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Concept Note

“Gender used to be a barrier for women to overcome if they wanted to be in politics, but today in Taiwan the situation is somewhat different. I think there is even a preference for a woman candidate, and in local elections, we have seen that younger, better-educated female candidates are overwhelmingly preferred by the voters.”

Tsai Ing-wen

*First Female President
of the Republic of China (Taiwan)*

The Asian region has a mixed record as regards closing the gender gap and consequently, empowering women. In terms of addressing the gender gap, Asia-Pacific is behind Europe, North America and Latin America, but ahead of Middle East and North Africa. It has two countries in the top ten of the world’s most gender-equal countries in 2016 (Philippines is ranked no. 7 and New Zealand no. 9), but it also has states at the lower half of the list such as India (no. 87), Indonesia (no. 88), China (no. 99), Sri Lanka (no. 100), Malaysia (no. 106), Japan (no. 111), Cambodia (no. 112) and South Korea (no. 116). The ranking is based on four criteria: 1) economic participation and opportunity; 2) educational attainment; 3) health and survival; and 4) political empowerment.

The World Economic Forum (WEF), which made this ranking in its Global Gender Gap Report 2016, also forwarded the following country-specific observations:

- The Philippines (no. 7) and New Zealand (no. 9) maintain their overall Index top ten rankings on the back of strong scores on closing the Political Empowerment gender gap.
- Singapore (no. 55) shows a wide gender gap in estimated earned income. However, this is balanced out by simultaneous progress in closing the gender gap for professional and technical workers and for secondary school enrolment.
- Mongolia (no. 58) experiences a small decrease in its overall score and ranking due to a widening in the gender gap on the legislators, senior officials and managers indicator.

- Thailand (no. 71) slides in ranking due to a widening of its Economic Participation and Opportunity subindex gender gap and, in particular, a decrease in the number of female legislators, senior officials and managers. It also re-opens a gender gap in the literacy rate.
- China (no. 99) records a small decrease in wage equality and newly available data reveals that it continues to exhibit a gender gap in secondary school enrolment. It remains the world's lowest-ranked country with regard to the gender gap in its sex ratio at birth.
- Malaysia (no. 106) records progress on closing gender gaps in women's labour force participation and estimated earned income, and it fully closes the secondary school enrolment gap this year, leading to a rank and score increase.
- Cambodia (no. 112) experiences a reversal in last year's progress on closing its Economic Participation and Opportunity subindex gender gap, with a decline in women's labour force participation and estimated earned income.
- The Index's updated estimated earned income scale highlights the continued existence of an income gender gap in Japan (no. 111) and Korea, Rep. (no. 116).
(Note: Hong Kong, Myanmar and Taiwan are not included in the report.)

The list above validates the mixed record of the region in terms of fostering gender equality. Trafficking of women, gender-based violence, political marginalization, gender discrimination, among others are certainly continuing problems that many countries in the region confront. While these issues persist, the region also hosts some notable success stories in closing the gender gap and empowering women. Taiwan is one of such stories.

In 2016, Taiwan elected its first female president in the person of Dr Tsai Ing-wen, which many consider as an important milestone in the country's march towards gender equality. Apart from this, other recent achievements of Taiwan in terms of advancing women empowerment include:

- ranked 38th best in the world in 2016 in the gender gap index (GGI), which is based on the same formula used by WEF;
- 43 out of 113 (38%) seats in the parliament are held by women, which is significantly higher than the global average of 23%;

"If you invest in a girl or a woman, you are investing in everybody else."

Melinda Gates

Co-Founder

Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation

*“If one man can destroy everything,
why can’t one girl change it?”*

Malala Yousafzai

2014 Nobel Peace Prize Laureate

- 36.1 % of the country’s 1.33 million for-profit enterprises were headed by women at the end of 2015; in the service sector, women in leadership roles accounted for more than 45%;
- women’s labor force participation was at 50.7% in 2015; 90% of women aged 25 to 29 were gainfully employed;
- the Executive Yuan formed the Department of Gender Equality which aims to integrate gender equality policies across government bodies;
- the country adopted the UN Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW) in 2007 and the subsequently passed its Enforcement Act in 2011;
- the government-supported nonprofit Foundation for Women’s Rights Promotion and Development (FWRPD) began operating the Taiwan Women’s Center in 2008 which helps fund and support dozens of women service centers throughout the country; and
- the country has a number of non-governmental organizations (NGOs) working on gender issues, such as the umbrella network called National Alliance of Taiwan Women’s Associations (NATWA).

The achievements cited above provide the perfect backdrop for the choice of Taipei and Taichung, Taiwan as the venue of CALD Women’s Caucus Conference & Workshop on *Women Empowering Women: Experiences Across Asia* on 10-14 August 2017. Organized with the support of the Democratic Progressive Party (DPP), the Friedrich Naumann Foundation for Freedom (FNF), and the Taiwan Foundation for Democracy (TFD), the event’s main objective is to highlight the achievements of women in various fields – politics, economics, media, local government, civil society, business, among others. More specifically, the objectives of the conference and the related events are the following:

- To serve as a forum where the most pertinent issues and problems confronting women in the 21st century can be raised and discussed;
- To share experiences of how women empower other women in various professions;
- To broaden the network of CALD Women’s Caucus by establishing contacts with other women leaders in Asia and beyond; and
- To constitute the core group of CALD Women’s Caucus members who can drive the organization forward.

Programme

10 August 2017, Thursday

Arrival in Taipei / Welcome Dinner

Variable Arrival in Taipei | Check-in at the hotel of international delegates

Shangri-La's Far Eastern Plaza Hotel Taipei
201 Tun Hwa South Road, Section 2, Taipei, 10675, Taiwan
T (886 2) 2378 8888
T (886 2) 2377 7777
www.shangri-la.com/taipei/fareasternplazashangrila

Welcome Dinner and Cultural Show

Hosted by the Democratic Progressive Party

Venue: East Gate, Basement 1, Shangri-La's Far Eastern Plaza Hotel Taipei

18:30 – 19:00 **Registration and Cocktails**

Welcome Remarks

19:00 – 19:05 **Hon. Yao-Fu Hung**
Secretary General
Democratic Progressive Party, Taiwan

19:05 – 19:10 **Ms. Maysing Yang**
Founding Member, Council of Asian Liberals and Democrats
Vice President, International Network of Liberal Women
Vice President, Taiwan Foundation for Democracy

19:10 – 19:15 **Hon. Hsin-Liang Hsu**
Former Chairperson, Council of Asian Liberals and Democrats
Democratic Progressive Party, Taiwan

19:15 – 21:00 **Welcome Dinner**

Cultural Show

11 August 2017, Friday

CALD Women's Caucus Conference Day 1 / Gala Dinner

CALD Women's Caucus Conference Day 1

Venue: Shangri-La Ballroom, 3/F Shangri-La's Far Eastern Plaza Hotel Taipei

08:30 – 09:00 **Registration**

Opening Ceremony

The opening ceremony will be highlighted by the addresses of the incumbent Taiwanese president and former vice-president, the first women to assume their respective posts. It will also feature the welcome remarks of the main organizers of the conference (DPP, CALD) and their partners (INLW, FNF).

The speakers in this part of the program are expected to share some general impressions on the conference theme, "Women Empowering Women" and its relevance to the Asian region or to their respective countries/organizations.

Session Chair

09:00 – 09:25 **Ms. Jayanthi Devi Balaguru**
Chairperson, CALD Women's Caucus
Member, Central Executive Committee &
Chairperson, Federal Territories Women's Wing
Parti Gerakan Rakyat Malaysia

09:25 – 09:30 *Conference Photo*

Welcome Remarks

09:30 – 09:35 **Hon. Chih-cheng Lo, MP**
Director, Department of International Affairs
Democratic Progressive Party, Taiwan

09:35 – 09:40 **Dr. Kalaya Sophonpanich**
Deputy Leader, Democrat Party of Thailand
Former Minister of Science and Technology, Thailand
(*on behalf of the CALD Chair-Party, Democrat Party of Thailand*)

09:40 – 09:45 **Ms. Margaret de Vos van Steenwijk**
President, International Network of Liberal Women
The Netherlands

09:45 – 09:50 **Mr. Wolfgang Heinze**
Country Director, Philippine Office
Friedrich Naumann Foundation, Germany

Introduction of the Keynote Speaker

09:50 – 09:55 **Ms. Maysing Yang**
Founding Member, Council of Asian Liberals and Democrats
Vice President, International Network of Liberal Women
Vice President, Taiwan Foundation for Democracy

Keynote Address

09:55 – 10:25

Hon. Annette Lu

Former Vice President, Republic of China (Taiwan)
Democratic Progressive Party, Taiwan

10:25 – 10:45

Coffee / Tea Break

*Session I: Women Talk: Gender Awareness,
Gender-Based Violence and Gender Gap in Asia (Talk Show Format)*

This session will tackle the general state of women in Taiwan, the Philippines and Mongolia and how it fares with global and regional trends. More specifically, the panelists in this session may be guided by the following questions in their presentation:

- 1) How would you describe the current state of women in your country? How would you compare it with the trends or developments about gender globally and in the Asian region?*
- 2) What are the most important issues and problems that women in your country confront? Would you consider gender awareness, gender-based violence and gender gap as continuing areas of concern?*
- 3) Are there on-going efforts to address these issues and problems? What other policy interventions you would propose?*

Session Chair

10:45 – 10:55

Dr. Ketty Chen

Vice President, Taiwan Foundation for Democracy
Chairperson, Working Group on Women's Rights,
Liberal International

Panelists

10:55 – 11:10

Hon. Bi-khim Hsiao, MP

Member of Legislative Yuan, Republic of China (Taiwan)
Former Secretary General, Council of Asian Liberals and Democrats

11:10 – 11:25

Hon. Josephine “Nene” Sato, MP

Member, Philippine House of Representatives
Treasurer, Liberal Party, Philippines

11:25 – 11:40

Ambassador Rosario Manalo

Rapporteur, Committee on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women, United Nations
Former Chairperson, United Nations Commission on the Status of Women, Philippines

11:40 – 11:55

Ms. Jayanthi Devi Balaguru

Chairperson, CALD Women's Caucus
Member, Central Executive Committee &
Chairperson, Federal Territories Women's Wing
Parti Gerakan Rakyat Malaysia

11:55 – 12:30 *Open Forum*

12:30 – 13:45 Lunch
Venue: Metro Suite
Basement 1, Shangri-La's Far Eastern Plaza Hotel Taipei

*Session II: Women Empowering Women: Media and Communication
(Panel Discussion)*

This session will discuss the role of the media in addressing the issues of women – from observing gender sensitivity in the language used in media coverage to exposing sexual violence and other crimes against women. The panelists in this session may consider the following questions in their presentation:

- 1) Did the media play a role in shaping public attitude towards women in your country? How would you assess that role – was it positive or negative?*
- 2) Are women's issues sufficiently covered and rightly presented in your country's media? What do you think are the strengths and limitations of current media coverage?*
- 3) What reforms would you propose in framing women's issues and communicating them to the general public in order for the media to be a more effective tool for women empowerment?*

Session Chair

13:45 – 13:55 **Ms. Kanti Wisnuwardhani Janis, LL.M**
Partner, Robean-Janis & Associates Law Firm
Research and Development Department
Indonesian Democratic Party of Struggle

Panelists

13:55 – 14:10 **Hon. Emily Lau**
Director of International Affairs and Former Chairperson,
Democratic Party of Hong Kong
Former Member of the Hong Kong Legislative Council

14:10 – 14:25 **Hon. Li-Feng Lee, MP**
Member of Legislative Yuan, Republic of China (Taiwan)
Democratic Progressive Party, Taiwan

14:25 – 14:40 **Hon. Yu-Chiou Tchen**
President, Taiwan Public Television
Former Minister of Culture, Republic of China (Taiwan)

14:40 – 15:00 *Open Forum*

15:00 – 15:20 Coffee / Tea Break

**Session III: Women Empowering Women: Civil Society and Local Government
(Panel Discussion)**

This session will address how women can make a difference in civil society organizations and local government units. Civil society and local government are oftentimes equated with “empowerment”; but they can still be arenas for contestation, especially for marginalized groups. In this panel, the following questions may be considered by the speakers:

- 1) Are the existing civil society practices and local government structure in your country conducive to women participation?*
- 2) How did you or your organization advance the interests of women during your tenure as local government official/membership in the civil society organization? What were the obstacles you faced?*
- 3) Do you have suggestions on how civil society organizations or local government units can better empower women?*

Session Chair

15:20 – 15:30

Ms. Janet Seng

President, Women’s Movement in North America
Cambodia National Rescue Party

Panelists

15:30 – 15:45

Dr. Pei-Hui Tsai, MP

Member of Legislative Yuan, Republic of China (Taiwan)
Former Secretary General, Rural Front
Democratic Progressive Party, Taiwan

15:45 – 16:00

Ms. Czarina Medina-Guce

Political Governance Fellow, iLEAD
Faculty, Development Studies, Ateneo de Manila University
Member, Board of Trustees, The Asia Foundation, Philippines

16:00 – 16:30

Open Forum

Gala Dinner

*Hosted by the Director of the Department of International Affairs,
Democratic Progressive Party of Taiwan*

Venue: Shanghai Pavilion, 39/F Shangri-La’s Far Eastern Plaza Hotel Taipei

Reception/Cocktails

19:00 – 19:03

Hon. Chih-cheng Lo, MP

Director, Department of International Affairs
Democratic Progressive Party, Taiwan

19:03 – 19:10

Hon. Chia-Chyuan Su, MP

President, Legislative Yuan
Republic of China (Taiwan)

19:10 – 19:15 **Dr. Chih-Chung Wu**
Deputy Minister, Ministry of Foreign Affairs
Republic of China (Taiwan)

19:15 - 21:00 Dinner

12 August 2017, Saturday

CALD Women's Caucus Conference Day 2 / Free Night

CALD Women's Caucus Conference Day 2

Venue: Shangri-La Ballroom, 3/F Shangri-La's Far Eastern Plaza Hotel Taipei

08:30 **Registration**

Session IV: Women Empowering LGBTIQ: Promoting Fundamental Rights Beyond Gender (Panel Discussion)

This session will address how women, despite their marginalization, can still empower other marginalized communities, such as the LGBTIQ. More specifically, the panelists in this session may choose to discuss the following guide questions:

- 1) What are the points of convergence/divergence in the struggle for women's rights and LGBTIQ rights? Do you agree with those who claim that the fight for LGBTIQ rights diverts the attention away from women's rights?*
- 2) How would you describe your or your organization's experience with regard to fighting for the rights of marginalized groups? What were the issues and problems you encountered?*
- 3) What are your recommendations so a better synergy can be forged between women and LGBTIQ advocates?*

Session Chair

09:00 – 09:10 **Mr. Emil Kirjas**
Secretary General, Liberal International

Panelists

09:10 – 09:25 **Ms. Wan-Fen Tsai**
Director, Department of Women's Development
Democratic Progressive Party, Taiwan

09:25 – 09:40 **Mr. Jonas Bagas**
Asia-Pacific Council of AIDS Service Organizations, Thailand
Philippines

09:40 – 09:55 **Hon. Boontida Somchai**
Former Member of Parliament
Democrat Party of Thailand

09:55 – 10:30 *Open Forum*

10:30 – 10:50 Coffee / Tea Break

Special Session: SILC Report on Gender Policy in Political Parties

Swedish International Liberal Center (SILC) Report offers a comparative analysis of gender policies proposed by liberal, conservative and social democratic parties, using parties in Ireland, South Africa, Canada, and Sweden as case studies. It aims to illustrate how distinct parties and ideologies approach the same task – achieving gender equality – differently.

After a short video clip summarizing the SILC report, the author will elaborate on some of report's main findings via video call. Afterwards, the two reactors will be given a chance to share their insights on the research. They may be guided by the following questions:

- 1) Which among the findings collaborate/contradict your initial impressions about gender policies of political parties?
- 2) How can you relate the findings with the experiences of the political parties in your country/region?
- 3) What more can be done to strengthen gender policies of political parties?

Session Chair

10:50 – 11:00 **Mr. Emil Kirjas**
Secretary General, Liberal International, Macedonia

11:00 – 11:05 *Video Clip on the SILC Report*

Speaker (via video call)

11:05 – 11:20 **Ms. Holly Dunham-Dye**
Assistant, Strategic Events, The B Team
Former Project Assistant, Swedish International Liberal Center

Reactors

11:20 – 11:30 **Ms. Jayanthi Devi Balaguru**
Chairperson, CALD Women's Caucus
Member, Central Executive Committee &
Chairperson, Federal Territories Women's Wing
Parti Gerakan Rakyat Malaysia

11:30 – 11:40 **Ms. Margaret de Vos van Steenwijk**
President, International Network of Liberal Women
The Netherlands

11:40 – 12:15 *Open Forum*

12:15 – 13:45 Lunch
Venue: North & South Gates
Basement 1, Shangri-La's Far Eastern Plaza Hotel Taipei

**Session V: Women Empowering Women: Business and Social Entrepreneurship
(Panel Discussion)**

In this session, the contributions of women in the economy will be analyzed, together with the opportunities and constraints they face in expanding economic opportunities. Specifically, the following guide questions may be considered by the panelists in framing their presentation:

- 1) How would you describe the current role of women in the economy of your country? What are the strong points and areas for improvement?*
- 2) How did your agency, political party or organization contribute to enhancing economic opportunities for women?*
- 3) What recommendations do you have to further improve the economic role of women in your context?*

Session Chair

13:45 – 13:55

Dr. Kalaya Sophonpanich

Deputy Leader, Democrat Party of Thailand
Former Minister of Science and Technology, Thailand

Panelists

13:55 – 14:10

Ms. Apu’u Kaaviana

Member of the Council of Indigenous Peoples
Republic of China (Taiwan)

14:10 – 14:25

Ms. Victoria Garchitorea

Former President, Ayala Corporation
Former Vice President for Women,
Liberal Party, Philippines

14:25 – 14:40

Ms. Chen-Ya Chang

Chief Executive Officer
Thinking Taiwan Foundation

14:40 – 14:55

Ms. Pimrapee Phanwichatikul

Vice Chairperson, Krabi Hotels Association
Chairperson, Krabi Branch,
Democrat Party, Thailand

14:55 – 15:30

Open Forum

15:30 – 15:50

Coffee / Tea Break

Closing Ceremony

The closing ceremony will summarize the main lessons from the conference and will forward key recommendations on how to move forward in the struggle for women empowerment.

It will also give an opportunity to the main organizers to thank all the participants and everyone who made the conference possible.

Session Chair

15:50 – 15:55

Mr. Wolfgang Heinze

Country Director, Philippine Office
Friedrich Naumann Foundation, Germany

Synthesis

15:55 – 16:05

Ms. Jayanthi Devi Balaguru

Chairperson, CALD Women's Caucus
Member, Central Executive Committee &
Chairperson, Federal Territories Women's Wing
Parti Gerakan Rakyat Malaysia

Closing Speech

16:05 – 16:20

Hon. Chu-Lan Yeh

Former Vice President of the Executive Yuan
Republic of China (Taiwan)

Closing Remarks

16:20 – 16:30

Hon. Chih-cheng Lo, MP

Director, Department of International Affairs
Democratic Progressive Party, Taiwan

Free Night

13 August 2017, Sunday

Travel to Taichung / CALD Gender Mainstreaming Workshop / Tour / Farewell Dinner

07:30

Leave Taipei for Taichung

09:30

Arrival in Taichung

Taichung City Government

Office 410, Hui-chung Building

Welcome Remarks

Ms. Lin Yi-Ying

Deputy Mayor of Taichung City
Republic of China (Taiwan)

09:30 – 10:25 *Briefing*
Dr. Jen-Der Lue
Director, Social Affairs Bureau
Taichung City, Republic of China (Taiwan)

10:25 – 13:15 **Basic Gender Mainstreaming Workshop**

Workshop Facilitator

Dr. Tesa Casal de Vela
Executive Director, Women and Gender Institute
Former Chairperson, International Studies Department,
Miriam College, Philippines

10:25 – 10:50 **Self-Introductions**

- What we already know about Gender Mainstreaming?
- What we hope to gain from this session?

10:50 – 11:50 **Session I: Review of Gender Mainstreaming as a Political Strategy**

- Why gender mainstreaming emerged
- Why gender mainstreaming still matters
- Why gender mainstreaming is not enough

11:50 – 12:50 **Session II: Advancing Women's Empowerment and Gender Equality**

- Gender framing and Re-framing gender
- Applying intersectionality in gender mainstreaming
- Challenging heteronormativity in mainstream gender
- Moving from problem-solving to problem-questioning

12:50 – 13:10 **Lunch (Lunchbox)**

14:00 – 18:30 **Tour of Taichung**

- National Taichung Theater
- Assembly Affairs Museum, The Legislative Yuan
- Guangfu International NGO Center
- Taichung Liuchuan Waterfront

19:00 – 20:30 **Farewell Dinner at Tempus Hotel Taichung**

20:30 **Leave Taichung for Taipei**

22:30 **Arrival in Taipei**

14 August 2017, Monday

Departures

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International Participants

Asia-Pacific Council of AIDS Service Organization

Jonas Bagas

Committee on the Elimination of all forms of Discrimination Against Women, UN

Rosario Manalo

Cambodia National Rescue Party

Janet Seng

Thara Team

Kun Lum Ang

Council of Asian Liberals and Democrats Secretariat

Celito Arlegue

Paolo Zamora

Francis Rafael Banico

Francis Miguel Panday

Audrie Semeona Frias

Micah Casem

Adrian Duarte

Democratic Party of Hong Kong

Emily Lau

Beatrice Chu

Cheng Lai King

Democrat Party of Thailand

Kalaya Sophonpanich

Boontida Somchai

Pimrapee Phaniwihcatikul

Democratic Progressive Party of Taiwan

Tsai Ing-wen

Yao-Fu Hung

Maysing Yang

Hsin-Liang Hsu

Chih-cheng Lo

Annette Lu

Bi-khim Hsiao

Li-Feng Lee

Yu-chiou Tchen

Pei-Hui Tsai

Su Chia-chyuan

Wan-Fen Thai

Apu'u Kaaviana

Chen-Ya Cheng

Chu-Kan Yeh

Chia-long Lin

Lin Yi-Ying

Chang Ching-Yun

Liu Ting-Wen

Kang Yu-Ling

Chiu Yi-Ruei

Fu Kuan-Jen

Yang Pei-Yu

Tsai Shu-Ching

Demy Lu

Jenny Chang

Lo Jing-Shan

Elise Lo

Ada Wu

Jack En-Kuang Lu

Jeniffer Yuan

Claire Chen

Joy Chen

Nian Ting-Siuan

Chan Wen-Ju

Chang Jo-Mei

Shina Wu

Friedrich Naumann Foundation

Wolfgang Heinze

Minerva Salao

Indonesian Democratic Party of Struggle

Kanti Janis

Emmy Margaretha

International Network of Liberal Women

Margaret de Vos van

Steenwijk

Liberal International

Emil Kirjas

Liberal Party of the Philippines

Josephine Sato

Victoria Garchitorea

Czarina Medina-Guce

(iLEAD)

Miriam College/Women and Gender Institute

Tesa Casal de Vela

Partai Kebangkitan Bangsa, Indonesia

Sawitri S.Psi

Rahman Attaymini

Parti Gerakan Rakyat Malaysia

Jayanthi Balaguru

Cash Tan

Grace To Yin Fong

Wong Oi Foon

Azmar Binti Md Ilias

Ng Seow Koon

Lee Siew Ha

Singapore Democratic Party

Surayah Akbar

Mansura Sajahan

Swedish International Liberal Center

Holly Dunham-Dye

Taiwan Foundation for Democracy

Ketty Chen

Speakers & Session Chairs

10 August 2017, Thursday

Arrival in Taipei / Welcome Dinner

WELCOME DINNER AND CULTURAL SHOW

Welcome Remarks



HON. YAO-FU HUNG

Secretary General
Democratic Progressive Party, Taiwan

Hon. Yao-Fu Hung has been actively involved in the Democratic Progressive Party of Taiwan (DPP) since 1992 and currently serves as its Secretary General. Prior to his appointment, he has also held several key positions within the party such as Deputy Secretary (2012-2016), Director of the New Power Congress Office, and Deputy Director of the Department of Organization and Development. He also served as the Chief of Culture and Tourism Bureau of Chia-yi County from 2006-2008.

He had been actively participating in student movements during his college years, and later joined Taiwan's first Peasant Movement in 1998. Additionally, he enjoys studying history which he thought helped him develop his strategic and critical thinking skills.



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MS. MAYSING YANG

Founding Member, Council of Asian Liberals and Democrats
Vice President, International Network Of Liberal Women
Vice President, Taiwan Foundation for Democracy

Ms. Maysing Yang is Vice President of the International Network of Liberal Women (INLW) and Taiwan Foundation for Democracy (TFD). As a member of the Democratic Progressive Party of Taiwan (DPP), she is among the founding members of CALD. She is also a board member of various organizations such as the Unrepresented Nations and People Organization (UNPO), Peng Min-ming Foundation, and the Dr. Chen Wen-cheng Foundation.

She served as vice chair in Research and Planning Board of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MOFA), and worked closely with the Vice Minister, Michael Kau, to establish Taiwan Foundation for Democracy (TFD) in 2003 after the model of the National Endowment for Democracy, USA.

Ms. Yang studied Sociology in Tunghai University in Taiwan, and later received her Master's Degree in Sociology in Fordham University in New York, USA.



HON. HSIN-LIANG HSU

Former Chairperson, Council of Asian Liberals and Democrats
Democratic Progressive Party, Taiwan

Hon. Hsu Hsin-Liang is a co-founder of the Democratic Progressive Party (DPP), becoming Chairman twice in 1991 to 1993 and 1996 to 1998, leading the party to a sweeping electoral success against the Kuomintang in the 1997 local-level elections.

Born in Taoyuan County, Taiwan, Hon. Hsu received his Bachelor in Political Science from the National Chengchi University in 1967 and his Master's degree from the University of Edinburgh in 1969. He began his political career in the Kuomintang as a member of the Taiwan Provincial Assembly from 1973-1977, but broke ranks in 1977 when he ran and won as an independent in the election for Magistrate of Taoyuan County.

11 August 2017, Friday

CALD Women's Caucus Conference Day 1 / Gala Dinner

OPENING CEREMONY

Session Chair



MS. JAYANTHI DEVI BALAGURU

Chairperson, CALD Women's Caucus
Member, Central Executive Committee &
Chairperson, Federal Territories Women's Wing,
Parti Gerakan Rakyat Malaysia

Ms. Jayanthi Devi Balaguru is currently the chairperson of the CALD Women's Caucus. She is a lawyer, and an active member of Parti Gerakan Rakyat Malaysia (PGRM). Among her posts as an elected member of the Central Committee of the party are secretary general of the Women's Wing (Wanita), vice chair of the Central Law and Human Rights Bureau and chairperson of the Federal Territories Women's Wing.

She is an advocate for a fair and just society who believes that each voice needs to be heard and rights should be respected. Ms. Balaguru regularly conducts programs on women empowerment.

Ms. Balaguru obtained her Bachelor of Laws from Staffordshire, England and later received her Master's of Law from the University of Malaya.



HON. CHIH-CHENG LO, MP

Director, Department of International Affairs
Democratic Progressive Party, Taiwan

Hon. Chih-cheng Lo is currently the Director of the International Affairs department of the Democratic Progressive Party of Taiwan (DPP). Aside from his party role, he also serves in a handful of organizations such as Taiwan Brain Trust, National Policy Institute, Taiwan Society, and the Political Science Department in Soochow University.

Hon. Lo is also the Director of Policy and Spokesperson to President Tsai Ing-Wen presidential campaign headquarters in New Taipei City, and Committee Chairman of the Research and Design Department at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Moreover, he also serves as a host in television shows such as Taiwan Sees the World and the public TV show, Global Scene.

Hon. Lo earned his Bachelor's Degree in Political Science at the National Chengchi University, and later finished his PhD in Political Science at the University of California at Los Angeles (UCLA).

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DR. KALAYA SOPHONPANICH

Deputy Leader, Democrat Party, Thailand
Former Minister of Science and Technology, Thailand



Dr. Kalaya Sophonpanich is Thailand's former Minister of Science and Technology from 2008 to 2011, and also a former Member of Parliament. Currently, she serves as the Deputy Leader of the Democrat Party (DP) of Thailand. She served several organizations mainly in the realm of environment, civil society, and politics. Dr. Sophonpanich is also member of the committee of Thai Junior Encyclopedia Project by the command of His Majesty the King, and served as the President of the Thailand-England Parliamentarians Friendship Group.

Dr. Sophonpanich received her Bachelor's Degree in Physics from the Chulalongkorn University, and earned the Degree in High Energy Nuclear Physics at the Imperial College of Science and Technology, University of London, England.

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MS. MARGARET DE VOS VAN STEENWIJK

President, International Network of Liberal Women
The Netherlands



Ms. Margaret de Vos van Steenwijk now serves as the president of the International Network of Liberal Women (INLW). She has handled several key positions within the Volkspartij voor Vrijheid en Democratie (People's Party for Freedom and Democracy, VVD),

the largest political party in the Netherlands. In 2009, she was VVD's Candidate Member for the European Parliament. Currently, she is a member of VVD's Party Network of International Affairs and International Development and the Steering group of Liberal Women's Network. She is also one of the board members of the UNESCO World Heritage Centre in the Netherlands since 1988.

Previously, she was an advisory member of the Women's Rights Committee of the Netherlands Women's Council and acted as a vice chair for the Clingendael Foundation and the Netherlands Institute for International Relations Clingendael. Moreover, she has also served the Netherlands as a diplomat to the Hague in the Office of the Spokesman's of Minister of Foreign Affairs and was assigned as third Secretary of Netherlands' Embassy in Washington D.C., USA.

She graduated from the University of Lausanne and the Graduate Institute for International Studies in Switzerland and specialized in the field of Social and Psychological Sciences and International Relations.



MR. WOLFGANG HEINZE

Country Director, Philippine Office
Friedrich Naumann Foundation, Germany

Mr. Wolfgang Heinze is currently the Country Director of the Friedrich Naumann Foundation for Freedom in the Philippines. He joined the foundation in 2006, and took over his current position in May 2016. He also previously served as FNF Desk Officer for Southeast and East Asia; FNF Programme Manager for Malaysia and Myanmar; and Project Manager for Burma/Myanmar.

Mr. Heinze earned a Maister Philosophia (Masters in Philosophy) from the University of Passau and studied Philosophy, Political Science, and Computer Science. As a member of FNF, he furthered his education with seminars, intensive language courses (Chinese, Burmese, Kachin, and Thai), project management, and various work with political parties.

Introduction of the Keynote Speaker



MS. MAYSING YANG

Founding Member, Council of Asian Liberals and Democrats
Vice President, International Network of Liberal Women
Vice President, Taiwan Foundation for Democracy

Keynote Address



HON. ANNETTE LU

Former Vice President, Republic of China (Taiwan)
Democratic Progressive Party, Taiwan

Hon. Annette Lu has established herself as an active feminist leader and a prominent advocate of democracy, gender equality, and human rights. During the 1980s, she has played a vital role in Taiwan's political transition and was even imprisoned for five years. She has also authored a book alongside Ashley Esarey entitled, "My Fight for a New Taiwan" in which she talked about the journey of transforming Taiwan from authoritarianism to democracy. From 2000 to 2008, she has served as the Vice-President of Taiwan and received the World Peace Prize award in 2001.

She received her education from the National Taiwan University, the University of Illinois, and Harvard Law School.

**SESSION I
WOMEN TALK: GENDER AWARENESS,
GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE AND GENDER GAP IN ASIA**

Session Chair



DR. KETTY CHEN

Vice President, Taiwan Foundation for Democracy
Chairperson, Working Group on Women's Rights,
Liberal International

Dr. Ketty Chen is currently the Vice President of the Taiwan Foundation for Democracy, and the Chairperson of the Working Group on Women's Rights of the Liberal International (LI). Previously, she served as Senior Deputy Director at the International Affairs Department of the Democratic Progressive Party of Taiwan (DPP). She is also a visiting research fellow at the National Dong Hwa University, and a scholar in various universities in Taiwan.

She obtained her Ph.D. from the University of Oklahoma, while working with former United States Representative to the United Nations, Ambassador Edward J. Perkins. She first met Dr. Tsai Ing-wen, President of Taiwan and Chairperson of the Democratic Progressive Party, in a workshop at Dr. Tsai's "Thinking Taiwan Foundation" for new scholars and young academics on the New Framework of Taiwan's Economic Development.



HON. BI-KHIM HSIAO, MP

Member of Legislative Yuan, Republic of China (Taiwan)
Former Secretary General, Council of Asian Liberals and Democrats
Democratic Progressive Party, Taiwan

Hon. Bi-Khim Hsiao began her political involvement with the international affairs of the Democratic Progressive Party of Taiwan (DPP) when she started the office of the DPP Mission in Washington D.C. in 1995. From 1996 until 2010, successive chairmen had appointed her as the party's Director of International Affairs. Moreover, she was also the spokesperson for the former Taiwanese President Chen Shui-bian in his 2000 and 2004 election campaigns and became his advisor after his first election in 2000. In 2005, she was elected by party representatives from over eighty countries to be a Vice President of Liberal International (LI).

In 2001, Hon. Hsiao was elected to the Legislative Yuan (LY), representing overseas constituents, and was re-elected in 2004 from Northern Taipei City. She was again re-elected in 2012. She was a member of the Foreign Relations Committee, eventually chairing the committee and was active in establishing parliamentary exchanges and friendship with other countries. In 2011, she became Vice President of the DPP's New Frontier Foundation.

In the historic January 2016 election, in which the DPP gained a solid majority as well as the presidency, Hon. Hsiao was elected as the representative for Hualien to the Legislative Yuan and took office on February 1, 2016.

She completed her undergraduate Degree at Oberlin College where she received a BA (Bachelor of Arts) in Asian Studies. She continued her graduate studies at Columbia University, USA, where she received a Master's Degree in Political Science.



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HON. JOSEPHINE "NENE" SATO, MP

Member, Philippine House of Representatives
Treasurer, Liberal Party of the Philippines

Hon. Josephine "Nene" Sato is currently a member of the Philippine House of Representatives, representing the province of Occidental Mindoro. She is also the treasurer of the Liberal Party of the Philippines, where she previously served as Secretary General.

In 1988, Hon. Sato was elected as Vice Governor of Occidental Mindoro until 1992. After her term as vice governor, she was elected as governor for three consecutive terms (1992-1995, 1995-1998, 1998-2001.) She then served her first term as congresswoman at the House of Representatives from 2001-2004 as she was barred

by law to run for a fourth consecutive term. After her first term as congresswoman, she again served for three consecutive terms as governor of her province (2004–2007, 2007–2010, 2010–2013). Then after her sixth term as governor, she was again elected as congresswoman of Occidental Mindoro.

She attended St. Theresa's College where she attained a BA Major in Political Science in 1973 where she was included at her college's dean's list. She also attended University of the Philippines where she graduated as a Bachelor of Laws and top 14 among her graduating batch in 1978. In 1986, she accomplished a program on Instructions of Lawyers-International Law and Taxation at Harvard University School of Law and in 1987 she completed her Urban Studies and Planning at Massachusetts Institute of Technology.



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AMBASSADOR ROSARIO MANALO

Rapporteur, Committee on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women, United Nations
Former Chairperson, United Nations Commission on the Status of Women, Philippines

Ambassador Rosario Manalo is a renowned Filipino diplomat, a prominent advocate of gender equality, women, and human rights, and an active educator. Currently, she holds a seat at the UN Committee on the Elimination of all forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW). She has rendered over 50 years of service to the Department of Foreign Affairs of the Philippines; and at the young age of 24, became the first Filipina passer of the prestigious Foreign Service Exam. Moreover, she served as a chairperson for the UN Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) and assisted former President Fidel V. Ramos in the drafting of the ASEAN Charter. She took part as well in the establishment of the ASEAN Intergovernmental Commission on Human Rights (AICHR). She has also been teaching courses in International Law and Diplomacy in several universities and institutions in the Philippines. She is currently the Dean of the Helena Benitez School of International Relations and Diplomacy of the Philippine Women's University.

Ambassador Manalo gained her Bachelor's Degree in Foreign Service, Jurisprudence, and Law, and took up Public Administration for her Master's Degree; all of which she obtained from the University of the Philippines. Additionally, she has also received a Master's Degree from Long Island University, Brooklyn, New York concentrating in International Relations and Diplomacy.



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MS. JAYANTHI DEVI BALAGURU

Chairperson, CALD Women's Caucus
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Chairperson, Federal Territories Women's Wing,
Parti Gerakan Rakyat Malaysia

SESSION II
WOMEN EMPOWERING WOMEN:
MEDIA AND COMMUNICATION

Session Chair



MS. KANTI WISNUWARDHANI JANIS, LL.M

Research and Development Department
Indonesian Democratic Party of Struggle

Ms. Kanti Wisnuwardhani Janis is a writer, a lawyer, and a legal advisor. She is a partner at the Robean-Janis & Associates Law Firm specializing in Corporate and Commercial Laws, Indonesian Foreign Investment Laws, International Laws, and Intellectual Property Laws. Simultaneously, she works as the Head of Secretariat of the Presidential Special Staff Office under Diaz Hendropriyono. Currently, she works in the research and development department of the Indonesian Democratic Party of Struggle (PDI-P). She was also a part of President Jokowi Widodo's Campaign Team in Jakarta under the legal department.

She received her Bachelor's Degree in International Law at the Atma Jaya Catholic University of Indonesia and pursued her Master's Degree in Law at the University of Groningen, Netherlands. She also attended the University of Oxford, England for a Creative Writing Summer Course.

Panelists



HON. EMILY LAU

Director of International Affairs and Former Chairperson
Democratic Party of Hong Kong
Former Member of the Hong Kong Legislative Council

Hon. Emily Lau Wai-hing is a prominent liberal politician in Hong Kong who champions press freedom and human rights. A former journalist, she became the first woman directly elected to the Legislative Council of Hong Kong in the 1991 LegCo elections. She served as Legislative Councillor for the New Territories East throughout the 1990s and 2000s until she stepped down in 2016. She was also the chairperson of the Democratic Party of Hong Kong, the flagship pro-democracy party.

She traveled to the United States to study journalism studies at the University of Southern California from 1973 to 1976 and graduated with a Bachelor's Degree in Broadcast Journalism. She later entered the London School of Economics and Political Science at the University of London to take her Master's in International Relations.

Hon. Lau started her professional career by being a reporter at the *South China Morning Post*. After two years, she simultaneously served as the London Correspondent and producer of the Hong

Kong TVB News. Furthermore, she used to deliver lecture in various Hong Kong universities and continued her professional career as the chairperson of Hong Kong Journalists Association and the Hong Kong correspondent for the *Far Eastern Economic Review*.

For her work in politics and human rights, Hon. Lau was awarded the 2009 Political Leader Award from The Women's Foundation of Hong Kong, the 2003 Monismanien Prize on Freedom of Speech from the University of Uppsala in Sweden, and the 1998 Bruno Kreisky Human Rights Award.



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HON. LI-FENG LEE, MP

Member of Legislative Yuan, Republic of China (Taiwan)
Democratic Progressive Party, Taiwan

Hon. Li-feng Lee is an active advocate for the protection of women and children's rights. She is currently the Secretary General of the ECPAT Taiwan branch, an international non-governmental organization that aims to put an end to child sexual exploitation all over the world. Previously, she served in the Executive Committee for East Asia of ECPAT International and was the director of Taiwan Women's Link. She was also a member of the Human Trafficking Prevention Committee and Child and the Youth Welfare and Rights Promotion Subcommittee in the Executive Branch of Taiwan's central government.

She finished her undergraduate studies majoring in Sociology at the Tunghai University in Taichung, Taiwan.



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HON. YU-CHIOU TCHEM

President, Taiwan Public Television
Former Minister of Culture, Republic of China (Taiwan)

Hon. Yu-Chiou Tchen is an accomplished pianist, music educator, and cultural administrator. She graduated from the Conservatoire Nationale Supérieur de Musique de Paris, earning the Prix de Piano and Prix de Musique de Chambre. She has assumed several government positions such as the Minister of the Council for Cultural Affairs, National Policy Advisor to the Office of the President of the Republic of China (Taiwan), Ambassador-at-large, Secretary General of the National Cultural Association, Chairperson of the National Chiang Kai-Shek Cultural Center, and on the board of the National Culture and Arts Foundation.

She has also held the positions of Chair of the Department of Music, Dean of the Graduate School of Music and Dean of the College of Fine and Applied Arts at National Taiwan Normal University (NTNU). Currently, Hon. Tchen is the Chairwoman of Egret Culture and Education Foundation and President of Alliance Française de Taiwan, as well as the Taiwan Public Television Service Foundation, Xue Xue Institute, and Eslite Spectrum.

Her rich performance experience includes recitals in France, Belgium, Italy, and the US, and collaborations with numerous world renowned orchestras. She has been recognized with many prestigious awards including from the government of France and has authored and edited a plethora of publications.

SESSION III
WOMEN EMPOWERING WOMEN:
CIVIL SOCIETY AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Session Chair



MS. JANET SENG

President, Women's Movement in North America
Cambodia National Rescue Party

Since 2014, Ms. Janet Seng serves as the president of the Cambodian National Rescue Party's Women's Movement in North America (CNRP-NA). She has a total of over ten years of experience working in politics. Her penchant of seeing women and girls all over the globe with equal rights and opportunity has landed her in a very rewarding position as her party's president for women. The main goal of the body is to empower women by advocating social, political, economic equality, providing leadership, promoting non-violence, and working towards the elimination of violence against women.

Panelists



HON. PEI-HUI TSAI, MP

Member of Legislative Yuan, Republic of China (Taiwan)
Former Secretary General, Rural Front
Democratic Progressive Party, Taiwan

Hon. Pei-Hui Tsai is currently a member of the Legislative Yuan of Taiwan, under the Democratic Progressive Party (DPP). She has devoted her career in politics and in agriculture in the rural areas in Taiwan, and engaged in a sustainable community and youth development works. Since 2009, she has served as an associate professor in the Institute of Social Development at Shih Hsin University.

Hon. Tsai received her Doctorate in Bio-industry Communication and Development from the National Taiwan University.



MS. CZARINA MEDINA-GUCE

Political Governance Fellow, iLEAD
Faculty, Development Studies, Ateneo de Manila University
Member, Board of Trustees, The Asia Foundation, Philippines

Ms. Marcia Czarina Corazon Medina-Guce currently serves as a Political Governance Fellow in the Institute for Leadership, Empowerment, and Democracy (iLEAD) in the Philippines, and a Term Member of the Board of Trustees of The Asia Foundation based in San Francisco, USA.

For ten years, she has been a lecturer in the Ateneo de Manila University under the Development Studies Program, and earlier with the Department of Sociology and Anthropology. Ms. Medina-Guce has published articles in national and regional academic journals, and co-wrote and co-edited several books. She continues to do research work related to social development, leadership, program development and assessment, and monitoring and evaluating for corporate foundation and non-profit organizations.

She finished her AB in Social Sciences from the Ateneo de Manila University, graduating Magna Cum Laude, and completed her Master's Degree in Sociology from the University of the Philippines-Diliman.

GALA DINNER

Reception / Cocktails



HON. CHIH-CHENG LO, MP

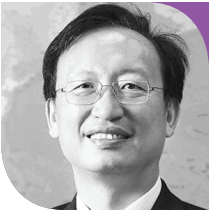
Director, Department of International Affairs
Democratic Progressive Party, Taiwan



HON. CHIA-CHYUAN SU, MP

President, Legislative Yuan
Republic of China (Taiwan)

Hon. Chia-chyuan Su is the first non-Kuomintang President of the Legislative Yuan. He is an at-large legislator and previously served as the Commissioner of Pingtung County, and held national posts such as the Minister of the Interior and Minister of Agriculture under President Chen Shui-bian's administration.



DR. CHIH-CHUNG WU

Deputy Minister, Ministry of Foreign Affairs
Republic of China (Taiwan)

Dr. Chih-chung Wu is the Deputy Minister of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Taiwan. Alongside this position, he also serves as a professor at the Taiwan Soochow University since 1999. Previously, he served as a visiting professor at the Institut d'études Politiques de Lyon (IEP Lyon) in Lyon, France and was a visiting scholar at the Harvard University in Massachusetts from 1998 until 1999.

He received his education from École des Hautes Études Internationales (HEI), Université Paris I, Panthéon-Sorbonne, and Université Paris VIII specializing in the areas of Political Science, Diplomacy, and Geopolitics.

12 August 2017, Saturday

CALD Women's Caucus Conference Day 2

**SESSION IV
WOMEN EMPOWERING LGBTIQ:
PROMOTING FUNDAMENTAL RIGHTS BEYOND GENDER**

Session Chair



MR. EMIL KIRJAS

Secretary General, Liberal International

Since September 2007, Mr. Emil Kirjas has been the Secretary General of Liberal International (LI), the world federation of liberal and democratic political parties. From 2004 to 2006, he was State Secretary for Foreign Affairs in the government of the Republic of Macedonia. His working experience includes involvement in various international organizations institutions, including the Council of Europe (CoE), the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE), the Friedrich Naumann Foundation for Freedom (FNF) and the International Federation of the Liberal Youth (IFLRY). He holds a Master's Degree in Geopolitics from King's College in London.

Panelists



MS. WAN-FEN TSAI

Director, Department of Women's Development
Democratic Progressive Party, Taiwan

Ms. Wan-fen Tsai is currently the director the Women's Development Department of the Democratic Progressive Party of Taiwan (DPP). She is also an activist, promoting women's rights and

gender equality. Her previous roles include the secretary general of Taiwan Women's Link and member of the Gender Equality Committee.



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MR. JONAS BAGAS

Asia-Pacific Council of AIDS Service Organizations
Thailand, Philippines

Mr. Jonas Bagas is a Filipino LGBT and HIV activist who spent years pushing boundaries in the areas of democratic participation, LGBT rights, and HIV activism. Fresh out of the University of the Philippines, where he studied Political Science, he joined a group of LGBT activists to form the first ever LGBT coalition in the Philippines (called LAGABLAB) to advocate for policy reforms and to engage institutions to address discrimination and abuse against LGBTs. As its Secretary General from 2001-2006, he steered the network's engagements in legislative advocacy, facilitated community mobilisation in legislative processes, and supported capacity-building for community groups to enhance their understanding of policy-making processes.

He was a senior political aide for progressive members of Philippine Congress. He provided technical support for policy advocacies on youth participatory governance, access to medicines and TRIPS flexibilities, LGBT rights, HIV, and health financing. Furthermore, he was part of The Library Foundation (also called TLF Share), the first gay, bisexual, and MSM HIV organisation in the Philippines, first as a peer educator and Board Member and later as its full-time Executive Director. He was also a Programme Associate for B-Change Foundation, a start-up organisation that aims to develop an inclusion app for LGBTs.

Currently, he is based in Bangkok, where is working for APCASO (www.apcaso.org), an Asia-Pacific regional civil society network of community-based and non-governmental organisations on HIV, health, and social justice.



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HON. BOONTIDA SOMCHAI

Former Member of Parliament
Democrat Party of Thailand

Hon. Boontida Somchai was a former Member of Parliament, representing the Ubon Ravchathani Province, Area 8. She was also a Member and the Assistant Secretary for the Scrutiny Committee on the Budget, Fiscal Year 2014. She also served as a member and 3rd Assistant Secretary for the Committee on Children, Youth, Women, Elderly, and the Disabled.

She received her Master's Degree in Political Science from Ramkhamaheng University.

SPECIAL SESSION: SILC REPORT ON GENDER POLICY IN POLITICAL PARTIES

Session Chair



MR. EMIL KIRJAS

Secretary General, Liberal International

Video Clip on the SILC Report



MS. HOLLY DUNHAM-DYE

Assistant, Strategic Events, The B Team
Former Project Assistant, Swedish International Liberal Center

Ms. Holly Dunham-Dye currently serves as an assistant to the Strategic Events department of The B-Team, a non-profit organization formed by a global group of business leaders to provide a better way of performing business “for the well-being of people and the planet.” Previously, she worked at the Swedish International Liberal Center (SILC) as a project assistant where she completed a 60-page research paper that offers a comparative analysis of global gender policies. She was in-charge with all the administrative duties, where she creates and presents contents to their international partners, facilitate workshops, and write conference reports.

Furthermore, most of her previously held positions include providing administrative support on media and social media. She used to be a Child & Youth Coordinator for CS Care & Shelter. She was a Social Media Coordinator for Auckland Women’s Center where she wrote a report on surrounding cases of documented sexual violence in New Zealand for the year 2014. She also served as a Media and Communications Manager for Carly Harris Designs and interned as a Photo Journalist and Video Project Assistant & Editing Intern for Cambodian Centre for Independent Media.

Ms. Dye took up Bachelor of Communication Studies at the Auckland University of Technology and received her Bachelor of Arts in Media and Film at the Victoria University of Wellington; eventually, he took her graduate studies with a Major in Development Studies at the University of Auckland.

Reactors



MS. JAYANTHI DEVI BALAGURU

Chairperson, CALD Women’s Caucus
Member, Central Executive Committee &
Chairperson, Federal Territories Women’s Wing
Parti Gerakan Rakyat Malaysia



MS. MARGARET DE VOS VAN STEENWIJK
President, International Network of Liberal Women
The Netherlands

SESSION V
WOMEN EMPOWERING WOMEN:
BUSINESS AND SOCIAL ENTREPRENEURSHIP

Session Chair



DR. KALAYA SOPHONPANICH
Deputy Leader, Democrat Party, Thailand
Former Minister of Science and Technology, Thailand



MS. APU'U KAAVIANA
Member of the Council of Indigenous Peoples
Republic of China (Taiwan)

Ms. Apu'u Kaaviana is currently a member of the Council of Indigenous Peoples of the Republic of China (Taiwan). She has dedicated her work in protecting and promoting the rights of indigenous peoples in the country.

Ms. Kaaviana received her Master's Degree in Gender Studies which gave her the license to lead the Council of Indigenous Peoples of Kaohsiung City, and a consultant on gender equality under the Office of the President of Taiwan.



MS. VICTORIA GARCHITORENA
Former President, Ayala Foundation
Former Vice President for Women,
Liberal Party of the Philippines

Ms. Victoria Garchitorena was the former Vice President for Women of the Liberal Party of the Philippines, and is considered one of the pillars of the Philippine non-government organization sector. She was the founding chair of the League of Corporate Foundations, Philippine Council for NGO Certification, Philippine Association for Volunteer Efforts, Metro South Cooperative Bank, and the Makati NGO Network. She has been the Chair or Trustee of various foundations such as: Justice Cecilia Muñoz-Palma Foundation, Pinoy ME, Ramon Magsaysay Awards Foundation, EDSA People Power Commission, AIM Alumni Association, Mendiola Consortium, Ateneo de Manila University, De La Salle University, College of the Holy Spirit, International Center for Innovation, Transformation and Excellence in Government, Management Association of the Philippines, among others. She was also a Board Member of the US-based Council of Foundations and is a Senior Adviser of the World Bank's Asia-Pacific Advisory Council Against Corruption.

Ms. Garchitorena served as the senior consultant of the Office of the President of the Philippines, Head of the Presidential Management Staff, Secretary to the Cabinet, and the Director of the Philippine Charity Sweepstakes Office.

Previously, she served as a consultant and president to the Ayala Corporation and Ayala Foundation, respectively. Currently, she chairs a non-profit organization for gender and development and women entrepreneurship.



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MS. CHEN-YA CHANG

Chief Executive Officer
Thinking Taiwan Foundation

Ms. Chen Ya Chang is currently the Chief Executive Officer and Director of Thinking Taiwan Foundation founded in August 2012 by President Tsai Ing-wen. She is also the co-founder and executive director of Taiwan Circular Economy Network, an organization advocating and promoting resource efficiency and circular economic model.

She is actively engaged in a broad array of community and social organizations and currently serves on the board of PWR Foundation – a leading NGO on community & women. She was also appointed as committee member at the National Council for Sustainable Development, and previously worked in both local and regional capacity at Johnson & Johnson in Taiwan (Managing Director) & Asia Pacific (Vice President, Marketing) during the past 30 years prior to her retirement in mid 2011.

Ms. Chang graduated from National Taiwan University and holds an MBA degree from Harvard Business School.



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MS. PIMRAPEE PHANWICHATIKUL

Vice Chairperson, Krabi Hotels Association
Party Branch Chairperson,
Democrat Party of Thailand

Ms. Pimrapee Phanwichatikul currently serves as the chairperson for the Democrat Party (DP) of Thailand branch in Krabi Province. She is also the Vice chairperson for Krabi Hotels Association. Additionally, she serves as a committee member for the Board of Provincial Policy Integration, and as a council member for the Council of Education in Krabi Province. She used to be a member of the Energy Advisory Commission and the Secretary of the Budget Monitoring.

She finished her undergraduate studies majoring in Economics at the Chulalongkorn University in Thailand and received her Master's Degree in Policy Economics at the University of Illinois, USA. Currently, she is pursuing her Doctorate studies with a concentration in Political Science at the Ramkhamhaeng University in Thailand.

CLOSING CEREMONY

Session Chair



MR. WOLFGANG HEINZE

Country Director, Philippine Office
Friedrich Naumann Foundation (FNF), Germany

Synthesis



MS. JAYANTHI DEVI BALAGURU

Chairperson, CALD Women's Caucus
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Chairperson, Federal Territories Women's Wing
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Closing Speech



HON. CHU-LAN YEH

Former Vice President of the Executive Yuan
Republic of China (Taiwan)

Hon. Chu-Lan Yeh served as acting mayor of Kaohsiung City and Vice President of the Executive Yuan, Republic of China (Taiwan). She worked in an advertising company for seventeen years before she decided to enter politics, following her husband, Nan-jung Cheng.

In 2017, she was elected chairwoman of the Taiwan Visitors Association and the consultant of the president.

Closing Remarks



HON. CHIH-CHENG LO, MP

Director, Department of International Affairs
Democratic Progressive Party, Taiwan (DPP)

13 August 2017, Sunday

Travel to Taichung / Gender Mainstreaming Workshop

Welcome Remarks



MS. LIN YI-YING

Deputy Mayor of Taichung City
Republic of China (Taiwan)

Ms. Lin Yi-Ying is now the Deputy Mayor of Taichung City. Prior to her current position, she served in an NGO that focuses on the welfare of the elderly and people with mental incapacities, given her expertise in social welfare. Previously, she used to be a consultant of the Taichung City government, a CEO of the HANDAO Senior Citizen's Welfare Foundation and a consultant of the National Development Council.

Briefing



DR. JEN-DER LUE

Director, Social Affairs Bureau
Taichung City, Republic of China (Taiwan)

Dr. Jen-Der Lue is currently the Director of the Social Affairs Bureau of Taichung City government and the Chair of the Department for Employment and Social Security of Taiwan Think Tank Foundation. He is also a member of the Board of Directors of the Taiwanese Social Welfare Association and a professor at the Department and Institute for Social Welfare at the National Chung-Chen University.

Furthermore, he was a Visiting Scholar at the Max-Planck Institute for the Studies of Societies in Cologne, Germany and was a Research Assistant in the Legislative Parliament under Hon. Ming-Shen Yang, MP. He has also published numerous journals focusing on the fields of economics, democracy, politics, and globalization.

Dr. Lue took both his undergraduate and graduate studies at the National Chen-Chi University in Taipei and pursued his Doctorate in Sociology at the University Bielefeld in Germany.

BASIC GENDER MAINSTREAMING WORKSHOP

Workshop Facilitator



DR. TESA CASAL DE VELA

Executive Director, Women and Gender Institute
Former Chairperson, International Studies Department,
Miriam College, Philippines

Dr. Tesa Casal de Vela is currently the Executive Director of Women and Gender Institute (WAGI), a university-based organization, focusing on research, training, and advocacy on women's rights, gender equality and non-sexist education to enhance the leadership of young women and students. Dr. de Vela was also the Chairperson of the International Studies Department of Miriam College in the Philippines and continues to be an undergraduate professor in the same university. She has also been a senior lecturer at the College of Social Work & Community Development of the University of the Philippines and taught a graduate course in Organization Development and Community Leadership. She is also a research associate for Feminist Development Communications at the ISIS International. Furthermore, Dr. de Vela has written and published numerous papers concentrating on issues of gender, equality, women empowerment, and public administration and development.

She obtained her Doctorate in Public Administration at the University of the Philippines, where she also finished her Master's Degree in Women and Development at the College of Social Work & Community Development. She received her Bachelor's Degree in Communication Arts at Miriam College.



The Council of Asian Liberals and Democrats (CALD) was inaugurated in Bangkok in 1993, with the support of then Thai Prime Minister Chuan Leekpai and South Korea's Kim Dae-Jung. CALD, which offers a unique platform for dialogue and cooperation, is the only regional alliance of liberal and democratic political parties in Asia.

CALD was formed out of the recognition of leaders of like-minded political parties in Asia of the need for a dynamic forum promoting discussion and exchange of ideas regarding trends and challenges affecting democracy, human rights and the rule of law in the region. The chair parties of CALD since its inception to the present have been the Democrat Party of Thailand or DP (1993-1995, 2002-2004, 2016-present), the Democratic Progressive Party of Taiwan or DPP (1995-1997, 2004-2005), the Liberal Party of the Philippines or LP (1997-1999, 2005-2007), the Singapore Democratic Party or SDP (2007-2010), the Liberal Party of Sri Lanka or LPSL (1999-2000, 2010-2012), the Sam Rainsy Party/Cambodia National Rescue Party or SRP/CNRP (2000-2002, 2012-2014), and [theCivil](#) Will Green Party or CWGP of Mongolia (2014-2016).

The other members of CALD are the Parti Gerakan Rakyat Malaysia (PGRM), Indonesian Democratic Party of Struggle (PDIP) and Nation Awakening Party (PKB) of Indonesia. The Hong Kong legislators Martin Lee and Sin Chung-kai are individual members. In 2010, CALD bestowed honorary individual membership to Daw Aung San Suu Kyi. The National League for Democracy (NLD) of Burma, and the Democratic Party of Japan (DPJ) are observer parties.

Through CALD, political parties, groups, and individuals have a continuing discussion on the developments occurring in the various countries of the region. The aim is to assess the possibilities for liberal solutions to problems facing Asian democracies.

Accordingly, CALD organizes network meetings including those with its partners (Friedrich Naumann Foundation, Liberal International, Alliance for Liberals and Democrats for Europe, Alliance of Democrats, Taiwan Foundation for Democracy, and the National Democratic Institute for International Affairs), international conferences on vital issues affecting the region, and regular workshops on communication, political management, and women in politics. It also sends missions for various advocacies, sponsors internship programs in its secretariat and in the European Parliament, as well as maintains a website, a social network group account and a weekly electronic newsletter.

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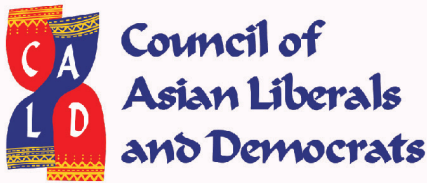
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