

# APRC NEWSLETTER

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## APRC EXECUTIVE MEMBERS

President: Hean Bee Wee  
Secretary: Christine Knock  
Treasurer: Joan Fuh

## APRC PRESIDENT'S REPORT - JUNE 2022

Welcome to APRC June Newsletter. It is a privilege that I will be serving you all for the next 3 years after being elected APRC President at APRC/ICW General Meeting at ICW-CIF General Assembly in Avignon. Christine Knock has been elected secretary and Joan Fu was elected treasurer. We very much look forward to work with all of you to further support NCs to address gender equity in Asia Pacific Region. Please contact us with suggestions as to how APRC can support NCs to address gender equity issues.

27 members attended APRC General Meeting in Avignon together with 1 Proxy and 2 Observers. These NCs were present: Australia, Indonesia, India, Thailand, Taiwan, Philippines, Korea, Pakistan (Proxy). We had a successful business meeting and NC Reports were presented, some of which is in this Newsletter.

Congratulations to Martine Marandel who was elected President of ICW-CIF for 2022 – 2025. Congratulations also to our APRC sisters who were elected to these positions:

First Vice President: Pushpa Hegde

Vice President: Giwo Rubianto

Board Member: Sirirat Tamronsterakul, Dr Nona S. Ricafort from NC Philippines.

Assistant Treasurer: Chiou See Anderson ( President NC Australia)

Coopted to ICW Board: Linda Liu

Coopted as Mentor to ICW Standing Committee: Elisabeth Newman

These women were elected to Coordinator and Adviser positions: Uli Sllalahi, Jennifer Ann Davies, Wendy Rainbird, YoungAe Ha, Rakhi Shetty and Margaret Jip Kuo

The highlight of the Social Events of the Avignon GA was Musical Moments at the Conservatory of Music. A piece of music was composed and played to honour ICW GA being held in Avignon. The composition was enjoyed by all present as well as the cocktail party at Restaurant Francoise.

The General Assembly adopted **Empowerment of Women: Peace and sustainable development** as the Triennial Theme for 2023 -2025

The next ICW Executive Committee Meeting will be held in September 2023 in Wellington. ICW General Assembly will be held in Australia in 2025. Hope to see all of you there.

I will be attending Women 20 Summit organised by KOWANI in Medan in July 19 -21 as part of G 20.

Hean Bee Wee AM

**OVERVIEW OF THE 36<sup>TH</sup> INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL  
OF WOMEN'S GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
IN AVIGNON, FRANCE  
16<sup>th</sup>- 21<sup>st</sup> May 2022**

The opening ceremony on 16<sup>th</sup> May was held in the beautiful reception room of the 19th century City Hall, with the Mayor of Avignon, Cécile Helle, giving the opening speech. In the afternoon the Conference was opened and a Symposium held, in the Palais des Papes Congress Hall, based on this past triennial theme and theme for the General Assembly "Social protection for All Women and Girls: Sustainable Development for the World". The links for the recordings of the opening ceremony and symposium are:

**- the opening ceremony at the Avignon City Hall**

**<https://youtu.be/27h5awVBSQ4>**

**- the symposium on Monday afternoon at the Pope's Palace**

**<https://youtu.be/ZZR1xpTarNk>**

Following the presentations those present were asked to form three discussion groups.

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> May the business of the General Assembly commenced and over the next four days we had the presentations of the financial papers, Country and Regional Council reports, and the Standing Committee and Permanent Representatives to the UN reports. It is always interesting to learn what others are doing. There were other reports such as the Small Development Fund, the Lydie Rossini Fund and Project Five-O. and the 63<sup>rd</sup>-66<sup>th</sup> Commissions on the Status of Women.

With all positions declared vacant voting also took place during refreshment breaks for the President, 5 Vice- Presidents, 5 Board Members, Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer and Standing Committee Members; this is undertaken in stages. Martine Marandel, from France and immediate passed Treasurer of ICW-CIF, was elected President, Ludovina Moreira-Costes, from France, Treasurer and Chiou See Anderson, from Australia, as Assistant Treasurer. Of the 17 elected Standing Committee Members, 8 are from 5 different countries within the Asia Pacific region, which is pleasing to see.

The Regional Councils met. Hean Bee Wee continues as the President of APRC with Christine Knock as Secretary and Joan Fu as Treasurer.

There was a presentation from LELAF and of the Mechta van den Boogert Award

All nine resolutions were presented and passed; the one about Surrogacy caused some discussion. The Triennial Theme, "Empowerment of Women: Peace and Sustainable Development", and the Plans of Action for the next Triennium, 2022-2025, were adopted.

The NCW NZ placed a bid to hold the next Mid-term Executive Committee Meeting in September 2023 and NCWA to hold the next General Assembly in 2025. Both were accepted. It was noted this last Triennium was extended by a year due to the COVID pandemic, the next Triennium will be the full three years, viz. 2022-2025.

A very pleasant gala dinner was held on a boat on the Rhone. We were invited to a concert put on by women with music by women which was also very pleasant. Some sight-seeing was organised for the last afternoon and day. The closing ceremony was late morning of Friday 20<sup>th</sup> May.

There was also the customary gift shop and Inter Faith Service.

Cosima Schenk, a former ICW-CIF President, was admitted to the Committee of Honour and several applications for life membership to ICW-CIF were approved.

It was a very pleasant friendly General Assembly. Once it was definitely decided the Assembly would take place there was only 6 weeks to put preliminary plans into place and confirm speakers etc. The French Council are to be congratulated for their organisation. The ICW-CIF Secretariat was also busy making sure all the papers were in order – thanks are due to the office Secretary, Mijin An, and for her work during the General Assembly.

At the meeting of the old and new Boards various responsibilities were allotted to the in-coming Board Members. Two recording secretaries have been appointed from two differing National Councils. Linda Liu, former 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President has been appointed an Ex-officio Board Member and I have been appointed Advisor to the Board primarily to mentor the two Board Co-ordinators of Standing Committees.

Elisabeth Newman AM

June 1st 2022

**INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL OF WOMEN**  
Photographs taken at the General Assembly  
Avignon, France







*Photographs Shared by Lata Ghandi*

## **My Experience at 36<sup>th</sup> ICW-CIF General Assembly**

I was very much excited to attend 36<sup>th</sup> ICW-CIF General Assembly in beautiful cultural city of Avignon France. It was organized under the leadership of Dr. Jungsook Kim, President of ICW and Marie Claude-Bertrand President, NCW of France. With the theme of “Social protection for all women and girls: Sustainable development for the World”.

All the delegates were given warm welcome. Registration counter was properly organized. Presentations, workshops, Reports and food were very well organized.

On 17<sup>th</sup> May we were taken to Conservatory of Music for Musical Moments and after that we went to Restaurant “FRANCOISE” for cocktail dinner party. We enjoyed the music and dinner. Everybody got rejuvenated after two hectic days.

Gala Dinner was organized on Cruise on 18<sup>th</sup> May. We arranged Taxi and went to the cruise. It was a wonderful experience.

On 19<sup>th</sup> May 2022 City Tour was arranged for the delegates. We also visited the Palais des Papes.

APRC Meeting held on Wednesday, 18 May 2022. The President of APRC Hean Bee Wee handled this meeting alone as Secretary Christine Knock and Treasurer Joan Fuh couldn't attend the conference due to unavoidable circumstances. She handled this meeting with presentations very gracefully.

By attending the conference, I personally got the chance to meet new likeminded people from various countries and cultures. I was very impressed, and learnt a lot in their company. Now again ready to work for the betterment of the underprivileged girls and women with a fresh mind, more positive energy from experiences that I got in attending this conference.

My stay at Avignon for the 6 days conference was awesome.  
It was my memorable trip to this place.

I personally felt that if they would have made arrangements of cabs for the delegates to attend the programs that were outside the hotel, it would have been convenient and appreciated by the delegates who had problem in walking.

In totality attending the conference was a great experience to me.

**Thanking you all**

*Sneh Lata Gandhi, Individual Vice President, NCW INDIA*

*Ex-officio DSCW*

*President Hitaishree Foundation*

**36<sup>th</sup> ICW-CIF GENERAL ASSEMBLY, AVIGNON, FRANCE 2022**  
**HIGHLIGHTS**

*Flying! Fantastic..Freedom..France!  
Friendly faces foretell fierce  
Feminine fire! – Phoenix, fixated  
On freer, friendlier futures.  
Merci beaucoup!*

*Presentations, proposals, procedures...  
Prevention, protection, projects...  
Possibilities, probabilities, programs...  
Positive Peace processes – Prayer.  
C'était merveilleux!  
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The outstanding highlight of this gathering of thirty-one of our member countries, was **Friendship!** Friendship allows open communication, granting each person a voice! Refreshing old friendships, speaking to each other face to face, debating issues, underpinnings, peace and plans robustly, with respect, and forming new friendships. was grand! Having voices silenced in my home council, it was a huge delight to enjoy, encourage and enunciate in an inclusive environment where we shared the same respect, reverence, enthusiasm, encouragement and energy, to protect, persevere and pilot change, in a dynamic, chaotic world!

Monday 16 May, was spectacular and busy. Late in the day we had a choice of workshops – I chose: ***Leveraging Social Protection Measures for the Prevention of Violence against Women.*** This was a **highlight** for me, as I spoke of my personal violence, abuse and enforced poverty – and for others who have experienced abuse and being ostracized for speaking out or for taking action, against the 'norm'. Women from different Countries, cultures, age and language groups all had a **voice** – our space was welcoming, warm and wonderfully safe to allow open discussion. We shared Ideas, realities, tragedies, successes in combatting problems and ultimately, formulated our own actions to be taken on return to our home bases. The workshop was professionally facilitated by the wonderful **Mohinder Watson**, who ensured that everyone truly had a voice!! Mohinder is our main ICW-UN Representative in Geneva.

Events and procedural and social highlights have been compiled, so this perspective retains focus on **communication, the lifeblood of our Councils**. At the APRC meeting in Avignon (18 May 2022), Country Reports were acknowledged from: **Australia, India, Philippines, Taiwan, Thailand and Indonesia**. A book was distributed to attendees, and included general reports from: **Bangladesh pp7-11, Korea pp39-43, India pp32-35, Philippines pp54-58, Taiwan pp67-70, and Thailand pp71-75. The 36 ICW-CIF General Assembly Avignon 16-21 May, 2022. BOOK OF REPORTS 2018-2022.** An excellent overview of the history, vision, tasks, general program and regional and international activities of the **Indonesian Women's Congress KOWANI** was given to me and this could be a possible blueprint for other Councils. It is highly comprehensive and useful.



*Jennifer Ann Davies ICW Advisor Arts & Letters*



## **NCWT Report to ICW APRC 2018-2021**

By: Linda Liu,  
President, NCWT

### **Covid**

When COVID first arrived in Taiwan in February 2020, people immediately bought up all the masks and alcohol from the store shelves. Our partner women's organizations, the National League of Women distributed 200,000 masks, 6400 PPE and 10,000 goggles to 31 hospitals, medical clinics and high-risk social organizations such as care and nursing homes. Through social media platforms, members of the National Council of Taiwan family, exchanged the latest information about the pandemic through social media. Many of our member organizations bought medical protective equipment to donate to medical facilities, social workers and public areas. Some also organized blood donation drives to collect blood for the medical facilities as the available blood supply declined drastically due to COVID keeping people at home.

On April 30, 2020, NCW of Taiwan President Betty Chang and Supervisor, Hsin Hsin Yang attended the first meeting of the "Gender Violence Prevention Plan: 2020 Local Action and Advocacy Initiative," cosponsored by the NCW of Taiwan and the Taiwan Coalition Against Violence. The experts noted a rise in domestic violence cases three months into COVID with most of the victims being women and girls as well as the noticeable decline in mental capacity of the elderly, mostly female, from the lack of mental, physical and social stimulation due to social distancing.

On 14 September 2020, NCWT launched a survey on the socio-economic impact of COVID-19 on the lives of women through the internet and social media to better understand how COVID-19 has affected the lives of women and girls in Taiwan. The survey results served as basis for advocacy activities of NCWT on issues related to COVID pandemic. The survey responders were mostly women (84%) over 50 years of age. Among the respondents 46.6% were working, 30.8% were retired, 18.5% were homemakers and 4.1% were employers. It found the following characteristics for the women whose lives were the most disrupted by the COVID pandemic. The impact shared by most of the women surveyed was the decrease in social activities cited by 90% of the women and the increase in unpaid care work reported by 68.5% of the women from housework and care work. The most severe impact was a reduction of more than 70 % of income for 8.4% of the respondents while 4.8% of the women either lost their jobs or could not find employment. The loss of income and jobs was more prevalent (42.8%) for people who lived in resort areas. From the aspect of health, 9.7% of women reported a significant impact on their ability to seek medical care, the majority (63.2%) said that there was some impact while 27.1% replied that there was no impact. Meanwhile 66.2% of the women surveyed reported a decrease in exercise and sports activities. Although there were only 799 confirmed cases with 7 deaths in Taiwan by the end of December 2020, the pandemic still exerted measurable impact on women's lives, and one can imagine the gravity of the impact on the lives of women in countries where the outbreak is much more severe.

NCWT and its Members also organized seminars to disseminate accurate information about the virus and means of protection, prevention and overcoming challenges presented by the pandemic. At a session on, "Getting Acquainted with COVID-19," of the Forum for its members held on 7 October 2020, NCWT invited Dr. Hwang Bo-Yen, a doctor of infectious disease at Chang Gung Memorial Hospital, one of the largest hospitals in Taiwan, to introduce the COVID virus, its various routes of transmission, means of prevention, and the current situation in Taiwan. NCWT member, Taipei 101, organized an event at the CSW 65 in March 2021 on "The Impact of COVID-19 and Responsive Strategies from Female Business Leaders," to share strategies adopted by women leaders to overcome the obstacles and challenges presented by the pandemic.

By 30 August 2021, the numbers of confirmed COVID cases had risen to about 16,000 with 835 deaths three months after the second outbreak of COVID began in May 2021. NCWT board decided to launch another survey through the internet and social media to compare the impacts of the two outbreaks. The ages of the people taking the survey was younger, with only 56.7% being over 50 years of age, 38.1% between 30-50 years old and 5.1% between 20-30 years old. This time only 15.5% of the responders were retired, 63.8% were employed, 14.4% were homemakers, and 4% were employers. According to the survey, unpaid care work increased for 63% of the responders. Again, income decreased for 44.4% of all respondents and by more than 70% for 8.19% of the women, while expenses increased for 58.8% of those surveyed. A quarter of those surveyed replied that the pandemic did not affect their accessibility to medical care, 45.5% were affected slightly, 18.9 were affected moderately, 7.6% were highly affected, and 2.5% were severely affected. Social activities declined for 97.4% while 76.3% of the responders reported a decrease in exercise and sports activities. This second survey additionally asked about the impact of COVID on increasing family tensions and mental stress. Most people (87.1%) reported an increase in mental stress, with 43.2% reporting a slight increase, 26.8% a moderate increase, 12.7% no increase, 10.5% a high increase and 6.5% a very high increase in stress. However, out of 35.3% who reported an increase in family tensions, 21% reported only a slight increase in family tensions followed by 10% who reported slight to moderate increase in family tensions from the pandemic. Only 3% of the women reported very high tensions. The reduction in social activities was compensated by the increased time on social media (84.5%) for information, entertainment and to keep in touch with friends and family. The surveys interestingly showed similar impacts of COVID pandemic and lockdowns on the lives of people with the most severe being on economic income, unpaid care burden and physical and mental health. Both surveys asked the responders for additional comments and most of these comments expressed a desire for having a sufficient supply of vaccines.

However, by 20 April 2022, confirmed COVID cases have reached 40,000 and are multiplying every day, but luckily with only 856 deaths. As of December 2021, women and girls make up 49% of the confirmed cases and 36% of deaths from COVID.

#### Social Protection Programs

The government instituted several social protection measures: NTD 1,500 monthly subsidies for disadvantaged groups from May to July 2021; NTD 1,000 per day for period under

quarantine to persons under quarantine and their caregivers; NTD 100,000 to family members of people who die from COVID; NTD 10,000-30,000 for people whose income fell as a result of company shutdowns; and stimulus coupons worth NTD 3000 in 2020 and NTD 5000 stimulus coupons in 2021 to all citizens to help stimulate the economy.

As part of its advocacy program, NCWT monitored the various stimulus programs to ensure that the programs do not discriminate against women. As the government is quite committed to gender equality, the programs are designed to be gender neutral, however, sometimes men receive more of these benefits in the actual implementation of these measures due to systemic employment segregation that discriminate against women. For example, one stimulus program compensated workers for a portion of wages lost. However, because of the gender gap in formal employment, many women who work as part-time workers were not covered by the measure. After this point was raised with the government, they immediately created a program for part-time workers. This new coverage would reach more women and girls, however the benefits were lower than that for formal workers due to the lower wages generally received by temporary workers. Other special COVID protection programs include low interest loans of NTD 100,000 at 1.845%, creation of a platform to find temporary work, creation of an app to find stay home part-time work such as office work, packaging, delivery, and sales, ensured payment of contract and part-time teacher's salaries, loan payment deferral of 3-6 months, eligibility for protection programs were extended to migrants with residential permits, special programs were established for taxi drivers and tour guides, and low interest loans were provided to 3,600 nurseries and day care programs, for 1,000 artistic groups and for 3,000 new businesses.

In conclusion, the Taiwan government was quite good about rectifying inequalities. Nevertheless, despite the gender-neutral design of many programs and government efforts, there are still systemic inequalities in implementation from the existing gender gaps in employment, education, occupational segregation, and digital divide.

## **NATIONAL COUNCIL OF WOMEN OF THAILAND (NCWT)**

The NCWT was established in 1956 and plans to celebrate its 66-year-anniversary on September 9, 2022. NCWT currently has 200 member organizations, with around 20,000 women members with a similar purpose to establishing benefits for women, families, society, and the nation by focusing on women's empowerment.

Women empowerment refers to the increasing spiritual, political, social, and economic strength of women as individuals and communities. Women's economic empowerment is a key to building a strong nation. Thailand faced challenges in many geographical regions, especially in ethnic minorities

### **The NCWT led by President Dr.Wandee Kulchonyakong Juljaroen initiated the Triennial Project (2018-2022): The objectives are to**

- strengthen the livelihood of Thai women entrepreneurs by supporting and promoting the consumption, manufacturing, and trading of Thai fabrics.
- promote wearing Thai fabric-outfits could help people's foundation economy and the community's income distribution by getting collaborative support and some funding from the government.
- promote the foundation economy of member organizations and women's groups across the country.
- continue and build on weaving knowledge and fabric patterns development inherited from ancestors also helps to retain Thai cultural identity.

The 3- years project assumes beneficial outcomes such as enhancing Thailand's economy by a billion dollars every year. If Thai people utilize 10 meters of Thai fabric per year on average and the estimated affordable price is \$10 per meter, the Thai fabrics sales will be \$100 per year. So, if an additional 10 million bought Thai fabric, it would be a huge boost to the economy. Thai Fabrics are the source of income for grassroots weavers, the foundation economy of the country. Also, it is important to preserve the cultural legacy of the Thai fabrics. Another advantage is that many groups of local people participate and receive advanced skills in weaving wisdom preservation, commercial platform development, and internet platform development. Finally, it will strengthen the foundation of the local economy to be truly sustainable. Cultivate consciousness, and create Thai values for the whole country. The CDD (Community Development Department, Ministry of the Interior) and the NCWT collaborated on this initiative. The project's sources of funds are public donors, NCWT, members, and the CDD.

A variety of activities were to boost Thai fabric consumption. NCWT and governors from throughout the country signed a memorandum of understanding to encourage citizens in their provinces to wear Thai textiles costumes at least twice a week. National roadshows featuring fashion shows and trade events were in action. NCWT offers free booths to small entrepreneurs to sell their products at every trade show. The NCWT also promotes and enables its member organizations to participate in roadshows. NCWT and CDD set a program to support commercial patterns and improve quality via training centres and organizing workshops.

Supporting and initiating a new Commercial Pattern, normally the Thai fabric weavers can sell their products via 3 platforms. The first platform is via the silk weaving women group in their communities. The second is direct selling to the customers who visit their homes. The third platform

is via OTOP events. The OTOP online platform was adopted and implemented during the terrible Covid-19 time.

One Tambon One Product (OTOP) is a program stimulating local producers launched by one Prime Minister of Thailand in 2001. OTOP was created as a way to help local producers. Most of the products are handmade.

The most striking achievement, which demonstrates efficient coordination between NGOs and the government, is the cabinet resolution on wearing Thai textiles costumes. The NCWT Thai Fabric Project received approval from the Cabinet on June 9, 2020, for efforts to promote and encourage Thai fabric consumption. The Prime Minister encourages all officers nationwide to dress in Thai fabric costumes at least two days per week except for the days that require uniform. He agreed that wearing Thai fabric costumes can assist the Thai economy and promote Thai fabric identity.

NCWT and CDD has organized a Silk Competition named "Mudmee cloth with a pattern of Chao Fah Sirivannavari", a royal pattern bestowed by HRH Princess Sirivannavari Naree Ratana Rajakanya, to select the best 75 designed local fabric from the 4 regions in Thailand to enter the national competition. The weaving pattern characterised by an English alphabet letter "S" which stands for her name "Sirivannavari". The contestants were notified to use this pattern as a model by utilizing their regional local technique to develop in the unique way of each community. HRH Princess Sirivannavari as her granddaughter is determined to continue this respectable work and bringing the Thai fabric industry back to life again. The Silk competition was in an effort to promote and showcase Thailand's pride.

Support of vulnerable groups by NCWT and member organizations (the poor, prisoners and children)

1. Provide food, supplies, and essentials for living.
2. Help repair the damaged residential house to be sufficient.
3. Create a professional chance for convicts by signing a Memorandum of Understanding with the Ministry of Justice's Department of Corrections to recruit excellent prisoners to work as trainees in factories that require low-skilled labour. If the factory owner is satisfied with any prisoner's honesty and ability, he may hire them as permanent employees. This project also promotes social acceptance among good inmates and improves their work skills before being released.
4. Vocational training for female prisoners aims to provide career opportunities for them. Such as hairstylist courses, street food cooking courses, and making sequined sarong courses.
5. Scholarships for schoolchildren with disabilities and students with losses
6. Activity with Schoolchildren on ending violence and preventing human trafficking in children and women.
7. Scholarships and gifts on the National Children's Day

### **Activities during Covid-19 Pandemic**

In the first and second wave of Covid-19 pandemic NCWT activities were as follows:

1. Support women's groups to produce fabric masks to alleviate supply shortages and generate poor people's income.
2. Donate fabric masks to the Thai Red Cross Society during the Covid-19 pandemic.



3. The right way to dispose of the infected waste projects.
4. Provide food, supplies, and other essentials for living

The third wave of COVID-19 pandemic has accounted more than 70% of infected patients especially in Bangkok and nearby provinces and it seemed to be worse in July 2021. Many hospitals that are taking care of a large number of infected patients are running short of major medical equipment, supplies and other personal protective equipment.

Dr. Wandee Kulchornyakong Juljaroen, President of NCWT and Board Members in cooperation with the Community Development Department (CDD) offered an immediate assistance by donating medical equipment to help patients infected COVID-19. The medical equipment worth 2 million Baht (\$ 66,666) will be passed on to Samut Prakan Provincial Red Cross Centre and Samut Sakhon Provincial Red Cross Centre and Thammasat University Field Hospital. At the same time, the National Council of Women of Thailand also donated 294 bags of jasmine rice to the “Food for Fighters” group to help prepare Relief bags distributed to frontline Health workers and those who are at high risk quarantine at home. This charitable project was being held on the auspicious occasion of HM the King’s birthday in July. As a part of COVID-19 relief project, NCWT Board Members also joined the charitable activity initiative by NCWT and the Community Development Department (CDD) called “Krau Pun Namjai Fight for COVID-19” (Sharing Heart Community Kitchen for COVID-19 Relief) using Wat Rakangkositaram Temple’s kitchen to cook instant food daily from June to July. The project aimed to prepare 1,000 boxes of a fresh food per day. NCWT members and volunteers have been cooking, packing the meal boxes and handing to frontline medical staff in nearby hospitals, local communities and unemployed people who are affected by COVID-19. This project was an initiative on the auspicious occasion of HM the King and HM the Queen’s Birthday in June and July and show the loyalty in appreciation of their kindness towards Thai people. The new committee has been elected, with khun Sukanya Prachuabmoh as the 27th President.

**The newly-elected committee will continue to promote the policies of our organisation, and to work closely with our members, to develop women's capability and involvement, as well as to build the new generations in preparation for the evolving social, political, and economical fields. We aim to learn from sharing each other's experiences, domestically and internationally.**