International Vice President for United Nations Speakers: Ms. Anna-Karin Jatfors, Deputy Regional Director for Asia and the Pacific of UN Women 	
	 Dr. Amany Asfour, President of BPW International Dr. Porametee Vimolsiri, Permanent Secretary of Social Development and Human Security, Thailand H. E. Ambassador Delia Domingo-Albert, former ASEAN Director General and the first Career Women Foreign Minister in Asia 	
14:45 hrs.	Coffee Break served in the Grand Ballroom	
14:45 – 15:45 hrs.	Panel II: "The Keys to Open New doors for Business and Employment Opportunities for Women" Venue: Grand Ballroom Moderator: Susan Jones, BPW International Vice President Membership Speakers: Irene Natividad, President of Global Summit of Women Shaikha Hind Bint Salman Al Khalifa, President of BPW Bahrain Dr. Cindy R. Pace, Ed.D., CPL, Assistant Vice President, Global Diversity & Inclusion, MetLife Hellen Swales, President of BPW New Zealand	
15:50 – 16:20 hrs.	Buses depart Grand Hyatt Erawan to Siam Nirimitr	
17:30 – 21:30 hrs.	 Dinner and Cultural Show Venue: Siam Nirimitr Host by Ministry of Tourism and Sports Enjoy Thailand's spectacular arts and cultural show (duration: 80 minutes without intermission). Also include buffet dinner and pre-show entertainment. Dress Code: Casual (bring scarf or sweater for air-conditioned theatre) 	



Wednesday 31 Oc	tober 2018	
8:00 – 9:30 hrs.	Participants meet in Grand Ballroom to prepare for the arrival of HRH Princess Bajrakitiyabha in accordance to the Royal protocol.	
10:00 – 11:00 hrs.	Keynote Speech: ²	
	HRH Princess Bajrakitiyabha Mahidol, UNODC Goodwill Ambassador on the Rule of Law for South East Asia	
11:15 hrs	Coffee Break serves in the Grand Ballroom	
11:15 – 13:00 hrs.	 BPW Business Session II: Venue: Grand Ballroom Chair: Dr.Narudee Kiengsiri, Asia-Pacific Regional Coordinator Video Messages "BPW & International Trade Center" By Arancha González, Chief Executive of International Trade Center Country Reports by presidents of BPW Affiliates in Asia-Pacific: Mongolia, Nepal, New Zealand, Pakistan Brief reports from International Executive: Executive Secretary, Finance Officer, European Regional Coordinator, Latin America Regional Coordinator, Young BPW Representative 	
	• Country Reports by presidents of BPW Affiliates in Asia-Pacific: Philippines, Singapore, Taiwan, Thailand, United Arab Emirates	
13:00 – 14:00 hrs.	Lunch Venue: Residences Room 301-305 and the Tables Grill restaurant, Mezzanine Floor (M)	
14:00 – 14:45 hrs.	 Panel III: "Green Growth Strategies for Better Business & Better World" Venue: Grand Ballroom Moderator: Amornwan Resanond, Project Leader, UNDP Speakers: Kesara Munchusree, Chairman of TSFC Securities PCL and Winner of Outstanding Women Leaders for Green Growth Awards 2016 Dr. Wandee Khunchornyakong Juljarern, Chairperson and CEO of SPCG Public Company Ltd., Thailand and Winner of Outstanding Women Leaders for Green Growth Awards 2014 Dr. Chonchanok Viravan, Chair of BPW Thailand's "Outstanding Women Leaders for Green Growth Awards 2014 	
15:00 – 15:30 hrs.	Buses leave Grand Hyatt Erawan Bangkok Hotel for Cultural Tour	
16:30 – 19:30 hrs.	 Cultural Tour: Welcome speech by Director General of Fine Art Department, Ministry of Culture. Exclusive visit to the National Museum of Thailand Reception hosted by Minister of Culture 	
19:30 – 20:00 hrs	Board the Buses to go to Thai Navy Club pier	

 ² This session will be broadcast live nationally on NBT Channel 11 and Radio Thailand.
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20:00 – 21:30 hrs.	Chaopraya River Dinner Cruise Boarding at Thai Navy Club pier near the Grand Palace Hosted by Khunying Natthika Wattanavekin Angubonkul and BPW Thailand
21:30 – 22:30 hrs.	Night Bazaar Shopping at Asiatique the Riverfront (Optional)
Thursday 1 Noven	nber 2018
8:20 – 9:00 hrs.	 BPW Leaders Summit Session 1: Venue: Grand Ballroom Panel: "Opportunities to Realize SDGs through BPW Activities and International Partners" Facilitator: Dr. Amany Asfour, BPW International President Speakers: "BPW & UN Global Compact", Marilyn Forsythe, Past President of BPW Australia "BPW works on Women Empowerment Principles", Vicky Mee, Chair of UN WEPs Committee, BPW New Zealand "Equal Pay Day Campaign", Pinella Bombacci, European Regional Coordinator "Sustainable Development of BPW by PILOT tools"
9:00 – 9:50 hrs.	 Daniela Rigassi, PILOT Administrator, BPW Switzerland BPW Leaders Summit Session 2: Venue: The Residence (Mezzanine Floor) & Grand Ballroom Breakout session: "Advancing BPW toward Sustainable Development Goals + 1" Facilitator: Dr. Chonchanok Viravan, Past International President Co-Facilitators for subgroups: o Dr. Narudee Kiengsiri, Asia-Pacific Regional Coordinator o Jo McKinsey, BPW UK o Caterina Park, East Asia Sub-regional Coordinator o Chularat Israngkool Na Ayutthaya, ASEAN Sub-regional Coordinator o Nasreen Mahdi, South Asia Sub-regional Coordinator
10:00 hrs.	Coffee Break serves in the Grand Ballroom
10:00 – 10:40 hrs.	 BPW Leaders Summit Session 3: Venue: Grand Ballroom Reports from subgroups by Co-Facilitators of subgroups:
10:40 – 10:50 hrs	Speech by Deputy Prime Minister of Thailand
10:50 – 11:50 hrs.	 Panel IV: "Financial Inclusion for Gender Equality and Poverty Alleviation" Venue: Grand Ballroom Moderator: Judith Van Unen, Past President BPW Australia Speakers: "Government's Support for Women-led Small and Medium Enterprises", Mongkon Leelatham, President of Small and Medium Enterprise Development Bank of Thailand "Decades of Works: Turning Housewives into Entrepreneurs", Ambica Shrestra, President of BPW Nepal "Promoting Financial Discipline Nation-wide", Thitinan Wattanavekin, Chair of "Promote Financial Discipline" project, BPW Thailand



12:00 – 12:30 hrs.	 "Financial Inclusion for Women in Aging Society", Masako Hiramatsu, President of BPW Japan "Financial Inclusion and Woman Refugee", Yvonne Butler, Managing Director of The Information Source, Australia BPW Business Session III: Venue: Grand Ballroom Young BPW Presentation: "Stimulate Growth for BPW International", Lead by Neelima Basnet, BPW International Young BPW Representative Raffle tickets drawing Announce by Vivien Johnson, Young BPW representative for Asia-Pacific Closing Remarks
12:30 – 13:50 hrs.	Lunch Talk: "Women CEOs Contribute to SDGs on Global Stage"
	 Venue: The residences room 303-304, Mezzanine Floor (M) (Online Pre-registration required) Facilitator: Irene Natividad, President of Global Summit of Women Speakers: Kobkarn Wattanavarangkool, President of Toshiba Thailand and former Minister of Tourism Myrna T. Yao, CEO and President of Richwell Trading Corporation, and Sports Philippines
	 Lunch serves in the residences room 301, 302, 305 will have live close-circuit broadcast of the lunch talk. Seat available on first come first serve basis. Lunch will also be served at the Tables Grill Restaurant, but without the broadcast.
14:00 – 15:10 hrs.	Parallel Workshops:
	 Workshop 1: "Intercultural Understanding for Business Growth" Venue: The residences room 303, Mezzanine Floor (M) Facilitator: Dr. Chonchanok Viravan, Past International President Speakers: Christine Heinze, BPW Germany Carmen Zogheib, President of BPW Lebanon Chularat Israngkool Na Ayutthaya, ASEAN Sub-Regional Coordinator To grow business in the next new decades, knowledge about cultures can make a difference in expanding market opportunities, understanding your clients or business partners and design suitable products and services. BPW members who do cross-cultural works for decades share their experiences and insight. Participants will have opportunities to interactively exchange their inter-cultural knowledge in an entertaining ways. Workshop 2: "Interactive Networking Opportunities" Venue: The residences room 305, Mezzanine Floor (M) Facilitator: Dr. Narudee Kiengsiri, Asia-Pacific Regional Coordinator The greatest strength of BPW is in our global network. This workshop would enable business and professional women from various countries to interact, match their interest and form new bonds that would enable them to exchanges ideas, enhance their businesses or professional contact or to make new friends.



	Workshop 3: "How to Dress in Thai Traditional Costume"Venue:The residences room 301, Mezzanine Floor (M)
	Instructor: Dr. Anucha Thirakanont Director of Thai Khadi (Thai Studies) Research Institute, Thammasat University
	Thailand has hundreds of years of history. Traditional Thai outfit can be worn by folding fabric around as long gowns, pants or blouses without having to cut them. This workshop would demonstrate variety of ways fabric could be worn in Thai traditions. BPW members can get ideas on ways to dress in Thai silk for the Gala Dinner.
14:30 – 15:30 hrs.	Coffee Break and Thai Cooking Demonstration for Thai Cuisine Venue: The residences loft kitchen, Mezzanine Floor (M)
	There will be demonstrations on how to make unique and delicious Thai snacks. These snacks will also be served as part of the coffee break as well.
	Gala Dinner "The Elegance of Women Power"
17:30 – 18:00 hrs	Participants go through security check to enter Grand Ballroom, the venue for the Gala Dinner
18:00 – 21:00 hrs.	Gala Dinner "The Elegance of Women Power"
	งามภูษา งามพัตรา ทรงคุณค่าพลังสตรี
	Graciously presided over by HRH Princess Soamsawali Venue: Grand Ballroom
	Dress code: Long evening gown, national costumes or Thai costumes. Do not wear black color gown.
21:00 - 23:00 hrs	After Gala Dinner Party



TOP 10 LANDMARKS IN THAILAND 2018



Wat Pho

In 2018, TripAdvisor names Wat Pho #1 Landmark in Thailand and #3 in Asia-Pacific. This 230 years old temple was listed UNESCO's Memory of the World as a documentary heritage for Asia and Pacific Region in 2008.

Wat Pho is where history, medical science and educational institute combined. It has a famous 46-meter Reclining Buddha. With 1,360 marble inscriptions about medical, historical and liberal sciences places all around the temple, Wat Pho is also known as Thailand's first public university. According to TripAdvisor, the Top 10 landmarks in Thailand that tourists voted world-wide in 2018 are as follows:

- Temple of the Reclining Buddha (Wat Pho), Bangkok
- 2. The Grand Palace, Bangkok
- 3. Temple of Dawn (Wat Arun), Bangkok
- 4. Phuket Big Buddha, Chalong, Phuket
- 5. Temple of the Emerald Buddha (Wat Phra Kaew), Bangkok
- 6. Jim Thompson House, Bangkok
- 7. Wat Chedi Luang Varavihara, Chiang Mai
- 8. Sanctuary of Truth (Prasat Sut Ja-Tum), Pattaya
- 9. Temple of the Golden Buddha (Wat Traimit), Bangkok
- 10. Wat Rong Khun, Chiang Rai



Wat Trimit

The Golden Buddha, officially titled Phra Phuttha Maha Suwana Patimakon, is a gold statue, with a weight of 5.5 tons. It is located in the temple of Wat Traimit, Bangkok, Thailand.

The Buddha at Wat Traimit was discovered when it was accidentally dropped as it was being moved, revealing, under a casing of plaster, a beautiful solid gold Sukhothai style Buddha.





Profiles of Speakers and Moderators



Dr. Amany Asfour *President of BPW International*

Dr. Amany Asfour is the President of BPW International for 2017-2020 Triennium. Her other International positions includes Chair of COMESA Business Council since 2014; Chair of FEMCOM for 2007-2015; Chair of UN Economic Commission of Africa Committee for Good Governance and Popular Participation; Board member of the African Union Foundation and Board member of Africa Spanish Network for Women for a Better World. As African Regional Coordinator (2005-2008) and Vice President Membership

(2014-2017), she opened 19 new clubs in 17 countries. Moreover, 11 new clubs that she worked on in the pipeline since last triennium are expected to be realized in 2018-2020.

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Ambica Shrestra *President of BPW Nepal*

Ambica Shrestra is President of BPW Nepal. Professionally, she is President of the Dwarika's Group of Hotel & Resorts. She is a Managing Director of Kathmandu Travel & Tours, Nepal Treks & Natural.

In 1971 she founded the Federation of Business & Professional Women's of Nepal (BPW Nepal). She also served as BPW International Asia-Pacific Regional Coordinator in 2005-2008. She won numerous awards nationally such as gorkha dakshin bahu 4th - his majesty the king award, and Internationally, such as Badge of Honour award from BPW International. Under her leadership, BPW Nepal also won International awards for decades of work to empower women in Nepal.



Ms. Anna-Karin JATFORS

Deputy Regional Director for Asia and the Pacific of UN Women

Anna-Karin JATFORS is currently the Regional Director a.i. at the UN Women Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific. In this capacity, she oversees the development and implementation of policies and programmes to empower women and girls and advance gender equality; delivers strategic and technical guidance to offices across the region; and engages in extensive advocacy, coordination and capacity-building with a range of partners.

A national of Sweden, Anna-Karin has more than 15 years experience working on women's and children's rights, combined with a background in communications and advocacy. She has served as Regional Programme Manager for Ending Violence against Women, as Asia-Pacific Manager for the Secretary-General's UNiTE campaign, and with UNICEF in New York and in Indonesia.



Dr. Anucha Thirakanont



Ministry of Culture Director: Thai Khadi (Thai Studies) Research Institute Thammasat University

Anucha Thirakanont, Ph.D., is a Director of Thai Khadi (Thai Studies) Research Institute and a lecturer at Faculty of Journalism and Mass Communication at Thammasat University. He is a member of committees of various organizations concerning ASEAN cultural affairs. He serves as the Deputy Director of the Organizing Committee of Her Majesty Queen

Sirikit's Production of the traditional masked dance drama or the Khon. He is listed as a cultural expert in various cultural committees and recognized as an Outstanding Cultural Promoters in 2016 by the Office of Cultural Promotion, Ministry of Culture of Thailand. He is an expert in Thai textile.



Carmen ZOGHEIB President of BPW Lebanon

Owner of a private Company C.A.R.M.E.N., specialize in Telecommunications. Beside her own company,she is a presenter of a Talk Show for woman, on "Mariam TV". In 2004, she was elected in Jordan, President for the "Arab Woman League", and later on, the League became member in EWA (East West & Africa Women Initiatives Forum).

In 2014, she was elected member in the board of "Arab Business Women Council", which entitled her to establish and lead BPW Lebanon. In October 2018, she was elected Financial Secretary of "Arab Business Women Council". Her goal is to help the women, anywhere in the world.



Catherine Bosshart

BPW International Vice President for United Nations

Catherine Bosshart is a Swiss historian of contemporary and modern history and specialist of gender studies. After studies in Switzerland, Germany and the USA, she received her MA in 1974 and in 1981 her PhD with distinction. After working on different research projects, she has been teaching first as a senior lecturer and then as a professor for contemporary history at the University of Fribourg. Since 2012 she has been UN Main Representative of BPW International in Geneva, in 2015 she was nominated Executive Secretary and in 2017

elected Vice President UN. Since 2014 she has been chair of the task force "Archives".



Dr. Chonchanok Viravan BPW International President 2005-2008

Dr Chonchanok Viravan is the only woman in Asia to be elected as international President of BPW International (2005-2008). Since 1997, she initiated a global competition, now called "BPW Power to Make a Difference Awards", which recognizes excellent leaders, excellent advocacy and excellent BPW projects that help women to help themselves. For BPW Thailand, she is the project leader of "Outstanding Women Leaders for Green Growth Awards" since 2014. She received two highest awards from BPW: Lena Madesin

Phillips award and Badge of Honor award. Professionally, she is the President of Pathanasomdoon Co., Ltd, a training company for leaders and executives.





Christine Heinze

BPW Germany

Christine has more than 25 years of banking experience with a focus on sales and relationship management in Commercial and Investment Banking. Besides Germany, she has studied and worked in the US, Japan and China. Her strength lies in increasing revenues and improving profitability. Among her cultural diverse client base, she has shown strong negotiation skills adjusted to the relevant intercultural environment – both in English and

Chinese. In her professional as well as in her voluntary work she has proven to be able to use change as a driver for development.

She is a member of BPW Germany since 1991, served in various capacities on behalf of BPW International and was awarded the 1st prize "Outstanding Young BPW Leader" in 2002. Besides, she has written a book on Mentoring "Women on course for success with mentoring. How to get ahead."



Dr. Cindy R. Pace, Ed.D., CPL,

Assistant Vice President, Global Diversity & Inclusion, MetLife

Dr. Cindy Pace, is a global talent and diversity leader, leadership scholar practitioner, lecturer, and adjunct professor of organizational leadership with 20 years of professional corporate experience working in financial services, health care, and biopharmaceuticals. Recently recognized as a 2018 Woman Worth Watching by Profiles in Diversity Journal, her research and practice is focused on empowering women to become change makers who lead

with power, purpose and impact in their organizations. Cindy has written about how women of color get to senior management in Harvard Business Review and how diverse women navigate leadership in Women's Leadership Journeys: Stories, Research, and Novel Perspectives, part of a leadership practice series published by Routledge.



Daniela Rigassi PILOT Administrator, BPW Switzerland

Daniela Rigassi is an economist and holds a degree in economics, project management and teaching. She worked for different financial institutes and an office communication company – mainly as process and/or project manager. At the moment she works for the government of the Canton of Berne in Switzerland as an ICT project manager. Daniela Rigassi has been a member of BPW Switzerland since 2005. She is very interested in the international activities of BPW. Her main contribution is her work as the administrator of

the project pool ("Member Projects & Experts" and "Club & Federation Projects").

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Ambassador Delia Domingo-Albert

Senior Adviser Sycip Gorres Velayo & Co. (SGV & Co.)

Ambassador Delia Domingo Albert is the first woman career diplomat to become Secretary (Minister) of Foreign Affairs in Asia and was awarded Doctors of Humanities in honor of building a gender-fair society. As Chair of the UN Security Council in 2004, she introduced the agenda "The Role of Civil Society in Post-Conflict Peace building" highlighting the role of women as peace-makers. She represented the Philippines in Switzerland, Romania, Hungary,

the Federal Republic of Germany and the Commonwealth of Australia. She is a founder of BPW Makati, Philippines.



Hellen Swales President of BPW New Zealand

Hellen Swales is National President for BPW New Zealand. Professionally she holds a Diploma in Physiotherapy and a Bachelor of Commerce. She is a third term Politician, I co-chair the International Women's Caucus for Ministry for Women in NZ, member of WEP's in NZ and a trustee for Te Whare Tiaki (Maori Women's Refuge). Being an advocate for women's and girls' issues and working with the international treaties like, CEDAW, UPR and as an Indigenous Woman, CERD; whilst assisting civil society to realise the

accountability these treaties can have on the work programs for the government of the day to keep them accountable is significant and not to be undervalued.



Irene Natividad *President of Global Summit of Women*

Irene Natividad, President, GlobeWomen Research & Education Institute

As President of GWREI, Irene Natividad convenes women leaders annually at the *Global Summit of Women;* conducts research on women board directors through *Corporate Women Directors International;* presents women CEOs to students at universities through *Legacies of Women* Forums; and integrates economic equity issues

in forums including OECD, APEC, T20, and UN meetings. A former Board Director of the Sallie Mae Corp., she was a Commissioner on the National Association of Board Directors' Blue Ribbon Commission on Board Diversity. Among other recognitions, she was named one of the "21 Leaders for the 21st Century" and as one of the "100 Most Powerful Women in America."



Judith van Unen Past President of BPW Australia

Judith A Van Unen is Director & CEO of Justice Equality Rights Access (JERA) International. She is a former National President of BPW Australia 2000 – 2004. Judith was a Business Performance Strategist and a long term entrepreneur, and a prominent activist for women in business and the economy, nationally and internationally. Judith has been an NGO Expert Advisor on Australian Government Delegations to the UN CSW and

members of the Australian Government Delegation negotiation team to APEC, Women's Economic Summit in San Francisco. Judith has also been a representative on numerous government consultative bodies.





Kesara Manchusree



Chairman of TSFC Securities PCL

Over her 30-year-long career in capital market and as former President of the Stock Exchange of Thailand (SET), Kesara Manchusree has work experiences that cover practically all sectors of the financial service industry. Her contribution has focused on developing the Thai capital market, especially promoting sustainable business practices relating to environmental, social and governance (ESG) considerations. Her visionary leadership enabled SET to create ESG Stock list (THSI), SET THSI Index, and social impact platform for social en-

terprises. Significantly, SET has recorded an increasing number of listed companies in the constituents of the Dow Jones Sustainability Indices (DJSI), which helped boost Thai companies' visibility among worldwide investors.

During her presidency, Kesara Manchusree also pioneered SET to adopt "Green Policy" and enhance "Green Culture" among staff, suppliers and listed companies. These included as Green Procurement, Zero Foam Campaign, Paperless Project and No Single-Use Plastic Campaign. Moreover, SET has also been promoting "Green Digitization": the utilization of IT equipment to improve resource efficiency.



Kobkarn Wattanavrangkul

Former Minister of Tourism and Sports of Thailand, and Chairperson of Toshiba Thailand Co., Ltd.

After her High School education in Thailand, Mrs. Kobkarn Wattanavrangkul was sent for further education in the United States of America. Her personal love of art paved way for her to hone her skills and gather more knowledge at Wellesley College, and two years later she attended the Rhode Island School of Design where she earned a Bachelor's Degree in Architecture. With her career in business ahead of her, Mrs. Kobkarn Wattanavrangkul has

an impressive CV in her education as she enrolled in numerous esteemed programs such as, The Role of the Chairman Program at the Thai Institute of Directors, the National Defense College, and the Executive Development Program at the Office of the Royal Development Projects Board.

Prior to her previous post as the Minister of Tourism and Sports of Thailand, Mrs. Kobkarn Wattanavrangkul, was the Chairperson of Toshiba Thailand Co., Ltd. and held numerous positions such as; the President of the Thai-Japanese Association, President of the Self-Sufficient Economy Committee (Thai Chamber of Commerce), Committee Member of the Anti-Corruption, the Head of the Leading Women Entrepreneurs of the World Committee-Thailand. She was dedicated to develop the Thai tourism industry and for it to grow sustainably and for Thailand to become a top tourist destination in all aspects.



Masako Hiramatsu

President of BPW Japan

Masako Hiramatsu is President of BPW Japan. She received her Master of sociology from Tokyo Metropolitan University. After working for the Radio Kanto (Commercial radio station) as a news reporter and writer including the correspondent of Vietnam War, she worked for the elimination of women's gender gap and jointed BPW Japan. In May 2018, BPW Japan and other NGOs successfully lobbied the Diet (Parliament) to pass a legislation

to urge each political party to have equal number of women and men candidates for the national and local election.



Mongkon Leelatham



President of Small and Medium Enterprise Development Bank of Thailand

Mongkon Leelatham is the President of Small and Medium Enterprise Development Bank of Thailand. He is also a Director of National Credit Bureau, Advisory Committee of the Federal of Thai SME's and Governmental Advisory of Furniture Industries Association. He worked as a Board of Executive Director and Managing Director of Metropolis Trust and Securities Plc., Director of the Agricultural Future Exchange of Thailand, Director and Chairman of Audit Committee National Housing Authority, Board of Executive Director

and Deputy Vice President of Thai Public Broadcasting Service (Thai PBS) and etc.



Marilyn Forsythe Past President of BPW Australia

Marilyn is a Past President of BPW Australia and has served in many roles for both BPW Australia and BPW International including Sub regional coordinator for BPW Asia Pacific, Chair of BPWI UNIFEM Committee, and Team member of the organising committee for the Asia Pacific Conference in New Zealand. In 2014, Marilyn became interested in a new initiative by the United Nations, the Global Compact and its Ten Principles drawn from key UN Conventions and Declarations for Global Compact. Marilyn's passion is to

have every BPW Affiliate to join BPW Australia, BPW New Zealand, BPW Korea and BPW Turkey and become participants in the Global Compact.



Myrna T. Yao *CEO and President of Richwell Trading Corporation, Philippines*

A multi-awarded business woman. She is the President and CEO of Richprime Group of Companies and Richwell Trading Corporation.

A staunch advocate of women's economic empowerment, she served as Chairperson of the Philippine Commission on Women from 2004-2010. She is the Founding Chairperson of the Philippine Federation of Local Councils of Women and Founding President of

BPW-Metromanila. BPW Rizal and the Chairman Emeritus of Pearl S. Buck, Philippines.

She is a recipient of different awards including 2015 Most Influential Filipina Women in the World; 2013 International Women Entrepreneurial Awards, Women's World Excellence Award. The Global Summit Award, Also granted the Presidential Merit Award for her success in the field of entrepreneurship in the local and international level.





Dr.Narudee Kiengsiri Asia-Pacific Regional Coordinator

Dr. Narudee Kiengsiri is BPW International Asia-Pacific Regional Coordinator 2017-2020. Her Ph.D. is in Urban and Regional Planning. Professionally she owns a real estate company and All-in-One Studio Co., Ltd., which is an event organizing company for both national and international events. She annually organizes National TV Gold Awards in past 25 years. She also served as Associate Judge of Intellectual Property and Central International Trade Court. She was past District Governor of Zonta International 2008-2010. She

received "Outstanding Women in Thailand from National Council of Women in Thailand 2010.



Pinella Bombacci *European Regional Coordinator*

Graduated in Law, in her professional life she was Director of many offices of the Finance Ministry at several levels : Regional Director of Tuscany and Liguria Region and Co-Central Director in Rome (Real estate Agency of the Italian Republic).

From 1980 to 2000 she was judge on financial matters

She was also professor of Administrative Law at the High School of Ministry of Economy.

Her great professional commitment has been rewarded with the honorary title of "Commendatore to the Merit of the Italian Republic". Member of the BPW Club Livorno (Tuscany - Italy) since 1993 she has carried out important roles at national level, as Chair of the Legislation Committee, In this role, she made the New Constitution and By - Laws of Fidapa BPW-Italy. She was also the Coordinator of the Guarantees Council , Finance officer , Vice President and BPW Italy National President in the biennium 2007/2009.

Currently, she is European Coordination Committee Secretary and, at International level, Chair of the standing Committee Art & Culture and Full time Staffs - Communication Director – Italian.

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Dr. Porametee Vimolsiri

Permanent Secretary of Social Development and Human Security, Thailand

Dr. Porametee Vimolsiri is Permanent Secretary of Ministry of Social Development and Human Security and also Chairman of the Bank of Thailand Board since 2018. He is a Board member of Monetary Policy Committee and Board Members of Electricity Generating Authority of Thailand among many other roles. He was Secretary General of the office of the National Economic and Social Development Board (NESDB) during 2015-2018 and

Deputy Secretary General of NESDB during 2009-2015. He received his Ph.D. in Economics, specialization in Public Finance and Monetary Theory and a Master degree in International Affairs, specization in International Economics.



Shaikha Hind Bint Salman Al Khalifa



President of BPW Bahrain

Shaikha Hind Salman Alkhalifa is the President of the Bahrain International Federation of Business and Professional Women. Received education in Bahrain. Graduate of the American University of Beirut. Holding a BA degree in Anthropology. Her focus is women development. She has been motivated to fulfill a vision of promoting women to attain better standards of living. She has always been inspired to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals through training programs and create opportunities to benefit others.

The economic incubators that we organize have proved a tremendous success. Entrepreneurs, small businesses for both men and women have benefited from this program.

Susan Jones BPW International Vice President - Membership

Susan Jones is the 1st Vice President of BPW International and has been a member of the Executive Board since 2011. She is a Director of Project Five-O. Professionally, she is a successful entrepreneur having established several diverse Australian companies with a background in tax accounting, economics, legal practice management and corporate governance. She is an adjunct lecturer at the NSW College of Law. She held directorships in both small business and the not-for-profit sectors, including the board of the Australian

Council of Businesswomen, a government appointment. She received two awards from BPW Australia in recognition of outstanding commitment and service to women through BPW.



Thitinan Wattanavekin

Chair of "Promote Financial Discipline" project, VP BPW Thailand

- Past Finance Director of BPW International, her contribution was to modernize BPW International's accounting system with consistency in reporting routine.
- Vice President, BPW Thailand, also as chairperson for BPW Thailand's Financial Literacy Project aims to promote fundamental financial discipline for people across the country.
- Director, Kiatnakin Bank Public Company Limited, and also in charge of the Bank's CSR projects. The Bank has received "Outstanding CSR Awards' and "Thailand Sustainability Investment Awards" by the Stock Exchange of Thailand.
- Chairperson of CSR Club under the Thai Bakers' Association whose members comprises of 15 local commercial banks.





Vicky Mee Chair of UN WEPs Committee, BPW New Zealand

Vicky Mee, Immediate Past President of BPW New Zealand, has been on the UN WEPs NZ Committee since 2014 and was appointed Chair in 2016. Her role is to coordinate the work of the five organisations that promote and administer the WEPs in New Zealand (of which BPW NZ is one) and to liaise with the 58 NZ WEPs signatories. The committee organises an annual survey, an annual awards event plus panel events based around specific

work place practices. WEPs is an important part of building an inclusive and respectful society where all thrive and BPW NZ is proud of the work we are doing in NZ workplaces.



Dr. Wandee Khunchornyakong Juljarern

Chairperson and CEO of SPCG Public Company Ltd., Thailand

Dr. Wandee Khunchornyakong Juljarern is a Chairperson and CEO of SPCG Public Company Limited and another 42 companies. She also serves as President of The National Council of Women of Thailand under the Royal Patronage of Her Majesty The Queen (2015 - 2021). She is Vice President of Ministry of Interior's Ladies Association. She received many international awards such as the leading ASEAN Women Entrepreneurs 2015, United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) Momentum for Chang

Lighthouse Activities Award 2014 for Leading a women-powered Solar Energy Transformation and BPW Thailand's Outstanding Women Leader for Green Growth Award 2014.

Yvonne Butler Managing Director of The Information Source, Australia

Yvonne Butler is Managing Director of The Information Source, a Board advisory firm she founded in 1995 with offices in Australia and Singapore. She is an immediate past CEO of the Australian Institute of Project Management. Prior to this, she held senior positions in leading international laws firms Allen and Mallesons Stephen Jaques, global consultancies Ernst & Young, etc. Yvonne served on several

Boards such as an External Board member for the Australian Department of Defence Capability Acquisition and Sustainment Group. She is a frequent speaker on the international conference circuit. Her next presentation is at the OECD Asian Corporate Governance Round Table in Kuala Lumpur.

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Tuesday 30 Oct 2018

Dinner and Cultural Show at Siam Niramitr

Host by: Ministry of Tourism and Sports

15:50-16:20 hrs: Buses depart hotel

17:30-21:30 hrs: Enjoy Thailand's spectacular arts and cultural show. Also include buffet dinner and pre-show entertainment.



Dress Code: Casual, bring scarf or sweater for air-conditioned theatre

Wednesday 31 Oct 2018

Cultural Tour at National Museum of Thailand

Host by: Ministry of Culture

15:00-15:30 hrs: Buses depart lower Lobby Floor of Grand Hyatt Erawan Bangkok Hotel

16:30-19:30 hrs:

- o Welcome speech by Director General of Fine Art Department
- Visit night museum of National Musuem of Thailand
 Reception

Chaopraya River Cruise Dinner

Host by: Khunying Natthika Wattanavekin Angubonkul and BPW Thailand

20:00 - 21:30 hrs:

- o Boarding the cruise boat at Thai Royal Navy Club Pier near the Grand Palace.
- o Enjoy dinner & entertainment .

Night Bazaar Shopping at Asiatique the Riverfront

22:30 hrs: Last buses return to Grand Hyatt Erawan Bangkok Hotel

Dress Code: Casual, bring scarf or sweater just in case of cool weather at night.

Thursday 1 Nov 2018

Gala Dinner "The Elegance of Women Power"

18:00 hrs onward

The Gala Dinner is graciously presided over by HRH Princess SOAMSAWALI

Enjoy Masaman, the dish that CNN ranks as #1 Best dishes in the world.

Our International guests and Thai members will put on a spectacular fashion show.

After Dinner Party



Dress Code: Evening gown, National costumes



BPW-APRC & SME TRADE FAIR 2018



In parallel to BPW International Asia-Pacific Regional Conference during 29 October – 1 November 2018, BPW Thailand and SME Development Bank are organizing a BPW-APRC and SME Trade Fair 2018 at MBK Center, Bangkok, Thailand. This Trade Fair is located on the 6th Floor, Zone D at the Craft Village zone in MBK Center. There are booths for SME Development Bank's customers as well as for BPW members.

Opening Ceremony:	Minister of Labour, H.E. General Adul Sangsingkeo, will preside over the opening ceremony of BPW APRC Trade Fair on 29 October 2018 at 18:00 hrs.
Location:	MBK Shopping Center 444 Phyathai Rd, Wang Mai, Pathum Wan, Bangkok 10330

Commuting:

1) Vans (for 29 Oct 2018 only):

14:00 hrs:	There are 5 vans to take some participants to MBK shopping center (10 persons
	per van). The pick up place will be at lower lobby of Grand Hyatt Erawan Hotel.
15:00 hrs:	The vans will depart MBK to return to Grand Hyatt Erawan Hotel.
17:00 hrs:	The vans will pick up participants of Presidents' Meeting to MBK.
20:30 hrs:	The vans will depart MBK to return to Grand Hyatt Erawan Hotel.

At Grand Hyatt Erawan Hotel, the pick up and drop off place will be at the hotel lower lobby. At MBK Shopping Center, the drop off and pick up place will be on the 6th Floor of MBK. Commuting time varies from 15 minutes to 1 hour, depends on traffic.

- 2) Taxi: You can get taxi to take you from hotel to MBK and/or from MBK to hotel. Prepare to pay in Thai Baht. The cost starts at US\$1 (35 Baht) but total cost depends on length of time of trip.
- 3) BTS: MBK can be reached via BTS National Stadium Station (Sky Train)
 - To commute from Grand Hyatt Erawan Hotel to MBK Center via BTS,
 - (a) Walk to BTS Chidlom Station.
 - (b) Take BTS to Siam Station.
 - (c) Change train at Siam Station to go to National Stadium Station.
 - (d) Walk to MBK Center and go up to 6th floor.

Prepare to purchase tickets in Thai Baht. BTS fare cost less than 44 Baht (less than US\$ 2). Time on BTS is about 7 minutes but total time include walking time is about 20-30 minutes.

BTS would be jam packed during 16:30 hrs – 19:30 hrs during rush hours.





APRC 2018 - Participating Countries

1	American Samoa	20	Myanmar
2	Australia	21	Nepal
3	Azrebigan	22	New Zealand
4	Bahrain	23	Norway
5	Benin	24	Parkistan
6	Canada	25	Philippines
7	Ecuador	26	Saint Kitts and Nevis
8	Egypt	27	Singapore
9	French Southern Territories	28	Slovenia
10	Germany	29	Spain
11	Hong Kong	30	Sudan
12	Italy	31	Sweden
13	Japan	32	Switzerland
14	Jordan	33	Taiwan
15	Korea	34	Tanzania
16	Lebanon	35	Thailand
17	Malaysia	36	United Arab Emirates
18	Mexico	37	United Kingdom
19	Mongolia	38	United States

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TEA ROM ERAWAN TEA ROOM

Located on the 2nd floor of the Erawan Bangkok Mall, the Erawan Tea Room serves traditional Thai cuisine complemented by refreshing beverages in a beautifully appointed semi-casual setting. **Hours:**

10:00am - 10:00pm (all day dining) Afternoon Tea: 2:30pm - 6:00pm Dinner: 6:00pm - 10:00pm

<u>THEDINING ROOM</u>

THE DINING ROOM

The Dining Room, with a garden ambience, features the most talked about buffet restaurant in Bangkok, perfect for a light meal as well as a relaxed full dining experience.

Hours:

Breakfast: 6:00am-10:30am Lunch: 12:00 noon-2:30pm (3:00pm on Sat/Sun) Dinner: 6:00pm-10:00pm



YOU&MEE

A casual Bangkok restaurant with a boulevard ambience. You&Mee is the ideal place for a quick meal throughout the day. **Hours:** 11:00am-10:30pm Curry lunch buffet: 12:00 noon-3:00pm Khao Tom dinner buffet: 6:00pm-10:30pm



BAR@494

A cosy Wine & Champagne Bar with a garden ambience. **Hours:** 3:00pm-12:00 midnight

THE BREEZEWAY

A relaxing casual dining and lounge area located adjacent to i.sawan's pool deck. **Hours:** 10:00am-10:00pm



TABLES TABLES GRILL

Modern European cuisine served table side creates a sense of showmanship and entertainment.

Hours:

Brunch: Sunday 11:00am-3:00pm Dinner: Monday to Sunday 6:00pm-10:00pm

THE GARDEN LOUNGE

The Garden Lounge serves light meals and refreshments throughout the day, as well as traditional Afternoon Tea. **Hours:**

Lobby: 6:00am - 12:30am Afternoon Tea: 3:00pm - 6:00pm



ERAWAN BAKERY

Erawan Bakery, in the Lower Lobby, offers irresistible temptations of the finest home-made cakes and pastries. Indulge in a relaxing espresso, premium teas or a light snack. **Hours:** 7:00am-09:00pm



A popular restaurant serving Italian cuisine, as well as a landmark live entertainment venue showcasing international bands into the early hours.

Hours:

Lunch: 12:00 noon -2:30pm Dinner: 6:30pm-10:00pm Sunday Brunch: 12:00 noon - 3:00pm Live Music: 10:00pm - 2:00am Sunday: 10:00pm - 2:00am





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ERAWAN BANGKOK

Registration: Morning Coffee Break (30 Oct): Conference Venue: Workshops or Break Out session rooms: Lunch:

The Campus The Tables Grill Restuarant Grand Ballroom The Residences The Residences & The Tables Grill





Mongkon Leelatham President, SME Development Bank of Thailand



SME^{Development} Bank is a special financial institution under the supervision of the Ministry of Industry and the Ministry of Finance.

Our objective is to promote, assist and develop small and medium enterprises in the expansion and establishment of their businesses by providing financial assistance as well as in-depth field-specific expertise.

This is the second time that the SME Development Bank will be participating in the BPW International Asia Pacific Regional Conference. On behalf of SME Development Bank, I am honoured to be a part of this special occasion as I believe women are key contributors to national economic growth.

This is due to their perseverance and limitless potential to succeed.

As such, we have witnessed countless achievements and feats by women, in a number of different professional fields.

Needless to say, they are also crucial to the success of the welfare and prosperity of their family and society.

There are increasingly more and more women engaged in entrepreneurship and SME businesses in Thailand as well. For example, the souvenir bags we have prepared for this conference bear clear testimony to their abilities. It was designed by one of our clients - a hard working business woman who has been able to sustainably expand her business and contribute towards the social equality of her community in Amnat Charoen province. She has also created numerous job opportunities for people within her community, especially for the elderly and stay at home mothers.

In essence, SME Development Bank has stayed true to its name by developing the following 3 key concepts: develop, deliver and digital. We strive to implement these concepts in our every day work as tools to widen access to SME's across the nation.

(Mongkon Leelatham) President, SME Development Bank of Thailand





Ongratulations to BPW International APRC Conference hosted in Thailand. We are proud of the Federation of Business and Profession Women Associations of Thailand under the Patronage of Her Majesty the Queen to organize this prestigious event and wishing for a very successful conference on "Empowering Women to Realize Sustainable Development Goals"

> Kessuda Raiva Chief Executive Director S&P Syndicate PCL.



n behalf of leading national and international child and youth development organizations, I would like to convey our sincere appreciation to Khunying Natthika Wattanavekin Angubolkul and members of the international and Thai BPWs for inviting us to be a part of BPW International Asia-Pacific Conference 2018. At national – level, BPW and NCYD have been working in close collaboration in several significant programs concerning women and young people empowerment. The Conference is a great opportunity to enhance our relationship at regional level, and we are very much looking forward to enjoying our future collaboration for years to come.

We wish you great success of the Conference.

Srisak Thaiarry

Executive Director National Council for Child and Youth Development under the Royal Patronage of HRH Princess Mahachakri Sirindhorn

> President Committee for ASEAN Youth Cooperation







We convey our sincerest congratulations to Khunying Natthika Wattanavekin Angubolkul, President and all members of the Federation of Business and Professional Women Associations of Thailand under the Patronage of Her Majesty the Queen for organizing BPW International Asia-Pacific Regional Conference (APRC 2018) in Bangkok, Thailand.

The discussion and workshops during the conference concern various important women issues including green growth strategies for better business. We do believe that the main theme of "Empowering Women to Realize Sustainable Development Goals" of this conference will gain valuable resolution not only for Asia but worldwide with different viewpoints of over 400 business and professional women from 35 countries.

We do sincerely support the conference and herewith sending you our best wishes for the success and great achievement to all concerned.

> **Tunyaratt Achariyachai** Vice President Kata Group Company Limited



We would like to extend our warmest congratulations to Khunying Nathika Wattanavekin Angubolkul, President and all members of the Federation of Business and Profession Women Associations of Thailand under the Patronage of Her Majesty the Queen for organizing BPW International Asia-Pacific Regional Conference (APRC 2018) in Bangkok, Thailand.

With the theme "Empowering Women to Realize Sustainable Development Goals", we do believe that the conference will not only gain the valuable result in sustainable economic and social development, but it also shows the potential of Thai Business-women to be internationally recognized as well.

We do herewith convey our best wishes for the utmost success of the conference.

Marsun Public Company Limited Mrs. Laddawan Chongvisal Director



Bächtold Ltd. (Dr. Soipetch Resanond)



Montre Corum SA. (Mr. Jean-Michel Bonjour)

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Congratulations to BPW Thailand for hosting BPW International Asia-Pacific Regional Conference 2018.

As sunlight can be turned into enormous energy, we here at SPCG hope the conference would boost the energy of business and professional women from over 35 countries to strive toward the Sustainable Development Goals.

Dr. Wandee Khunchornyakong Juljarern Chairperson & CEO, SPCG Public Company Limited





Leader in Real Estate Development and Environmental Protection and Conservation

K Group would like to congratulate the Federation of Business and Professional Women's Associations of Thailand, under the Royal Patronage of Her Majesty The Queen for hosting the BPW International Asia-Pacific Regional Conference 2018, Bangkok, Thailand on 30 October–1 November 2018

Fostering and Empowering Women as: A Driving Force for Societies and Nations A Creative and Visionary Leader for a Better Future Leading with Dignity and Pride

> **Chansamorn Wattanavekin** *Chairman K Group of Companies*



Kiatnakin Phatra Financial Group, a financial institution, encourages the development of the country's financial market and economy. Therefore, we fully support SDG, especially SDG8, promote economic growth and decent work through financial inclusion. We pledge full support for the conference theme **"Empowering** Women to Realize Sustainable Development Goals"



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Petchuda Kesprayura Chief Executive Officer, Amnuay Silpa - Nisai Virtual School





I wish to congratulate and thank BPW Thailand for hosting the BPW International Asia-Pacific Regional Conference (APRC 2018) in Bangkok, Thailand. The conference that will inspire and help empower all mankind to obtain their sustainable development goals.

With my sincere appreciation and warm wishes for a great success of the APRC 2018.

Phongchayut Ponata



B^{PW} Thailand warmly welcomes BPW sisters worldwide.

May the conference sets sail for success.

Supapan Pichaironarongsongkram

Chairperson Chao Phraya Express Boat Company and Supatra Group of Companies



I am very much pleased to know that BPW International Asia – Pacific Regional Conference 2018 will be organized in Bangkok, Thailand. As a matter of fact, BPW International is playing an important role in empowering women in various dimensions. BPW organization gets recognition from broad levels and perspective.

My good wishes to you for a great success of your Conference!

Somchai Kaewthong Kai Boutique



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> Dr.Ausanee Mahagitsiri President KDN (Krispy Kreme)





My congratulations and appreciation to The Federation of Business and Professional Women's Association of Thailand under the Royal Patronage of H.M. The Queen for being selected from the member countries of the International Federation of Business and Professional Women or BPW International to host the BPW International Asia Pacific Regional Conference 2018 from October 30 to November 1, 2018 at the Grand Hyatt Erawan Hotel, Bangkok.

I send my warm wishes to all the participants and the organizing committee and wish you a successful conference.

> Rutchaneeporn Pookayaporn Phukkamarn (Psy.D)

> > President, Sripatum University

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> Patcharapimol Youngprapakorn Executive Director



Lotus Arts de Vivre takes you to paradise! Lotus does incredibly beautiful heirloom designs, using rare materials and close to forgotten craft skills.

The Asian mythology and Western technology are woven into.

We would like to congratulate you on another achievement to arrange the meeting of BPW International Asia – Pacific Regional Conference 2018 at the end of this months.

It is a great honor for Thailand, that this meeting happens here and show you Skill of organizing and arranging this encounter.

> **Rolf von Bueren** *Executive Chairman*



In the era where people are facing global challenges, we the business and professional women world-wide must join force to ensure our children and grand children would enjoy quality living in the future. I wish this conference results in many partnerships to contribute to the realization of the 17 SDGs across the globe.

> Mom Luang Preeyapun Sridhavat Vice President, BPW Thailand





Message of Congratulations from Eastern Sugar and Cane Public Company Limited

E astern Sugar and Cane Public Company Limited Would like to congratulate BPW Thailand for being a gracious host. We are confident that the BPW International Asia- Pacific Regional Conference will provide an excellent and timely platform for the sharing of new ideas and valuable experiences, and for fostering close collaboration to achieve a common goal in empowering women for sustainable development. This will both contribute to and reinforce the goals of BPW International in "Empowering Women to Realize Sustainable Development Goals" during 2017-2020.

Sukakarn Wattanavekin

President

CENTRAL Group

Message from CEO of Central Group Co., Ltd.

On behalf of Central Group, I would like to sincerely congratulate Khunying Natthika Wattanavekin Angubolkul, President and Members of the Federation of Business and Professional Women Associations of Thailand under the Patronage of Her Majesty Queen Sirikit, for organizing BPW International Asia-Pacific Regional Conference (APRC 2018) in Bangkok, Thailand under the title of "Empowering Women to Realize Sustainable Development Goals".

As Central Group's strong advocate in pursuing the more sustainable approach to business, I do believe that the subject matter of BPW International Asia-Pacific Regional Conference this year will help inspiring women and women business leaders to join the growing sustainable development movement with the hope for a stable and prosperous future of Asia and Pacific region and beyond.

I would like to take this opportunity to convey my best wishes for the success and great achievement of this Conference.

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