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## *World Social Work Day 2017*

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The first World Social Day has been organized at UN Office in Bangkok as a collaboration of International Federation of Social Workers-Asia Pacific (IFSW AP) and Asian and Pacific Association for Social Work Education (APASWE) and the local social work consortium, the Ministry of Social Development and Human Security, Thailand Association of Social Workers (TASW) and Thai Association of Social Work and Social Welfare Education (TASWE) on the theme of “Promoting Community and Environmental Sustainability”

The Minister for Ministry of Social Development and Human Security, Police General Adul Sangsingkeaw, Chair of the event’s opening ceremony has thanked to all representatives of the organizing agencies and participants for initiating and attending the event that supports to the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and has delivered his confidence that social work and social development communities have contributed their capacities in



promoting community and environmental sustainability as of the theme for the event.



Along with this one day event, there were exhibitions on the promoting of community resilience and self – sufficiency on environments and energy, and on the community service centers by the organizing agencies as the side events for the World Social Work Day at Bangkok UN Conference Center.

Two key note address follow the opening ceremony delivered by Dr. Nagesh Kumar, UNESCAP’ Director, on “Leaving no one behind: Sustainable Development Goals and Inclusive Social Development in Asia and

the Pacific” and Professor Mariko Kimura, President of International Federation of Social Workers-Asia Pacific (IFSW-AP) on “Global Social Workers and Educators”.

These key note address led to 2 panel discussions, a morning and an afternoon sessions. The morning panel discussion was on “Social work role to achieve in promoting community and environmental sustainability” the discussants include Dr. Fentiny Nugroho, President of Asian and Pacific Association for Social Work Education (APASWE), Dr. Decha Sungkawan, President of Thai Association of Social Work and Social Welfare Education (TASWE), and Dr. Jitti Mongkolchaiarunya, Dean of Pridi Panomyong School of Development Studies, Thammasat University. This panel discussion has been moderated by Dr. Prapaporn Tivayanond, Director of Social Policy and Development Program, Faculty of Social Administration, Thammasat University.



The afternoon panel discussion on “Role of Thai social work consortium to achieve in promoting community and environmental





sustainability” the discussants include Mr. Suradej Chayakasetrin, a representative of Social Welfare Council of Thailand under His Majesty the King patronage, Mr. Chichai Cheechareon, social welfare advisor for the Ministry of Social Development and Human Security, Professor Apinya Wejjayachai, President of Thai Council of Social Work Profession, and Ms. Natthawadee Na Manorom, Thailand Association of Social Workers. The session has been moderated by Assistant Professor Chanon Komolmarn, Faculty of Social Administration, Thammasat University.



The event has been participated by 365 of local social workers, social educators and social work students from both government and non-government sectors as well as the international participants from the UN system agencies and the representatives from the embassies of some Asia and Pacific countries.

