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2018

## Asian Conference of Women's Shelters & Japan National Shelter Symposium

### **Theme:**

**Evidence based research on shelter needs and the status of laws to prevent domestic violence and protect survivors in Asia**

### **Date:**

31st October – 4th November, 2018

### **Venue:**

Room 710&750, Great Hall, Hokkaido Citizens Actives Center, Hokkaido  
(北海道立道民活動センター710&750号室,大ホール)

### **Organizers:**

THE GARDEN OF HOPE FOUNDATION (GOH)  
ALL JAPAN WOMEN'S SHELTER NETWORK  
ASIAN NETWORK OF WOMEN'S SHELTERS (ANWS)  
GLOBAL NETWORK OF WOMEN'S SHELTERS (GNWS)

### **Sponsors:**

Asia Center, Japan Foundation  
Hiroshima University  
MOFA (Taiwan)

## AGENDA

- ⊕ Date: October 31, 2018 (Wed)
- ✧ 13:00 – 14:00  
Japanese government official visit
  - ▷ Venue: Gender Equality Bureau (男女共同参画局), Cabinet Office
  - ▷ Ms. Toshie Ikenaga, Director-General, Gender Equality Bureau, Cabinet Office



**Toshie Ikenaga**



Gender Equality



内閣府男女共同参画局

Gender Equality Bureau Cabinet Office

- ✧ 18:00  
Travel to Hokkaido



⌚ Date: Nov 1, 2018 (Thu)

## ANWS meeting / Study tour of DV center

✧ 13:00-16:00

**ANWS steering committee meeting (closed)**

▷ **Venue: Hokkaido Citizens Actives Center, Hokkaido**  
(北海道立道民活動センター)



✧ 16:30-18:00

**Study tour of DV center**

13:00-16:00 ANWS steering committee meeting (closed)

16:30-18:00 Study tour of Women's Consulting Center in Hokkaido, travel by chartered bus

18:30 Dinner

 **Date: Nov 2, 2018 (Fri)**

## **Asian Network of Women's Shelters (ANWS)**

### **Open Symposium: Statistics and Law**

☒ **Time: 10:00 – 17:30**

☒ **Venue: 7<sup>th</sup> Floor, Room 750**

**Hokkaido Citizens Actives Center, Hokkaido**

**(北海道立道民活動センター750号室)**

10:00-12:00 Roundtable discussion

Moderator: Prof. Theresa Yeh

12:00-13:00 Lunch and Registration

ANWS Symposium (translation Japanese – English)

Opening remarks

13:00-13:20 Chi Hui-Jung (chairperson of GNWS)

Prof. Chisato Kitanaka (director of National Shelter network)

Moderator: Prof. Omi Miho (Nagasaki University)

13:20-14:00 Keynote presentation: Challenges and opportunities for women's shelter organizations to produce evidence-based research and use it as an advocacy tool

Keynote Speaker: Prof. Chisato Kitanaka and Prof. Matsumura Utako

14:00-17:00 Country reports: Current status of protective services, domestic

violence prevention laws, and shelter needs in Asia

Cambodia, India, Nepal, Singapore, Taiwan, Timor-Leste, Vietnam

17:00-17:30 Q&A and discussion on creating consistent

18:00 Dinner

 **Date: Nov 3, 2018 (Sat)**

## **The 21st. National Shelter Symposium in Sapporo**

☒ **Time: 10:30 – 17:00**

☒ **Venue: Great Hall,**

**Hokkaido Citizens Actives Center, Hokkaido**

**(北海道立道民活動センター大ホール)**

10:30	Registration	
11:30～ 12:10	Opening Ceremony	Greeting message from Governor of Hokkaido, Sapporo city, and Japanese Ministries  Short performance
12:10～ 13:40	Keynote speech	Ms. Rosa Logar (Member on Co-founder, WAVE Network)  Speech from: Mr. Hamzah Mutualib (Chairman, Casa Raudha) Ms. Lorraine Lim (Manager, Star Shelter) Commentators: Prof. Chisato Kitanaka Ms. Rosa Logar
13:45～ 15:45	Panel discussion	Ms. Kayoko Bitoh (Chief of Women's Consulting Center Hokkaido) Coordinator: Ms. Kikuno Yamazaki (Representative Director, Women's Space-On)
16:00～ 17:00	Forum of Lawmakers Theme: To establish a comprehensive law against sexual violence	Members of Parliament, Local councilors (to make comprehensive sexual violence prohibition law)  Commentator: Ms. Rosa Logar
18:00～ 20:00	After Party at Century Royal Hotel	

**\*Please be seated on 2nd floor of the hall. English translation available**

 **Date: Nov 4, 2018 (Sun)**

## **National Japan Workshops (Language: Japanese only)**

☒ **Time: 09:00 – 15:45**

☒ **Venue:**

**Hokkaido Citizens Actives Center, Hokkaido**  
(北海道立道民活動センター)

9:00～10:00 Registration

10:00～12:00 Sub-meetings A About 6 subjects

12:00～13:00 Lunch time

13:00～15:00 Sub-meetings B About 6 subjects

15:15～15:45 Closing ceremony

## ABOUT THE CONFERENCE

The 2018 Asian Conference of Women's Shelters will take place in Sapporo, Hokkaido, Japan on November 2 before the Japan National Shelter Symposium on November 3-4, 2018.

The Asian Conference of Women's Shelters will be an international platform for scholars, researchers and shelter practitioners to discuss interdisciplinary research and practices in the fields of establishing and running a shelter in Asia, and collection and analysis of data on domestic violence.

The goal of the conference is to produce a report on shelter needs and review the current domestic violence prevention laws in Asia. The report will be a tool for NGOs in the region to advocate for better shelter services and lobby for law reform.

The conference is organized in partnership with the All Japan Women's Shelter Network and Hiroshima University. As well as leaders of the Asian shelter movement, Ms. Rosa Logar, former president of Women Against Violence in Europe (WAVE), will be a guest speaker at the event.

## WELCOME FROM THE HOST

The 2018 Asian Conference of Women's Shelters tackles the important issues of evidence based research on shelter needs and the status of laws to prevent domestic violence and protect survivors in Asia.

Data collection is useful for shelter managers, staff, funders, policy makers, and most importantly, clients. Gathering data helps ensure that programs provide the best services, determines whether programs are on track or where changes are needed, helps test emerging practices, identifies the most valuable and efficient uses of resources, guides effective allocation or reallocation of resources, and makes shelters more accountable to funders and the community.

Together with new developments in data analysis, such as social return on investment (SROI), data collection can be used by shelter organizations to demonstrate the benefits of programs, and help us advocate with funders, policy makers, and society at large.

But for staff who are busy dealing with the day to day tasks of casework and shelter management, collecting data can be an additional chore. We need to develop efficient and effective data collection methods to take the burden off shelter staff.

Who owns and controls the data is also an issue that must be addressed. It is important for shelter organizations to protect the interests of their clients and make them stakeholders in the data collection process.

Our colleagues in Japan have been working diligently for many years, organizing surveys on the status of national laws in Asian on prevention of domestic violence and sexual assault, and collecting data on shelter provisions and needs in Asian countries. So this year's ANWS Conference, generously cohosted by our colleagues from the All Japan Women's Shelter Network, is an excellent opportunity to review the current status of legal protections and shelter services in our region, and discuss how to work more closely together to share information and use it to make a difference.

### **Chi Hui-Jung**

Chairperson, Global Network of Women's Shelters

Chairperson, Asian Network of Women's Shelters

CEO, The Garden of Hope Foundation

## PARTICIPANTS



### **Chi Hui-Jung**

**Chairperson, GNWS**

**Chairperson, ANWS**

**CEO, The Garden of Hope Foundation**

Chi Hui-Jung is the Chairperson of the Asia Network of Women's Shelters (ANWS), the CEO of the Garden of Hope Foundation and a well-known Taiwanese activist, who pioneered advocating for the establishment of laws to prevent gender violence (i.e. Child and Youth Sexual Exploitation Prevention Act, Domestic Violence Prevention Act, Sexual Harassment Prevention Act), initiated plans to build shelters for domestic violence survivors, and founded both the Formosan Daughter Awards and Asian Girl Campaign to encourage girls to challenge gender stereotypes.

When Chi entered the Foundation in 1992, it consisted only of a dozen staff members, one shelter room, and one tiny office area. At the very start, the Garden of Hope's focus was primarily providing shelter services for sexual assault survivors. However, Chi felt more radical change was needed to improve the overall situation of survivors. That was why she decided to combine policy advocacy and social services into the Foundation's missions, initiating a series of campaigns to push for the establishment of laws in relation to gender violence.



## **Aisa Kiyosue**

**Women's Net Masakaane, Muroran**  
**Associate Professor of**  
**Muroran Institute of Technology**

Aisa is from Yamaguchi Prefecture which is located in the western part of Japan, and moved to Muroran city from Matsue city, Shimane Prefecture in 2011. Since then, she has been working as an associate professor of law, teaching Constitutional Law of Japan and family law. She is also one of the Steering Committee Members of the Women's Net Masakaane which runs a women's shelter and women's trade union. She has been actively involved in a number of feminist and social movements, in particular peace movement against war and support work for Afghan women and refugees. She has written a number of academic articles on Constitutional Law of Japan, family law and Gender & Peace Studies. She has contributed chapters to a number of books and co-edited several books on these issues.



## Dolli Dash

**Secretary of Project Swarajya**

Mrs. Dolli Dash (Master in Social Work) is a human rights activist working over last three decades to ensure the social security and human rights of women, children and depressed castes and classes in Odisha. She is fighting against drug abuse and alcoholism, which is major cause of violence against women and children in Odisha. She is engaged in building of lobby and advocacy in implementation of laws related to reduce violence against women and children. She has investigated hundreds of atrocity cases found solutions for many of them such as: victims of trafficking, sexual and domestic violence, drug and alcohol addicts etc. She has helped community people to set up **Gender Clubs** in educational institutions and schools to reduce girl child marriage in local area and wide variety of socially important causes.

She was a member of **Child Welfare Committee** constituted under **Juvenile Justice (Care & Protection)** Act 2000. She has published and authored a series of books articles, short stories, poems, reports and audio-visual aids on women empowerment, raising voice against violence on women and children, drug abuse, consumer rights in both Odiya and English language. She appears regularly on media such as Radio and TV. Currently she heads the organization Project Swarajya, steering its Social Reformist course in the path of Gender Sensitive approaches.



## **Theresa Der-Lan Yeh**

**Board Director**

**Taipei Women's Rescue Foundation**

Theresa Der-Lan Yeh joined the Board of Directors, Taipei Women's Rescue Foundation, in 2011. She has availed herself to connect the international human rights framework and the Women, Peace and Security Agenda to the Foundation's anti-trafficking missions and the recent endeavors against gender-based ICT-facilitated violence.

Yeh is currently professor of Foreign Languages and Literatures, and chair of the Women's and Gender Studies Program at the National Taiwan University. Her research interests include gendered communication, non-violent communication, and public discourse analysis. She can be reached at [theresay@ntu.edu.tw](mailto:theresay@ntu.edu.tw).



## **Hamzah Abdul Mutalib**

**Chairman, Casa Raudha**

Mr Hamzah is the Founding Member and has served as President of Casa Raudha Women Home from 2008 to March 2018. Since 1986, he has been involved in Community Work for more than 40 years both locally and internationally. Some of the projects that he was involved in was building Homes for widows and working with displaced communities in shelters/camps in Sri Lanka. Built two boarding school complexes in Indonesia. An orphanage, mobile clinic, Sewing training centre & library in India.

He is currently the Chairman of Casa Raudha leading the new initiatives; Prevention and Restoration related to Domestic Violence. Concurrently, he chaired Hyfy / White Hatters focusing on Youth at Risk and Social Cohesion on Inter-faith, Racial Harmony and Cultural Integration.



## **Hsueh-Fang Lee**

**Specialist, Social Worker,**

**Research & Development Department**

**The Garden of Hope Foundation**

### **Affiliation**

Hsueh-Fang has been working as a professional social worker for almost 14 years, providing individual supportive services and group counsel for victims of domestic violence and signal parents as well as management administration

### **Education**

Bachelor of Shih Chien University, Department of Social Work (1998-2002)

### **Professional Certificate**

Qualification Certificate for Senior Examinations of National Social Workers



## **Chisato Kitanaka**

**Co-representative director,**

**All Japan Women's Shelter Network**

**Associate Professor ,**

**Harassment Consultation Office at**

**Hiroshima University**

Chisato was born in Wakayama prefecture and currently lives in Hiroshima city, Japan. She is the president and the co-representative of All Japan Women's Shelters Network. She is also an associate professor of Harassment Consultation Office at Hiroshima University, Japan. Since April, 2017, she has been president of the NGO "Sexual violence victim support Hiroshima", which is a rape crisis center for Hiroshima.

Chisato started her career as a social worker on university campus who deals with harassment, bullying, discrimination and violence. Her major research themes are: sociological gender theory, violence against women, harassment on campus, academic harassment and academic misconduct.

Chisato is the director of Feminist Support Center TOKAI (Women's shelter NPO in Nagoya, Japan). Also she joins Campus Sexual Harassment National Network (in Japan) since the inception.

Chisato has a master's degree from Nagoya University, Graduate School of Letters (Sociology), and participation in Doctoral Program at Nagoya University, Graduate School of Letters (Sociology).



## **Yuki Kusano**

**Coordinator,**

**All Japan Women's Shelter Network**

**Director, Japan Women's Watch**

Yuki Kusano has been with the All Japan Women's Shelter Network since April 2015, where she is in charge of the 24/7, toll-free helpline for women subsidized by the Health, Welfare and Labor Ministry, and the PMJ Fund, with the national qualification of Chief of Money Lending Operations, providing financial support for survivors of sexual and domestic violence. She is also the director of Japan Women's Watch, and currently in charge of the youth support program which offers the great opportunity for young women to attend the Commission on the Status of Women at the United Nations Headquarter in New York. She herself has attended the Commission since 2016, conveying the current state of Japan in terms of gender (in)equality and bringing the world's latest information back to Japan.

She studied at the Graduate School in Humanities and Sociology, University of Tokyo; and earned her bachelor of the arts degree in gender and sexuality studies from the College of Liberal Arts, International Christian University, Tokyo, which included a year at the Women's Studies Department, University of California, Irvine.

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## **Lorraine Lim**

**Manager, Star Shelter,**

**Singapore Council of Women's  
Organisations**

Lorraine BA; M. Soc Sc (Counselling) received her Bachelor of Arts (Sociology) from the National University of Singapore in 1996 and completed her Master in Social Science (Counselling) from the University of South Australia in 2008.

Lorraine has been counselling abused women and children since 2008 and joined Star Shelter as the Administrator and Counsellor in 2011 and was promoted to Manager of the shelter.

With her dedicated team, she manages the operations of Star Shelter and the therapeutic programmes which include counselling, art therapy, and group work for the residents. Through therapy, casework, and enrichment programmes, Lorraine and her team help residents heal from the trauma of abuse, empower and equip them with the tools they need to lead a life free from violence.



## **Matsumura Utako**

**Associate Professor,**

**Department of Health Welfare at Kansai  
University of Social Welfare**

### **Current Profession**

Since 2016,

Associate Professor, Department of Health Welfare at Kansai University of Social Welfare

Since 2006,

Lecturer, Department of Health Welfare at Kansai University of Social Welfare

### **Area of Expertise**

- Gender and Law
- Violence against Women
- Human Rights
- Harassment



## **Miho Omi**

**Professor in International**

**Human Rights Law**

**School of Global Humanities & Social Sciences, Nagasaki University**

Miho Omi is a professor of international human Rights at the School of Global Humanities and Social Sciences, Nagasaki University in Japan. She received MAs from International Christian University and Humphrey School of Public Affairs, University of Minnesota and PhD in Law from Kanagawa University. Her research interests include international human rights treaties and their implementation, relationships between international human rights law and international economic/trade law, feminist and gender theories, and peace studies. She has been active in NGOs both in Japan and abroad working to promote women's human rights mostly in relation to the CEDAW Convention and UN human rights systems. She worked at a municipal women's center in Yokohama, Japan, before becoming an academic.



## **Pok Panhavichetr**

**Executive Director**

**Cambodian Women's Crisis Center  
(CWCC)**

Mrs. Pok Panhavichetr is an Executive Director of the Cambodian Women's Crisis Center (CWCC). Mrs. Panha holds a master's degree in Agricultural and Rural Development from the International Institute of Social Studies, located in The Hague, the Netherlands. She has more than 20 years of experience working in the NGO sector in the promotion of gender equality in her capacity as management and directorship positions.

Her diverse knowledge and skills in the area of development expanded her horizon towards serving the Cambodian people particularly women and girls in many ways. Mrs. Panha is considered by her peer NGOs' leaders as a think tank, full of ideas and guts to share what she has to others.

In 2010, Mrs. Panha has joined CWCC as an Executive Director because of her sensitivity to Women's human rights. During her 8 years with CWCC, she had exemplified and exceeded the expectations of the board in rebuilding trust with CWCC's donors and stakeholders for mobilizing resources to support the vision of CWCC. Under her leadership CWCC has expanded its program to one more location – Kampong Thom province and also constructed one more shelter located in Siem Reap for providing safe accommodation for woman and girl survivors of Gender Based Violence.

Ms. Panha is a good friend, a responsible mother and wife. Her personality is strong but with soft heart when helping people in need.



## Rosa Logar

**Member on Co-founder, WAVE Network;  
Group of Experts on Action against  
Violence against Women and Domestic  
Violence (GREVIO), Council of Europe**

- ☒ Her motto: “I believe in, and work for, the right of everyone, especially every woman and every child, to live free of violence!”
- ☒ Since 1978 professional work in the area of preventing violence against women and domestic violence.
- ☒ Executive Director of a gender-sensitive centre for victims of violence against women and domestic violence in Vienna, serving about 6000 survivors a year.
- ☒ Contributions to the development of laws and policy measures in Austria and internationally.
- ☒ Member of the Council of Europe Task Force to Combat Violence against Women 2006–2008 and of the Ad Hoc Committee on Preventing and Combating Violence against Women and Domestic Violence (CAHVIO) 2008–2010.



# **Sujana Ximenes**

## **Executive Director**

**Centro de Cuidado a Criancas –  
Casa Vida ('House of Life'),  
Timor-Leste**

### **Professional experience:**

Sujana Ximenes is a passionate advocate for women and children's rights in Timor-Leste. Sujana is the Executive Director of Casa Vida, a leading Timorese not-for-profit organization which provides holistic care to child and adolescent survivors of violence and sexual abuse.

Sujana leads a dedicated team of 40 staff, providing integrated support to children and young women who are victims of violence through residential care, social support and family reintegration activities. As Director, she also oversees Casa Vida's community preschool, life skills training courses and Aroma's Restaurant and Café, which provides training for women from vulnerable backgrounds.

Sujana has worked with Casa Vida since 2010. Having served in a range of counseling, project support and advocacy roles, Sujana was appointed as Program Manager in 2015. Sujana was surprised and humbled to be selected as the first Timorese Executive Director of Casa Vida, a role she commenced in January 2017. Having played an important role in the development of Casa Vida's programs, she is delighted to have the unique privilege and opportunity to lead a committed team to improve outcomes for survivors of violence and to advocate for children's rights in her country. Under her leadership, Casa Vida has strengthened their social work and reintegration program which every children have been re-integrated and no longer live in circles of violence as before.

### **Qualifications:**

Sujana holds a degree in International Relations from the Universidad da Paz (University of Peace), Timor-Leste Dili, 20 of December 2013 by Prof. Dr Lucas da Costa, SE,M.STH More recently, she obtained a Certificate III in Social Work from ISAT Institute National of Timor-Leste 30 June 2017) through participating in the first course offered in this field in Timor-Leste. During her 2 years volunteering with adolescents and children living in the streets of Brazil, she obtained a Certificate in Leadership from the University of the Nations, Brazil (2008).



## **Uma Rajya Laxmi Shah**

**President of SAATHI, Nepal**

Uma RI Shah is one of the co -founder of Saathi in Nepal in 1992 and at present she holds the title of the President of Saathi. She is a woman activist and has strongly been advocating to create harmonious and violence free society. She has played a major role to establish Saathi Women Shelters in four districts of Nepal and has initiated in raising awareness for domestic and sexual violence.

Her another major role is to make the survivors of domestic and sexual violence economically empowered. She believes that if women are economically empowered, she can lead her life to the path of success and NO one can dominate her. In this process, she has involved number of CSR for the financial support for the training of skill and capacity building training.



# **Nguyen Van Anh**

**Founder and Director**

**Center for Studies and Applied Sciences in Gender – Family – Women and Adolescents (CSAGA)**

Ms. Van Anh Nguyen is a social activist with 20 years of experiences in working on gender, gender-based violence prevention, and promotion of human rights of women and children vulnerable to violence and discrimination. She also specializes in counseling, training, program design and management, and succeeded in many communications, intervention, and policy advocacy projects on gender-based violence in Vietnam using innovative approaches.

In addition to working as Director/Chairwoman of Foundation Committee of CSAGA, Ms. Van Anh is also one of the founders and leaders of Gender-based violence Prevention and Response Network in Vietnam (GBVNet) with the participation of 16 member organizations who have a common interest and work to prevent gender-based violence and advance gender equity. Furthermore, she is a board member of the Global Network of Women's Shelters for Survivors of Domestic Violence.



## Wee Wan Joo

**Chairperson, Star Shelter**  
**Singapore Council of**  
**Women's Organisations**

Wan Joo is the Chairperson of Star Shelter and was the President of the Singapore Council of Women's Organisations from 2006 to 2008. She currently serves on the board of St Luke's Hospital and St. Luke's Eldercare and on the committee of the AIC Medifund Committee for the Portable Subsidy Scheme. She is also the Chairperson of Project Pari, an initiative to support disadvantaged school girls.

She led as the Deputy Chairperson of the APEC Working Committee held in Singapore in 2009 and as the President of the Zonta Club of Singapore, a chapter of an international civic organisation for professional women. She was a founder member and a past board member of the Women's Initiative on Aging Successfully (WINGS).

In 2010, Wan Joo was awarded the Public Service Bronze Medal (PBM), at the National Day Awards for her contribution and dedication.



## **Kikuno Yamazaki**

**Representative Director, Women's Space-On , Sapporo**

**Director, All Japan Women's Shelter Network**

**Executive director, Hokkaido Shelter Network**

Kikuno was born in Tokyo and currently lives in Sapporo city, Hokkaido, Japan.

She is the president of Women's Space –On, Sapporo and the director of All Japan Women's Shelters Network. She is also an executive director of Hokkaido Shelter Network.

Women's Space-On is the women's human rights organization. It is working for not only DV shelter but also women's labor union. It was established in 1993 starting from a small apartment room. The DV shelter movement has spread all over Japan from then.

As Hokkaido is the widest prefecture in Japan, a lot of shelters are needed. In Hokkaido, 8 shelters are working for the victims of DV. They are all private Shelters. Most of them are running the women's labor union because there is serious gender harassment at the working place as well as a family.

Kikuno is one of the survivors of DV. In 1997 she escaped from her husband's severe violence with her 3 children. That year was the first year the shelter was established. At that time there was no law against DV, so she had to spend the tough time with her children. She always felt insecure. So she started to support the DV victims and attend the movement for making the Law. In 2001 the Prevention of DV Law was enforced. It was made by many survivors.

Kikuno is working for the shelter with her experience as the survivor. She hopes strongly the world without any violence.

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## **Zaharah Ariff**

**Founding Member / Manager,**

**Casa Raudha Women Home**

Prior to managing the Organization, Zaharah worked as School Counsellor helping youths at risk find purpose in their life before she became a Marriage Counsellor handling cases referred by Syariah Court (Muslim Court that have jurisdiction to regulate certain marriage cases and administer divorce procedure). Zaharah also conduct talks to schools, families and communities in promoting family values and creating awareness on domestic violence.

## INTRODUCTION TO THE ORGANIZERS

### Asian Network of Women's Shelters (ANWS)



The Asian Network of Women's Shelters started in February 2012 at the 2nd World Conference of Women's Shelters in Washington DC, when over 50 representatives of Asian women's shelters gathered at a regional round-table meeting to discuss networking, share proven innovations, and learn from each other.

The Network was formally galvanized into a working organization at the 1st Asian Conference of Women's Shelters in Taipei in September 2012, when 30 representatives from 14 countries in the region met during lunchtime sessions of the conference to draft the vision, values, purpose and objectives of the Asian Network of Women's Shelters, and select the Network's first steering committee.

#### **Vision**

A just world in which communities and families live free from all forms of violence.

#### **Purpose**

Unite, promote and strengthen the women's shelter movement in Asia to end all forms of gender-based violence.

# Global Network of Women's Shelters (GNWS)



The Global Network of Women's Shelters (GNWS) was founded in 2009 and is an active and rapidly evolving global network.

## **Vision**

An equal world where women and their children live free from violence.

## **Purpose**

To unite the women's shelter movement globally to end violence against women and their children.

## **Goals**

- ☒ To be a strong and active global network with a recognized international voice.
- ☒ To ensure global awareness of violence against women and their children.
- ☒ To support and strengthen the women's shelter movement.
- ☒ To promote effective policies and their implementation in order to prevent violence and protect and empower women and their children.
- ☒ To promote social change that ends violence and oppression against women and their children.

## All Japan Women's Shelters Network



In 1998, to extend care and assistance to domestic violence survivors (both women and children), we gathered with other non-government shelters to form the network – All Japan Women's Shelter. In 2003, we officially registered as a non-profit organization.

From the north of Hokkaido to the south of Okinawa, there is a total of more than 100 shelters in Japan, and 67 shelters have joined our network as partners. All Japan Women's Shelter creates synergy by galvanizing the efforts of local women's organizations to promote needed changes in the Domestic Violent Prevention Law. Furthermore, the network provides mutual support and sharing of strategies. Our final goal is eliminating all forms violence toward women and children; hence, we focus on domestic violence, and also rape, sexual exploitation, and sexual harassment. We organize the regular conference since 1998, inviting frontline social workers and experts globally to share their policies and implementation strategies/practices in their country. Apart from using a variety of channels to be a voice for the survivors, we also provides a series of comprehensive services, from professional psychological counseling, short-term placement, job training programs to help survivors gain ability to return to independent living in the society.

Among other projects, we offer the 24/7, toll-free helpline for women as a part of Yorisoi Hotline, subsidized by the Health, Welfare and Labor Ministry, since 2012. The word “yorisoi” means being close together. Yorisoi Hotline is the one-stop consultation support project for social inclusion, providing not only telephone consultation but also direct personal support in emergency cases. We take more than 25,000 calls from women every year, but there are more than 20 times the number of missed calls. With the voices of survivors, we facilitate future policy formulation.

# The Garden of Hope Foundation (GOH)



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The Garden of Hope Foundation

The Garden of Hope Foundation is a non-government, non-profit group established in 1988 to help disadvantaged girls and young women, especially girls caught in the sex industry, survivors of sexual abuse and domestic violence, and survivors of human trafficking. Many of our clients have been subjected to more than one form of abuse.

From one halfway house, our services have grown to include shelters and service centers island-wide providing everything from counseling and temporary housing, to employment training, social work and legal aid. Our latest phase of development helps women “go the second mile” with job training, housing aid and emotional support after they leave the shelter.

## **Vision**

A world free of sexual abuse, sexual exploitation and domestic violence.

## **Goal**

Relieve and rehabilitate misfortune children, youths, women and their families.

Promote gender justice, and advocate for social and educational reform.

Empowering girls and young women so that they can realize their full potential and take charge of their lives.

## **Shelters services**

We have 20 shelters in Taiwan and one in the US under the Garden of Hope in New York. In the future we plan to establish a shelter in Taiwan's Nantou County for victims in more remote areas of the island. Apart from services for survivors of domestic abuse, we also run a shelter for survivors of human trafficking and other migrant women in New Taipei City.

## INTRODUCTION TO THE STUDY TOUR (DV CENTER)

### Hokkaido DV Center

In 1957 Hokkaido prefecture established the women's protection facility based on prostitution prevention law. Since then it has protected women without residence.

When the DV protection law was enforced in 2001, the facility also functions as a DV center. The law requires every prefecture to have at least one DV center.

The DV center is obliged to find early detection, consultation, investigation and protecting victims.

The emergency protection count of the Hokkaido DV center in 2017 was 81. Hokkaido is the largest prefecture in Japan and its population is about 5.3 million. So the public DV center has to outsource the emergency protection to NGO shelters. There are 8 NGO shelters in Hokkaido and the total number of protecting victims was 138. DV center and the NGO are protecting victims with close cooperation.

## INTRODUCTION TO THE GENDER EQUALITY BUREAU



The Cabinet Office (内閣府) is an agency of the Cabinet of Japan. It is responsible for handling the day-to-day affairs of the Cabinet. The Cabinet Office is formally headed by the Prime Minister. The Gender Equality Bureau (男女共同参画局) is a division of the Japanese Cabinet Office tasked with planning and coordinating the policies of the Japanese Government pertaining to gender equality. The Gender Equality Bureau conducts research on topics concerning issues of gender.



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## INTRODUCTION TO THE CONTRIBUTING ORGANIZATIONS

### Casa Raudha



Casa Raudha means a place of tranquility. Since its inception in 2008, Casa Raudha Women Home (Casa Raudha) remains steadfast to its vision of promoting positive change and new beginnings for mistreated women.

Located inconspicuously within a residential neighbourhood, Casa Raudha is a welcoming and peaceful place that is safe for women and their children who experienced violence and/or those who have lost roof over their heads due to poverty. Casa Raudha is a crisis shelter that embraces cultural diversity, supporting women and children of all nationality, race and religion.

The shelter ensures that its residents' basic needs are met e.g. food and accommodation. This gives the women especially the mothers less worry and so that she can focus on overcoming the trauma and making plans to move forward while the children continue their school with minimal / zero disruption.

Not just a mere shelter, Casa Raudha is a Home that provides opportunity for women and their children who wants to make a difference to their lives. Working closely with partners, Casa Raudha continues to be the bridge that connects its residents to the community and engaged them positively to bring about change in their life.

# Cambodia Women's Crisis Center, CWCC



The Cambodian Women's Crisis Center (CWCC) is a local non-government organization that was founded in 1997 and registered with the Ministry of the Interior in 1998 by a group of women who witnessed the suffering women and children as a consequence of the war and the various forms of violence carried out against them.

CWCC has focused its intervention and services on alleviating violence and empowering survivors of domestic violence, rape, sexual abuses and exploitation, trafficking. The work of the CWCC has expanded from a crisis shelter in Phnom Penh to shelters in the provinces of Banteay Meanchey (1999) and Siem Reap (2001) and in Kampong Thom (2012). Social assistance at the early stage also expand to legal protection, community organizing, economic empowerment and advocacy work at national and international levels.

## **Vision**

Women and girls living in peace, security and dignity and enjoying their universal human rights

## **Goal**

Empowerment of vulnerable women and girls through protection, prevention and in order to promote a peaceful, gender-equitable and compassionate society

## **Services and shelters**

CWCC seeks to establish equality between men and women, in turn creating happy and healthy families. Through community awareness raising, prosecution of perpetrators, and successful reintegration, CWCC is helping women help themselves.

CWCC currently has 3 shelters located in Phnom Penh, Banteay Meanchey, and Siem Reap. The shelters provide safe accommodation including food, clothing, psychological counseling, life skill and vocational skill training for woman and girl survivors of domestic violence, sexual abuse and trafficking. On average, every year CWCC houses over 100 clients combined in its three safe shelters.

## Casa Vida



CASA VIDA opened in 2008 and has welcomed 153 girls victims of abuse, including 45 young pregnant girls, through its doors.

### OUR VISION

“To promote the right of life, protection and citizenship guaranteed by RDTL Constitution and Convention on the Rights of the Child in Timor Leste”.

### OUR MISSION

“To provide child victims of sexual abuse a place of security where they can receive care for their physical, mental, social and spiritual needs; facilitating their return in complete health/wellness, to families and communities with a restored self-confidence and self-esteem.

# **Center for Studies and Applied Sciences in Gender – Family – Women and Adolescents (CSAGA)**



CSAGA – Center for Studies and Applied Sciences in Gender – Family – Women and Adolescents is a local non-profit, non-governmental organization established in 2001. CSAGA is dedicated to promote the human rights of Vietnamese women and children, particularly those are affected by gender-based violence and discrimination by innovative approach. CSAGA's core capacities include i) outreach program to support gender-based violence victims; ii) psychological intervention for women vulnerable to violence and discrimination; iii) communication activities to create beneficial change for the society; and iv) mobilizing civil society organization and private sector to advocate the legal framework for gender equality and women.

In Vietnam, CSAGA is the first organization addressed domestic violence as a serious social problem that consequently affected women's life, and the first organization that operated the psychological counseling hotline in the North since 1999. CSAGA is the founding member of the Gender-Based Violence Network of Vietnam – the GBVNet with 15 civil society organizations working on gender and women issues.

CSAGA's programs are designed based on the human rights approach with detailed theory of change. CSAGA pays special attention to use art in development initiatives as they truly respect the beauty and significance of diversity and difference. The organization's working areas include gender-based violence, domestic violence, sexual violence and sexual harassment, human trafficking, sex worker, LGBT rights, and children rights. The main target groups of CSAGA are women affected by gender-based violence and discrimination, male perpetrators of gender-based violence and fathers-to-be; lesbian, women bisexual, women transgender; and children at risk of sexual abuse and bullying. CSAGA considers their target groups not only the beneficiary but also the agent for change. Their programs, as a result, besides provide support for these groups, always aim to empower people.

# PROJECT SWARAJYA



## **Genesis of Organisation:**

PROJECT SWARAJYA is a non-profit making, non-party, pluralistic and open-ended platform that underlines the need for debate, discussion and dialogue among the concerned key players to tackle the complex human rights issues that the society is confronted with. It came into existence in mid-1988 in the midst of a country-wide movement for making Right to Work a fundamental right in the Constitution of India. Fortunately enough, after a lapse of a decade and half, the Common Minimum Programme of the then Government at the Centre has legislated a National Employment Guarantee Act for the whole country. The Organisation has happily prepared itself to conduct a campaign of earlier type for ensuring the foolproof pro-people orientation to the promised legislation.

## **Vision:**

As the name Swarajya suggests, the Organisation like many other thinkers and reformers of the past and as well of the present, envisages the emergence of an equitable, harmonious and ethical society where each and every individual shall be able to live on the principle, 'From each according to his capacity, to each according to his need' in inter-dependence with the rest of the society.

## **Mission:**

To empower the women and other marginalized and weaker sections of the society such as Scheduled Castes, Scheduled tribes, Other Backward classes, minorities, disabled and destitute for their effective participation in the making and implementation of policies and programmes with gender approach, meant for their sustainable development, and also to work simultaneously for strengthening of the existing platforms and institutions like PRIs and SHGs which directly concern their day-to-day life.

## SAATHI



Saathi (Meaning Friend), is an apolitical, nongovernmental organization established in 1992 to address contemporary challenges being faced by Nepali women. It is a pioneering organization that addresses Violence against Women and Children, particularly domestic violence, as an area requiring attention and intervention to break the silence that haunts the lives of many Nepali women. It has persistently continued its crusade in creating a safe, violence free society where women can enjoy her rights with dignity and respect .Saathi is also the first organization to open a shelter for the survivors of DV.

### **Vision:**

A just and peaceful society where women and girls can equally enjoy their fundamental rights to lead a violence -free life.

### **Role of SAATHI:**

Saathi started its advocacy campaign for Domestic Violence Legislation in 1999. After 10 years of intense advocacy through networking and forming pressure groups the Bill was finally passed by the Constituent Assembly on 19th April, 2009.Saathi has 4 Women shelters and 5 children shelters.

Drafted the SOP for the shelter operation which got adopted by the Government of Nepal also.

Saathi played a significant role in post-earthquake of 2015, by operating Multi-Purpose Women Shelter in different pockets inside and outside the valley.

Saathi got felicitated by the Ministry of Women in 2017 for its excellence work in providing shelter service to the survivors of domestic and sexual violence.

# **Star Shelter, Singapore Council of Women's Organisations**



The Star Shelter is a registered charity with IPC status, and has been in operation since March 1999. It is the only non-religious based crisis centre in Singapore.

Star Shelter is a temporary refuge for women and children survivors of domestic violence. It is a place where they can heal from the trauma of abuse and be empowered to rebuild their lives free from violence.

The shelter takes a holistic approach in helping all residents by providing their basic needs such as safe accommodations, clothing and food and addressing their practical and emotional needs. The shelter works collaboratively with the social workers from Family Service Centres to look into challenges the residents face such as employment, child care arrangement, application of Personal Protection Orders, securing future housing, and seeking probono legal advice. The shelter also provide counselling and various forms of therapy to address the residents' emotional needs and help them heal from the trauma of abuse.

# **Singapore Council of Women's Organization, SCWO**



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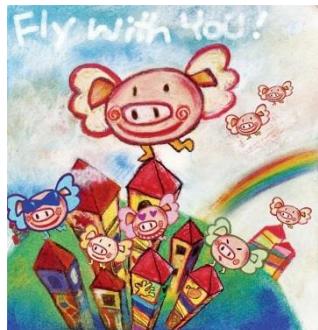
The Singapore Council of Women's Organisations (SCWO) is the National Coordinating body of women's organisations in Singapore. Our 60 Member Organisations represent more than 500,000 women in Singapore.

The Singapore Council of Women's Organisations seeks to co-ordinate these associations into a national movement and to act on their behalf in matters for which it is authorised by its members. It seeks to promote the ideals of 'Equal Space, Equal Voice and Equal Worth' for women in Singapore.

## **Services**

The SCWO offer a range of services mostly for women in need. They are the Star Shelter, the Maintenance Support Central, Legal Clinics, IT Hub, New2U Thrift Shop, Function Rooms, Library and a Café.

# **The Child and Youth Care Association of Pingtung County (PCTC)**



The Child and Youth Care Association of Pingtung County (PCTC) was established in 2003 with the goal of bringing happiness to all children. The Lotus Sutra states: "I have profound reverence for you. I would never dare disparage you. Why? Because you are all practicing the bodhisattva way and are certain to attain Buddhahood." Children and the youth are the most precious assets in this world; they are valuable treasure to us, and it is our responsibility and obligation as adults to protect, educate, love and respect them. We must ensure our children grow up in a family environment that is filled with happiness, care, and understanding, so their personalities can develop fully and harmoniously.

Our association was founded in 2004, and we administer various social service programs on behalf of the government. In 2006, we began operating an emergency shelter for women and children who are victims of violence and abuse. We also provide long-term shelter services for female victims of violence, helping them to lead an independent life. Our outreach services to female victims of violence, including care for children who witnessed violence, are designed to be one-stop services. We continue to track and counsel children and youth after they leave the shelters. For teenagers unable to return home, we have programs in place to quickly teach them how to live independently.

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